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**DECEMBER 3RD:
FIRST SUNDAY OF
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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: 8:00-8:45AM
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.

Eucharistic Adoration:
First Friday of the Month: 8:30—9:30
First Saturday of the Month: 8:30—9:30

Catholic Women's League:
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2023 – Year B

Mass Schedule & Intentions: Dec 2nd-10th

Saturday 8:00AM	Dec. 2nd †Delia Mattiazzo by Irene Sinko Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent
4:00PM	Missa pro populo
Sunday 9:00AM	Dec. 3rd—First Sunday of Advent †Raoul & Elaine Breton by ASC
Monday	Dec. 4th— St. John Damascene, priest No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday 8:00AM	Dec. 5th— ferial †Souls in Purgatory by Lynn Dyson
Wednesday 8:00AM	Dec. 6th— Saint Nicholas, bishop †Gerald Patenaude by Luigi & Carmelina Santagata
Thursday 8:00AM	Dec. 7th— Saint Ambrose, bishop †Bas Vingerhoets by Mary Nan
Friday 8:00AM	Dec. 8th—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary †Father Bruno Bonomi by Aldo Bonomi
Saturday 8:00 AM 4:00PM	Dec. 9th— †Delia Mattiazzo by Mary Nan Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent †Fr. Ermino Cossaro by Carmen Buri
Sunday 9:00 AM	Dec.10th—Second Sunday of Advent Missa pro populo

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The Offertory envelopes for 2024 are available for pickup at the front door of the Church. They have been sorted alphabetically for your convenience. If you are a parishioner without envelopes and would like to receive them or need to update your information, please contact the office. Please refrain from using the envelopes until 2024, as some numbers have changed. Remember to clearly print your name and address on the 2024 envelopes when using them.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Special Christmas flower envelopes are now accessible in your weekly offering boxes. If you wish to make a donation in memory of someone, kindly write their name on the back of these envelopes. For those who don't have envelopes, please reach out to Agnes at the office or speak to Father Daniele after the masses. We deeply appreciate your generous contributions. Thank you for your kindness and support.



RECOLLECTION FOR ALL PRIESTS.

Advent Day of Recollection & Diocesan Fall Study days are scheduled for Dec 5-7, 2023 Father Daniele will not be available on those 3 days. Mass intentions scheduled for those days will be celebrated by Father Daniele at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre.

COATS FOR KIDS

The Knights of Columbus is once again collecting new and gently used winter coats for needy children and adolescents in our community. If you wish to donate, please place your coat(s) in the box at the rear of the church during the month of November. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please make cheques payable to the Knights of Columbus. For more info or monetary donations please contact: Josef VanRuyven - 289 969 9369



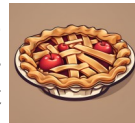
2024 MISSALS

The 2023-2024 missals are available for purchase. Cost is \$5.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

On December 9 & 10 apple pies will be available for sale in the vestibule following Saturday 4:00PM and Sunday 9:00AM Masses. Order early by calling Mary 905-834-9520 or Irene 905-834-6820 so as not to be disappointed. Price \$10.00.



Last year, working with St. Therese school, we delivered 14 gift boxes to families in need before Christmas. These gift boxes contained **socks, mitts, hats, scarves, some toys, none perishable food items and a gift card** for groceries. During the month of November we will be collecting those listed items. Baskets will be at the entrance of the church for your donations. For gift cards, please see Mary Nan or Mary Van Ruyven. With your help, we hope to fulfill our goal of filling 15 gift boxes

Pro-Life Christmas cards are for sale at the Religious items counter. 10 cards for \$11.00.

"This time of Advent is a time for hope. These great horizons of our Christian vocation, this unity of life built on the presence of God our Father, can and ought to be a daily reality. Ask our Lady, along with me, to make it come true. Try to imagine how she spent these months, waiting for her Son to be born. And our Lady, Holy Mary, will make of you alter Christus, ipse Christus: another Christ, Christ himself!" St. Josemaría Escrivá

In the Gospel of Mark, we find a pressing invitation to vigilance.

The believer is waiting to enter into a full communion with God, but this waiting is anything but passive. It is not like waiting for a bus or a plane to arrive. It is an active, deep, and meaningful anticipation. Waiting belongs to those who:

- Humbly recognize living in a fleeting time, suspended between the present and a promised future.
- Know that time and life are in the hands of the heavenly Father and not in theirs.
- Live their existence with faith, recognizing God's presence in historical events and in their own lives.
- Understand that the heavenly Father has entrusted them with the responsibility to participate in Jesus' mission and, with wonder, accept this call to make known the meaning of divine presence to the world.

As illustrated by the brief parable, the vigilant ones know that they must always be ready, as they do not know the moment when the One who entrusted them with the responsibility of caring for creation and their brothers and sisters will return. The parable teaches us that God's absence is not total; God is present through the authority given to His servants. Each of us, through baptism, has received the power to fight against the forces of evil, free humanity from the influence of the evil one, and testify to the triumphant presence of Christ. This power can only be exercised with the same attitude of service present in Jesus.



From Saturday, December 16th to December 24th, we will be celebrating the Christmas Novena. The celebration will take place following the daily masses, specifically after the 8:00 am mass on weekdays and after the 9:00 am mass on Sundays. It will provide a meaningful way for us to prepare for the celebration of the Incarnation of the Son of God. The theme for the novena will be **"He Dwelt Among Us."**



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, December 25—12:00AM—Midnight Sunday,

December 25 -Christmas Day Mass: 9:00AM

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

FATHER CHARLES MOSER

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Charles T Moser. This good and faithful priest served our diocese with great dedication since his ordination on May 12, 1990 and up to his retirement on July 13, 2022. As well as serving as Parochial Vicar or Pastor at St. Denis Parish, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish, St. Michael Parish (Fort Erie), **St. Thérèse of Lisieux Parish**, St. Aloysius Parish, St. Ann Parish (Fenwick), St. Julia Parish and St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Father Charles served as Vicar Forane of the St. Catharines Deanery and Welland Deanery and as Episcopal Vicar for Administration and for Permanent Deacons before being appointed as Chancellor in 2012.

DECEMBER 8TH: SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Every year, during the Advent season, we are called upon to commemorate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Saint Paul serves as a reminder that each of us has been selected to strive for holiness and purity. Mother Mary was holy and immaculate from the moment of her conception, making herself a symbol of our ultimate goal in heaven. The Immaculate Conception is also the patron saint of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception, the religious congregation to which Father Daniele has belonged since 1973.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Nov. 26th, 2023: \$1,096.00

Thank you for sharing your gifts with the Lord and the faith community of St. Therese. May God bless you for your faithful stewardship.

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