

First Sunday of Advent ✠ December 1, 2019

Sat Nov 30 5:00pm † Joseph Azzopardi (A. Azzopardi-Cote & family)
 Sun Dec 1 9:00am -Missa pro populo
 11:00am † Oliviero & Maria Piovesan (Piovesan family)

Mon Dec 2 Advent ferial
 No Scheduled Mass

Tue Dec 3 8:00am Saint Francis Xavier
 † Romeo Cirone (J. Di Gregorio)

Wed Dec 4 8:00am Advent ferial
 † Kevin Canough (P & L Dyson)

Thu Dec 5 8:00am Advent ferial
 † Patrick Bisson (M. Mazerolle)

Fri Dec 6 8:00am Advent ferial
8:30-9:30am Eucharistic Holy Hour
 † Raymond Lafreniere (family)

The Clergy of our
 Diocese will be
 gathering at Mount
 Carmel in Niagara Falls
 on Tuesday, December 3
 for a day of prayer and
 recollection.

OFFICE CLOSED
 Wed. December 4

The Rosary is
 prayed ½ hour
 before each Mass

This Sunday marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming.” Jesus is coming and Advent helps us to prepare for His arrival. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present the ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming” (524). This feeling of expectation can also be seen today in our longing for a world of justice and peace. This will only be realized completely when Christ comes again. May the four weeks of Advent be a time of spiritual renewal as we prepare to receive the light of the world. *O come, O come, Emmanuel!*

Second Sunday of Advent ✠ December 8, 2019

Sat Dec 7 5:00pm † Marc Methot (Roger & Carmen Cote)
 Sun Dec 8 9:00am -Missa pro populo
 11:00am † Angelo & Anna Seca (Nella Ottaviano)

**Holy Mass: Monday, December 9 at 9:00 AM in
 honour of the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin
 Mary.**

**Mon Dec 9 9:00am The Immaculate Conception
 of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 -Special Intention

Tue Dec 10 8:00am Advent ferial
 † Jack Borland (Nella Ottaviano)

Wed Dec 11 **9:30am** Advent ferial
 Mass with the School
 † DiNobile & Nigro families (F. DiNobile)

Thu Dec 12 8:00am Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 † Norina Campagnolo (dm)

Fri Dec 13 8:00am Saint Lucy
 † Francesco Smarrella (wife, Linda)

*Through you, O Mary, blessed finder of grace, may we have access to your Son, that through you we may be received by him who through you was given to us.
 May your integrity and purity excuse before him the stain of our corruption; may our humility, so pleasing to God, obtain from him the pardon of our vanity.
 May your abundant charity cover the multitude of our iniquities, and your glorious fruitfulness supply our indigence of merits.
 Our Lady, our Mediatrix, our Advocate, reconcile us to your Son, commend us to your Son, present us to your Son.
 By the grace you have found, by the prerogative you have merited, by the Mercy you have brought forth, obtain, O blessed one, that he who vouchsafed to become partaker of our infirmity and misery, may through your intercession, make us*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

In preparation for the Nativity of Christ:

Confessions: Tuesday to Friday 7:00am-7:45am (before Mass)
 Saturdays: 4:00pm to 4:45pm
 Sundays: 8:00am to 8:45am and upon request before the 11am Mass

Thursday, December 12 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm with Father Ben Weber, Pastor of St. Denis in St. Catharines will be available to hear confessions during this period in English and Italian.

Saturday, December 21: 10:00am-11:30am with Father Stephen Collins.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

K of C Council #3732 Annual Ladies Christmas Party will be held at St. Therese’s Parish Hall (379 Fares St., Pt. Colborne on Thursday, December 12 starting at 7:00 pm. All Knights, wives and widows are welcome to attend. Light refreshments and food are available.

Third Sunday of Advent ❖ December 15, 2019

Sat Dec 14 5:00pm † Margaret Leon (Y & G Bonneau)
Sun Dec 15 9:00am † Josephine White (N. Bugeja & family)
11:00am - Missa pro populo

Mon Dec 16 Advent ferial

No scheduled Mass

Tue Dec 17 8:00am Advent ferial
† Theresa Punyi (Knights of Columbus)

Wed Dec 18 8:00am Advent ferial
† Carr Rutherford (P & L Dyson)

Thu Dec 19 8:00am Advent ferial
† Ferny Veronjake (M. Mazerolle)

Fri Dec 20 8:00am Advent ferial
† George & Florence Badawey (W & C Badawey)

4th Sunday of Advent ❖ Dec. 22, 2019

Sat Dec 21 5:00pm † Marino & Palmina Polverari (Joe & Yvette)
Sun Dec 22 9:00am - Missa pro populo
11:00am † Steve & Grace Czinege (S & A Czinege)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Elizabeth Church will be hosting a Christmas concert featuring the group Sweet Harmony singing "Night of the Father's Love" - A Christmas Cantata by Pepper Choplin. Tickets are \$10. For more information please call the church at 905-899-1699. The concert will be held in the school gym.

CATHEDRAL UPDATE

Did you know that the main window of our Cathedral reflects the gospel account of the crucifixion? Mary, the Mother of our Lord, stands at the left of the cross in a prayerful position, while at the foot of the cross kneels Mary of Magdala. Never been to our Cathedral? Consider joining us for our Diocesan Anniversary Celebration on Monday, November 25 at 5:30 p.m. to see this and the wonderful progress that has been made in our Cathedral restoration project. Visit us on the web at www.saintcd.com/appeal and consider making a donation today as we, a diocesan family, work towards achieving our goal of \$1.2 million.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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

The Giving Tree...last call...is at the front entrance of the church. **Please** take a tag from the tree, purchase the gift and return it to the church in a gift bag by December 14. The gifts will be distributed during the week of Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ADVENT RETREAT FOR BUSY MOMS

All busy Catholic moms are invited to retreat into the quiet and beauty of Advent and refuel your vocation to motherhood and witness to the feminine genius. This morning retreat is being held **Saturday, December 7th** at St. Thomas Aquinas Church hall, 316 Queenston Street in St. Catharines. Doors open at 8:00 am; a continental breakfast will lead into the program that ends at noon. Tickets are \$10. Register by calling 905-684-0154 or emailing familyandyouth@saintcd.com. Visit the Diocesan website, www.saintcd.com, for more information.

TAX RECEIPTS

Please ensure all donations that require a tax receipt for 2019 are in before **December 31, 2019**. Any donations given after this date will be included on your 2020 receipt.

CWL NEWS

We have beautiful Pro-Life Christmas Cards for sale located at the Religious article counter. The cards are in packs of 10 or 20. Please stop by and have a look.

Don't forget to buy your tickets on the beautiful Christmas Baskets at the main entrance of the church. There are 3 baskets and tickets are 3 for \$1.00

We are looking for knitting yarn, any leftover wool will be accepted. It is used to knit squares which are made into blankets for the needy

Check the posters on the bulletin board for up-coming events.

Membership is now due. Envelopes are in your weekly offering box for November. Please give them to Mary Nan or put them in the collection plate.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2020 Offertory envelopes **are** ready for pick up at the front door of the Church. Please contact the office if there are changes to be made.