

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
**(OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE)**  
 5:00 pm

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 (ST. LUCY)**  
*(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)*  
 5:00 pm

- + Maria J. Sousa
- + Tobi O'Neill
- + Theodore Mendiola
- + Maria do Carma Tavares

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
**(ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS)**  
 8:00 am

- + Holy Souls in Purgatory

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
 5:00 pm  
*(followed by Miraculous Medal Novena)*  
 + Fernando Martins

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
 8:00 am (8:30 - 9:30 am adoration & recitation  
 of Divine Mercy Novena)  
 + Janet Moffat

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
 5:00 pm  
 + Maria Francisco Chaves & Family  
 + Antonio Machado  
 + Donald Fedy  
 + Antonio Cabral  
 Intentions of Rosa & Manuel Martins

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
 9:00 am  
 + José Brasil & Family  
 11:00 am - for the People - *pro populo*

*“Lord, come and save us.”*

Psalm 146



*If you are visiting today,*

**St. Patrick Parish welcomes you.**

### GAUDETE SUNDAY

On the third Sunday of Advent, the penitential purple of the season changes to rose and we celebrate “Gaudete” or “Rejoice” Sunday. *Gaudete* means “rejoice” in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance antiphon on Sunday. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, “The Lord is near.” This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose colored, and the rose colored vestments often used at the Eucharist.

The second part of Advent begins on December 17th each year. For the last eight days before Christmas, the plan of the readings change. The first readings are still from the prophesies, but now the gospels are from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. We read the stories of faithful women and men who prepared the way for our salvation. We enter into the story of how Jesus' life began. These stories are filled with hints of what his life will mean for us. Faith and generosity overcome impossibility. Poverty and persecution reveal glory.

Our celebration of the coming of our Saviour into history is opening us up to experience his coming to us this year, and preparing us to await his coming in glory.



### COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! Throughout Advent, Parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to Come Home for

Christmas. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return - for more information, visit: [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com)

## OFFERTORY

DECEMBER 4, 2022

Envelope Contributions	\$2,954.00
Loose Collection	\$ 462.70
EFT Donations	\$1,099.75
Total Collection – Thank you	\$4,516.45

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DECEMBER 17 & 18

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Lectors</b>	M. Henry	J. Streppel	A. Kelly
<b>Communion</b>	B. Seguin L. Henry	S. Braga J. Bui	H. France R. France

# DECEMBER 11, 2022

## FEAST OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS

Please join us on **Monday, December 12 at 5 pm** for Mass in honour of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass will be followed by confessions until 7:30 pm. Several priests will be on hand to hear confessions and to celebrate this sacrament in English, Spanish, French and Tamil. All are welcome!



## C.W.L. CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

All ladies of the parish are invited to the C.W.L. Christmas Potluck Dinner on **Tuesday, December 13**. Please bring your place setting, a favourite dish to share and a wrapped bunko prize. Join the ladies at the 5 pm Mass; dinner will follow in the parish hall. A collection will be taken for a local charity. Any CWL members planning to attend are asked to bring the 2023 CWL dues of \$40. All are welcome.

## LAMP OFFERING



Commencing the week of January 1, 2023, parishioners will have the opportunity to make a lamp offering at either the Sanctuary lamp or at The Lady Altar Lamp. The lamps will burn for one week and may be offered in memory of a deceased person or as a thank offering. Names will be published in the bulletin. For bookings January to June 2023, please contact the parish office by phone or **email (preferred)**.

## CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY

Before the beginning of the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass (December 24), the children of St. Patrick's Parish will be presenting the Nativity Play. Children ages 3 to 7 years of age will be asked to come to the front of the church and listen to the Christmas Story which will be narrated by children in the parish. Parents, please encourage your children to come forward when the announcement is made.



## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, commemorates the divine motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ. This is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics.

Masses will be offered at St. Patrick's Parish on **New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31 at 5 pm** and on **New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1 at 9 & 11 am**.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL MEETING & SOCIAL

Galt Council # 2184 Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual get-together and meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 7 pm in St. Patrick Parish Hall. All member brother Knights are invited and encouraged to attend.

## 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 18** in order that a list of memorial and thank offerings may be included in the Christmas bulletin.



## ADVENT STUDY SERIES

Please plan now to join us on four separate occasions during Advent as we present two pivoting Advent-themed talks. All talks will take place in the parish hall. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

### Deacon Terry Osmar

Thursday, December 15 from 10:30 - 11:30 am:

**"Shopping Through Advent"**

### Deacon Terry Osmar

Tuesday, December 20 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm:

**"Shopping Through Advent (Take 2)"**



## COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

### Christmas Eve

**Saturday, December 24**

**5:00 pm** (preceded by the Nativity play)

**7:00 pm**

**9:00 pm**



### Christmas Day

**Sunday, December 25**

**9:00 am & 11:00 am**

No registration required. Incense will be used at all Masses. All are welcome!



## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Michael Anderson
Tuesday	Rev. Robert Love
Wednesday	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer
Thursday	Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.
Friday	Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
Saturday	Rev. Ilija Petkovic

"The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God."  
~ C.S. Lewis, "Mere Christianity"