

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
November 29, 2020—Year B

**Mass Intentions**  
November 29—December 5, 2020

<b>Saturday</b> <b>4:00PM</b>	†John Campbell (Richard & Diane Vittore)	<b>Nov 28th</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9:00AM</b>	“Missa pro populo”	<b>Nov 29th</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Saint Andrew the Apostle</b> <b>No Scheduled Mass</b>	<b>Nov 30th</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Advent ferial</b> †Ella Szakaly (Steve & Ann Czinege)	<b>Dec 1st</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Advent ferial</b> †Luigi Buri (wife, Carmen)	<b>Dec 2nd</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier, priest</b> <b>No Scheduled Mass</b>	<b>Dec 3rd</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Advent ferial</b> †Concettina DiAlberto (Toni & Giuseppina Trasotti) <b>8:30-9:30am Eucharistic Holy Hour</b>	<b>Dec 4th</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Advent ferial</b> Special Intention	<b>Dec 5th</b>

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

The Holy Spirit has taught countless generations of Christians throughout the ages that the truest path to the Heart of Jesus is through Mary. With this in mind we need to accustom ourselves to entrusting our needs with confidence to the Blessed Virgin, since she is ‘the shortcut to God’ for us. *Zealously conserve your tender and confident love for the Blessed Virgin—the Holy Father encourages us—and do not let it grow cold...Be faithful to the Marian practices of piety that are traditional in the Church—the ‘Angelus’, special devotion to Our Lady during the month of May, and in particular, the Holy Rosary.* (John Paul II, Address, 12 October 1980)

Mary is ‘full of grace’ and ‘blessed among women’. She is resplendent with the love of God and she is our Mother. If we fulfil our resolution to have recourse to Mary more frequently during the day, beginning now, we will experience the fruit of entrusting our needs to her as described by one of the Fathers of the Church: *Our Lady is rest for those who work, consolation for those who mourn, and relief for those who are sick. She is a refuge for those caught in the storms of life, a fountain of compassion for sinners, a sweet relief for the sorrowful and a sure source of aid for those who pray.* (St. John Damascene, Homily on Our Lady’s Dormition) Taken from “In Conversation with God” by Francis Fernandez, Volume 7

**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.

**CATHEDRAL APPEAL UPDATE**

On Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, the Feast Day of St. Catherine of Alexandria, the patroness of our Diocese of St. Catharines, the clergy from our diocese gathered with Bishop Bergie in our beautifully renovated Cathedral, and the faithful of our diocese virtually, as we began a year of giving thanks: for the original church – now in its 175<sup>th</sup> year; for our Cathedral and its magnificent transformation; and for all those who made this project and renovation possible. It is your generosity over these past 18 months that has made this undertaking a glorious reality. Most of all, we give thanks to our loving God. Visit us at [www.saintcd.com/appeal](http://www.saintcd.com/appeal) and consider making a donation for the continued care and preservation of our Cathedral, the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. May God bless you.

**CWL NEWS**

**Membership** for 2021 of \$25 is now due. Envelopes are in your weekly offering box. Please give them to Mary Nan or put them in the collection plate.

Do you have any leftover wool you no longer use? Please consider donating it to the CWL. It will be used to knit blankets for the needy. Any wool can be left at the church or call Mary Nan - 905-834-9520.

**TAX RECEIPTS**

Please ensure all donations that require a tax receipt for the year 2020 are in before **December 31, 2020**. Any donations given after this date will be included on your 2021 receipt.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
December 6, 2020—Year B

**Mass Intentions**  
December 5—December 12, 2020

<b>Saturday</b> <b>4:00PM</b>	†Wendell Grant (wife, Ida)	<b>Dec 5th</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9:00AM</b>	“Missa pro populo”	<b>Dec 6th</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Ambrose, bishop</b> <b>No Scheduled Mass</b>	<b>Dec 7th</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception</b> <b>Of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>Dec 8th</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Advent ferial</b> †Father Bruno Bonomi (family)	<b>Dec 9th</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Advent ferial</b> <b>No Scheduled Mass</b>	<b>Dec 10th</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Advent ferial</b> †Yvette Polverari (husband, Joe)	<b>Dec 11th</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Special Intention	<b>Dec 12th</b>

*Blessed is she who has believed in the fulfillment of the Lord’s promises. Luke 1.39-47*

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

The 2021 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 2021 as some numbers have changed. **When using the 2021 envelopes, please clearly print your name and address on them for the month of January.**

**FOOD DONATIONS**

Port Cares is accepting food donations to assist those in our community who find themselves short of food at any given time. Items currently needed are: canned fruit, juice, pasta, canned meat and fish, cereal and peanut butter. For any questions please contact Alba Farkas at 905-835-5337.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
December 13, 2020—Year B

**Mass Intentions**  
December 12—December 19, 2020

<b>Saturday</b> <b>4:00PM</b>	†Francesco Smarrella (wife, Linda)	<b>Dec 12th</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9:00AM</b>	“Missa pro populo”	<b>Dec 13th</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. John of the Cross</b> <b>No Scheduled Mass</b>	<b>Dec 14th</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Advent ferial</b> †Benny & †Marion Grimaldi (family)	<b>Dec 15th</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Advent ferial</b> †Giuseppe, †Anna & †Francesca Bonomi (family)	<b>Dec 16th</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Advent ferial</b> †Rachelle Lafreniere (son, Daniel)	<b>Dec 17th</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Advent ferial</b> <b>No Scheduled Mass</b>	<b>Dec 18th</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Advent ferial</b> Special Intention	<b>Dec 19th</b>

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR’S  
MASS SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Vigil: 4:00pm**  
**Friday, December 25 -Christmas Day Mass: 9:00am**

**Thursday, December 31, 2020**  
**Vigil Mass of New Year’s Eve 4:00pm**  
**Friday, January 1, 2021**  
**New Year’s Day Mass 9:00am**

**CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS**  
The Office will be **CLOSED** from  
Monday, December 28 – Monday, January 4