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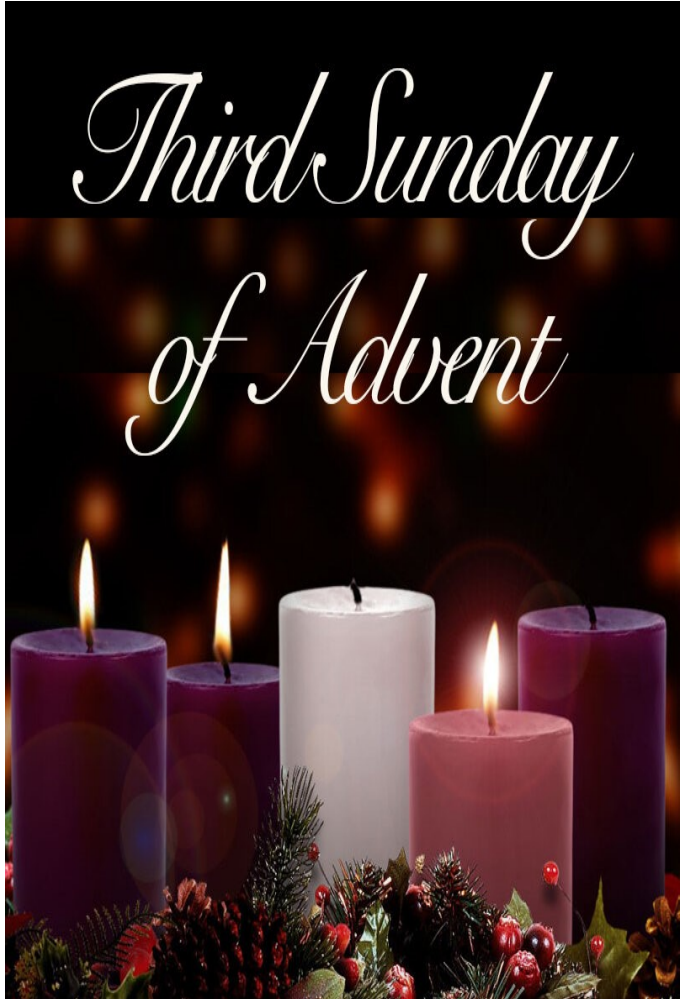
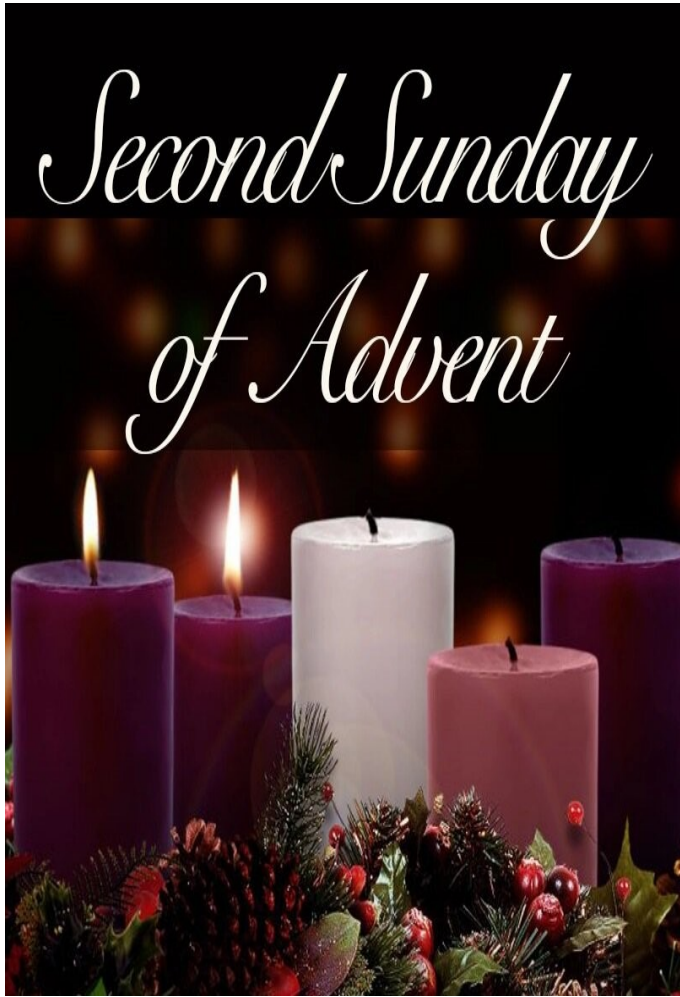
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Office Hours: Wednesday 8:30AM-4:30PM

Holy Mass Schedule:
 The Day of the Lord begins Saturday: Vigil 4:00PM
 Sunday: 9:00AM
 Weekdays: 8:00AM or as announced

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
 Saturday: 3:00-3:45PM
 Sunday: 7:30-8:30AM
 By appointment

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:
 Please contact the parish priest during serious illness or before surgery.

Sacrament of Baptism:
 By appointment. "Parents are obliged to see that their infants are baptized within the first few weeks of life." (C.867.1)

Sacrament of Marriage:
 Please contact the parish priest as soon as possible. Pre-marriage classes are mandatory.

Catholic Women's League:
 President: Mary Nan—905-834-9520
 Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month

Knights of Columbus Council #3732:
 Meetings are postponed until further notice

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PLEASE NOTE: Father Janusz is available for confessions before each weekday and weekend Mass. If this is not convenient please contact Father and he will make himself available.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 2021—Year C

Mass Schedule & Intentions: December 4—10

Saturday 8:00AM	December 4—Saint John Damascene †Peppina Tavano (Josephine DiGregorio)
4:00PM	Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent †Father Erminio (Carmen Buri & family)
Sunday 9:00AM	December 5—Second Sunday of Advent <i>Missa pro populo</i>
Monday	December 6— Saint Nicholas
Tuesday 8:00AM	December 7— Saint Ambrose † Dominic Interisano (CWL)
Wednesday 8:00AM	December 8— The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary Blessing & Health for Jason (Mom & Dad)
Thursday 8:00AM	December 9— St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin † Peppino Di Pasquale (Nunzia D'Onofrio)
Friday 8:00AM	December 10— Our Lady of Loreto † Raymond Lafreniere (Family)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24— 8:00AM

Friday, December 24—4:00PM—The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 25—12:00AM—Midnight

Saturday, December 25 -Christmas Day Mass: 9:00AM

Please remember that the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Sunday, December 26 –

Feast of the Holy Family – 9:00AM & 10:30AM

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31— 8:00AM

Friday, December 31 – Vigil Mass of The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – 6:00PM

Saturday, January 1, 2022 – The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God— 9:00AM

Saturday, January 1, 2022 – Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord – 4:00PM

Sunday, January 2, 2022 –

The Epiphany of the Lord – 9:00AM

WHAT IS THE DOCTRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND WHY IS IT SIGNIFICANT FOR THE CATHOLIC FAITH

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, defined by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854, states that “The Most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, preserved exempt from all stain of original sin” (*Ineffabilis Deus*).

For us as members of the Catholic faith, the Immaculate Conception is not just significant, it is essential. Because of the grace of God, Mary was preserved from sin. Because Mary was preserved from sin, she was prepared to become the sinless Mother of Jesus, who by his life, death and resurrection, has ransomed us from sin. Because of Mary’s Immaculate Conception, because of her “yes” to God, we have been redeemed, and given the promise of eternal life through the merits of Mary’s Son, Jesus.

HOW IS THE DOCTRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MEANINGFUL IN THE LIVES OF CATHOLICS TODAY?

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception places Our Lady before the faithful as an example of what God can do and what we can do, if like Mary, we put ourselves in God’s hands and at God’s service, always open to what God asks and always seeking to fulfill God’s will.

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception also encourages us to do our best to remain free from sin. Although we are all born with original sin and through the grace of Baptism are freed from it, in the course of our life, because of human weakness, we fail and commit sins again. The Immaculate Conception reminds us that if we cooperate with God’s grace, as did the Blessed Virgin Mary, we can lead a life as free from sin as possible. (Nationalshrine.org)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Catholic Bishops of Canada are pleased to announce that 25-30 First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Elders, knowledge keepers, residential school survivors, and youth will meet with Pope Francis at the Vatican from December 17-20, 2021, accompanied by a small group of Canadian Bishops.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Special envelopes for Christmas flowers are available in your weekly offering boxes. If you would like, write the names of those for whom you wish to give in memory of on the back of the envelope. For those without envelopes, please contact Agnes at the office or see Father Janusz after Mass.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, 2021—Year C

Mass Schedule & Intentions: December 11—19

Saturday 8:00AM	December 11— Saint Damasus I, Pope †Marianne Mazerolle (Babiane Bisson)
4:00PM	Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent † Francesco Smarrella (wife, Linda)
Sunday 9:00AM	December 12— Third Sunday of Advent <i>Missa pro populo</i>
Monday	December 13— Saint Lucy
Tuesday 8:00AM	December 14—Saint John of the Cross † Marino, Palmina & Yvette Polverari (Joe)
Wednesday 8:00AM	December 15—Advent ferial †Concettina D’Alberto (Nella Ottaviano)
Thursday 8:00AM	December 16— Advent ferial †Henry Nan (wife, Mary & Family)
Friday 8:00AM	December 17— Advent ferial †Jose Roque (Elizabeth Vidal)
Saturday 8:00AM	December 18—Advent ferial † Raymond Lafreniere (Family)
4:00PM	Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent †Frank Chiavetti (Italo & Mafalda Chiavetti)
Sunday 9:00AM	December 19—Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>Missa pro populo</i>

EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

December —Month of the Immaculate Conception

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2022 Offertory envelopes are ready for pick up at the front door of the Church.. They are sorted alphabetically for your convenience. Any parishioners who do not have envelopes but would like them or need to make a change to their information are asked to call the office. **PLEASE DO NOT** use them until 2022 as some numbers have changed. **When using the 2022 envelopes, please clearly print your name and address on them for the month of January.**

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

All parishioners are invited to make themselves available for confession during regular scheduled times. Father Jacek and Father Janusz will be available to hear confessions for Advent in Italian, Polish and English on Wednesday, December 22 from 5:00PM—7:00PM. Going to confession during Advent is a good way to prepare spiritually for the Solemnity of Christmas.

Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God’s own love and concern. St. Teresa of Calcutta

RITE OF RECEPTION

For the last several weeks, a group of inquirers (people interested in the Catholic Church) have been meeting with Father Janusz here in our parish. During this time, they have explored their own faith journeys and whether the Catholic Church is the place to continue that journey. They have prayed about it and have decided to take the next step. This step involves a liturgical rite: the Rite of Acceptance (for the unbaptized) and the Rite of Welcome (for the baptized). They will "assemble publicly for the first time declaring their intention to the Church and the Church, in turn, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members." (From the RCIA Paragraph 41) We, the parish, as the Church, have a part in this Rite. We are asked to warmly welcome these catechumens and candidates into our faith family and to support them with our prayers. This Rite will take place on **Sunday, December 12 at the 9:00AM Mass**. We ask you to prayerfully and joyously participate in this Rite. Please take the time after Mass to meet and greet these people. They are embarking on a wonderful adventure and you are a part of it. And please keep all of us, catechumens, candidates and parish sponsors in your prayers.

CWL NEWS

We have beautiful Pro-Life Christmas Cards for sale located at the Religious article counter. The cards are in packs of 10 for \$11.00. Please stop by and have a look.

The CWL are raffling off beautiful Christmas Baskets. All proceeds will go towards fixing the front steps of our church. Tickets are \$1 each.

Food Bank Project Update: 71 lbs were dropped off this week. All parishioners are encouraged to donate as well as CWL members. This project will continue for the next 8 months. The need is great.

We are in need of wool to knit squares for blankets for the Out-in-the-Cold and the needy of Port Colborne.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 7 at 1:00PM

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

November 20/21	\$ 1,176.00
November 27/28	\$ 1,242.00

Thank you for sharing your gifts with the Lord and the faith community of St. Therese.