

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**  
**(ST. ANDREW, THE APOSTLE)**

**5:00 pm**

+ John & Luiza da Costa  
+ Gloria Sousa Ferreira

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

**8:00 am**

+ Laura Roy  
+ Diane Giroux

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2**

**5:00 pm** (followed by Divine Mercy Novena)  
Intentions of Emilia Moura

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**(ST. FRANCIS XAVIER)**

**8:00 am** (8:30 - 9:30 am adoration)  
+ Jack & Kay Darcy & Family

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4**

**5:00 pm**

+ Mariana Amaral  
+ Maria & José DaSilva  
+ José Mendonca  
In honour of St. Barbara

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**

**9:00 am**

Mass for the People - *pro populo*

**11:00 am** + Doris Johnston

Ints of those suffering from mental illness



*If you are visiting today,*

**St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.**



### CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Donations are invited towards the flowers that will decorate our church and sanctuary during the Christmas season. Special envelopes are available at all three church doors. Donations may be placed in the collection basket during the weekend Masses. All donations must be received by **Sunday, December 12** in order that a list of memorial and thank offerings may be included in the Christmas bulletin.

### 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2022 offering envelopes are now available for pick up in the parish hall. Space in the parish hall is limited, so please be sure to take yours home with you after Mass today. Many thanks!

### SUNDAY MISSALS & CALENDARS

2021 - 2022 Sunday Missals as well as 2022 monthly calendars are available for purchase at \$5 each in the narthex of the church while supplies last. Place your donation in the box. Please bring exact change. Thank you.

### DECORATING COMMITTEE

The liturgical seasons provide opportunities to enhance our worship space. If you have a flair for decorating, and would like to help with the liturgical decorating for Advent and Christmas, please contact Dawn Wylie at 519-740-8865

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.
Tuesday	Rev. Kiwook Kim
Wednesday	Disalced Carmelite Fathers
Thursday	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
Friday	Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.
Saturday	Rev. Michal Krszewski, C.R.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**DECEMBER 4 & 5**

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Lectors</b>	M. Benoit	D. Wylie	B. O'Brien
<b>Com-munion</b>	C. Bracken J. Kelly	J. Streppel S. Braga	H. France R. France

## OFFERTORY

Envelope Contributions Last Week	\$3,072.60
Loose Collection	\$ 230.25
EFT	\$1,129.25
Total Collection – Thank you	\$4,432.10

### HEARING THE CALL TO A VOCATION TO SERVE THE CHURCH?

Contact Bishop Lobsinger at:  
vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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## WHITE RIBBONS AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

A widespread and pernicious though often overlooked evil affecting modern life is pornography. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* (# 2354) states that: Pornography consists in removing real or simulated sexual acts from the intimacy of the partners, in order to display them deliberately to third parties. It offends against chastity because it perverts the conjugal act, the intimate giving of spouses to each other. It does grave injury to the dignity of its participants (actors, vendors, the public, men, women, children, relationships), since each one becomes an object of base pleasure and illicit profit for others. It immerses all who are involved in the illusion of a fantasy world. It is a grave offense. Civil authorities should prevent the production and distribution of pornographic materials. (# 2523)

On this weekend **November 27 & 28** the C.W.L. will once again be distributing White Ribbons to promote their annual Pornography Hurts campaign. Please continue to be generous in your support.

## THE FIVE PRECEPTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The five precepts of the Catholic Church are a description of the absolute minimum spiritual requirements of Catholics regarding the Church. They are as follows:

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and remain free from work or activity that could impede the sanctification of such days.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
3. You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.

*c.f. CCC # 2041—2043; Comp. CCC # 432.2*

## SVDP STORE - LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store at 75 Dundas Street North is looking for volunteers who are open to new experiences to join their team to help deliver services to the community. Volunteers typically help sort donations, stock shelves, etc. during convenient times and days. No experience is necessary; your smile and your genuine desire to help others is what they are looking for. If you are interested, please email:

[VolunteerSSVPCambridge@gmail.com](mailto:VolunteerSSVPCambridge@gmail.com)

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER - DECEMBER 3

Francis Xavier was a Spanish Jesuit who lived as a Roman Catholic missionary in the 1500s. He was one of the first seven members of the Jesuit order and travelled extensively, particularly in India, Southeast Asia, and Japan, to share his faith. He is the patron saint of Roman Catholic missions.

## WHAT IS ADVENT?

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of **preparation** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest will wear violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose is worn (GIRM, no. 316).

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well. Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season (USCCB).



## REV. FR. CHRISTOPHER THIÊN - Ý HUYNH

Rev. Fr. Christopher Thiên - Ý Huynh, Vietnamese Canadian, was ordained on November 6, 2021, by Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins, in the Archdiocese of Toronto, to the Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri. Fr. Christopher will be celebrating Mass with us on **Saturday, December 4 at 5 pm**. All are welcome!

## ST. ANDREW THE DISCIPLE - NOVEMBER 30

Andrew came from Bethsaida in Galilee. Like his father and his brother Simon Peter, he was a fisherman. A disciple of John the Baptist, Andrew was present at Jesus' baptism. When John stated "Behold the Lamb of God," Andrew understood and followed Jesus. Going to his brother Simon Peter, Andrew told him that he had found the Messiah. Thus Andrew is known as the first disciple of Jesus. Later, when Jesus chose his apostles, Andrew was among the Twelve (*livingwithchrist.ca*).