

**Second Sunday of Advent
MASS SCHEDULE
Dec. 9, 2023 – Dec. 17, 2023**



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God

Saturday, December 9, 2023

4:00 – 4:30 PM Confessions
5:00 PM For the People

Sunday, December 10, 2023 – St Damasus

9:00 AM For Nguyen Thi Thien
10:15-10:45 Advent Confessions
11:00 AM For Deceased members of the Wright and Van de Vrande Families

Monday, December 11, 2023

10:00 AM For Genoveva Barbosa

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 - Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas

8:30 AM Intention of the Freeburn Family
9:00 – 9:20 AM Confessions
5:15 PM For Gerald, Genevieve & Paul Whalen

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 – St Lucy

8:30 AM For Kay O'Neill

Thursday, December 14, 2023 – St John of the Cross

8:30 AM For Peter Tessier
4:30 – 5:00 PM Confessions
5:15 PM For Harold Renaud
7:00–8:00 PM Advent Confessions

Friday, December 15, 2023

10:00 AM For Stanley Bateman

Saturday, December 16, 2023

4:00 – 4:30 PM Confessions
5:00 PM For the People

Sunday, December 17, 2023

9:00 AM For the Intention of Aiden Bedard
10:15 - 10:45 AM Advent Confessions
11:00 AM For the Intention of the Monte Family



GOSPEL REFLECTION

John the Baptist is the central figure in today's Gospel, yet he came to prepare the people to welcome the Messiah. That is how God seems to work: sending the message of salvation to us through another. St Paul once asked: "How can people know about God if they have never heard? and how can they hear if nobody is sent to them?" So, the vocation to proclaim Christ to the world is vital, if God is to be known and loved. Jesus found his first disciples among those who heard John the Baptist preach. It was John who showed them the value of self-control and of prayer, who urged them to listen to the inner voice of God, with a contrite and faithful heart. God wants us to help others to know and love him through his Son. If we were more committed as Christians, maybe we could do more to influence others towards faith in God. Parents can introduce their children to God, with words about trust and prayer. But their words will only be effective if built on the example of their actual life.

ST PAUL PRAYER LINE: Our team of *Prayer Warriors* will join with you to intercede for your intentions. Simply call Lucienne (613-634-0375) or Miriam (905-979-1189), or email: StPaulsPrayerLine@gmail.com. "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God" (Ps 17:6)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Orlando Miguel, Nicole McKechnie, Linda McKechnie, Raymond Koenders, Meghan Bennett, Nellie Rutten, Stephen Noonan, Ursula Connell, Alex Dermott, Lynn Bales, Silvia Peter Mawalla, Mary Jane McCarthy, Rosie Soni, Joan MacLeod, Aiden Bedard, and Rose Miguel.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

Volunteers needed to help register and check in candidates for Confirmation on Sunday, January 7 at 12:15 pm and Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 pm. Please see Fr. John or Fr. Michel for details.

Sunday and Christmas: Christmas is always a holy day of obligation and this year it falls on a Monday, immediately following the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The two separate obligations to attend Mass (Sunday and one for Christmas) are both important and are met by attending two separate Masses. The Sunday obligation can be fulfilled by attending Mass on Saturday evening or any time on Sunday. The Christmas obligation can be fulfilled at Mass on Sunday evening or any time on Monday. However, the same Mass cannot meet both obligations.



Dec 23-24: Regular Sunday Masses:

CHRISTMAS EVE DEC. 24 5:00 & 7:00 PM
Holy Qurbana: Dec. 24 - 9:00 PM (Syro-Malabar)
CHRISTMAS DAY DEC. 25 10:00 AM

Dec 30-31: Regular Sunday Schedule

NEW YEAR'S (Mary, Mother of God)
EVE DEC 31 5:00 PM
Day JAN 1 10:00 AM

Advent Confessions:

Sunday, Dec. 10: 10:15-10:45 a.m
Syro Malibar Community: 2:15 – 3:15 p.m
Thursday, December 14: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 17: 10:15 – 10:45 a.m

Nativity Exhibition, December 14-15 A selection of nativities depicting the birth of Christ, chosen from the Vella Collection, will be on display in the Mary Campeau Memorial Hall on Thursday, December 14, and Friday, December 15, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm daily (concurrent with visits of school children). In addition, for family viewing, the display will be available 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Thursday, December 14. For further information, or to volunteer to assist with the supervision of the display, call Shaun 613.634.4229.

Catholic Updates: Once a month a leaflet called "Catholic Update" will be available in the Gathering Area by the bulletin board. This month's is "Celebrating Advent in your Home."

Parish Envelopes for 2024 are available in the gathering space. Don't see a box in your name, please print clearly, your name, address and telephone number in the book. A box will be provided for you the following week. Please do not use until January 2024. Put your name and address on the new envelopes for the first few weeks.

2024 Calendars are also available in the gathering space courtesy of Gordon F Tompkins Funeral Home.



***Monthly Meeting for Secular Franciscan Order**

First Thursday of the month 7:00 pm;
St. John the Apostle Parish Hall (88 Patrick Street)

***Family Advent Celebration - Choral & Instrumental Music for the Season**

Sunday, December 10, 3:00 pm CFB Kingston Spiritual Fitness Centre (formerly Trinity Chapel) 33 Lundy's Lane, Kingston. This 1-hour concert is perfect for the whole family -- children are encouraged to attend! Free-will offering. Reception to follow.

***Christmas Concert** Thursday, December 14; 1:00-3:00 pm St. Joseph Parish (392 Palace Road) Join us, bring a friend, or two, and enjoy two hours of music and fellowship. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall; a free-will offering would be gratefully appreciated, and proceeds will be for Dawn House.

The CWL of St Paul the Apostle will meet you in the parking lot following each Mass on the weekend of December 15/16 to accept donations of gently used washable coats. These will be taken to St. Mary's Cathedral to be used in their Drop-In Programme for the Homeless.

Evenings of Recollection to discover God more fully in ordinary life. Newcomers welcome.

FOR WOMEN: Tues. Dec. 19 from 7-9 pm at St. Joseph's Church **FOR MEN:** Wed. Dec. 20 from 7-9pm at St. James Chapel by the Cathedral. Come be inspired by the spirit of St. Josemaria, founder of Opus Dei (opusdei.ca).

Knights of Columbus Lighting of the Nativity Display Please join the Knights for the Lighting of the Nativity Display outside the Church after Saturday evening Mass on December 16. All Welcome!

Prayer for Second Week of Advent

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.