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# December 15: 3rd Advent Sunday



“The word of God came to John, Son  
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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)  
Tuesday—Saturday: 7:00 AM –7:45 AM  
Saturday: 3:00-3:45PM  
Sunday: 8:00-8:45AM

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

Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment.

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

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# Third Advent Sunday

## December 15th, 2024—Year C



Sat. December 14: Vigil Of the 3rd Advent Sunday	4:00PM +Fr. Erminio Cossaro by Carmen Buri
Sun. December 15: 3rd Advent Sunday	9:00AM All Parishioners
Tue. December 17: Ferial	8:00AM Thanks to St. Jude by Toni Edwards
Wed. December 18: Ferial	8:00AM +Maria & Oliviero Piovesan by Wilma
Thu. December 19: Ferial	8:00AM +Deceased members of Ottaviano family by Nella Ottaviano
Fri. December 20: Ferial	8:00AM +Deceased members of the Seca family by Nella Ottaviano
Sat. December 21: St. Peter Canisius	8:00AM +Mary Cassar by the family
Vigil Of the Fourth Advent Sunday	4:00PM +Mario Bugeja by Nina Bugeja
Sun. December 22: 4th Advent Sunday	9:00AM All Parishioners



Tuesday, December 24 — 4:00PM— Eve Mass  
 Wednesday, December 25—12:00AM—Midnight Mass  
 December 25— 9:00AM - Mass

**Please remember that (Christmas), is a Holy Day of Obligation and the Mass participation is highly recommended.**

### Blessing of the baby Jesus

On the weekend 21-22 of December, after the Saturday afternoon and Sunday masses there will be the blessing of the Baby Jesus you will put into your crib at home. The blessing is a sign of faith and of community life.



### Care Ministry

Bringing communion to the sick and homebound



Father Daniele, extends his presence to those who are unwell or homebound. If you or someone you know would appreciate a visit, kindly reach out to the parish at the following phone number: **905.834.4645**. Your connection with the parish will ensure that Father Daniele can arrange a visit to bring the eucharist and to share time.



**Tuesday, December 31** — 4:00PM Vigil Mass of The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025** — 9:00AM The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

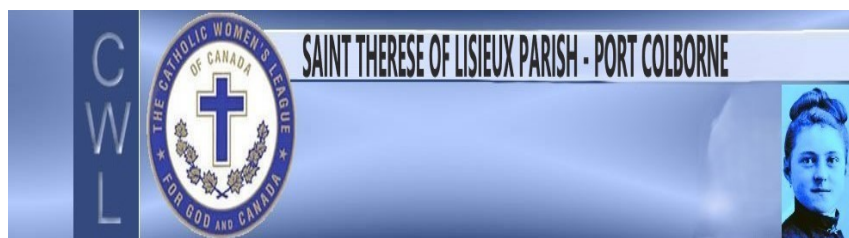
**Please remember that January 1st (New year), is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

### 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 Carol at the office or speak to Father Daniele after the masses. We deeply appreciate your generous contributions. Thank you for your kindness and support.

To assist parishioners in year-end tax planning, the Diocese is pleased to provide a Donation of Securities Form. Parishioners can make donations of securities to the Parish or Diocese and receive a receipt for income tax purposes for the full market amount of the securities donated. The Diocese covers all costs for the processing of the donation. The Donation of Securities form may be obtained from the parish office or by contacting John O'Brien, CFO, at 905-684-0154 x206 or jobrien@saintcd.com.



### Gift Boxes for families in need

Last year, working with St. Therese school, we delivered 15 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. Gift cards please see Mary Nan or Mary Van Ruyven. With your help we hope to fulfill our goal of filling 16 gift boxes. There are **Pro-Life Christmas** cards for sale at the Religious items counter. 10 cards for \$11.00.



**Pope's Intention for the Month of December:**

**For pilgrims of hope**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

2025 Jubilee Year  
Pilgrims of Hope



### Jubilee year opening

The opening Mass of the 2025 Jubilee Year will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines) on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon by His Excellency, Bishop Gerard Bergie. Please plan to attend this Mass as we begin our journey as "Pilgrims of Hope".



### Sacrament of Penance

On Saturday, 21st, from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM, Fr. Daniele will be available for the Sacrament of Penance (Confession). **Confession before Christmas is encouraged in Catholicism to purify the soul and embrace the spiritual renewal symbolized by Jesus' birth.**



From Tuesday December 17th 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."**

### SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday December 8:

Offerings:	\$1,314.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 230.00 (\$792.00 to date)
Maintenance	\$ 140.00