

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)

5:00 pm

+ José Moreira
+ Lena Latchaya

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

(ST. AMBROSE)

8:00 am

+ Jack & Kay Darcy & Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

(THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION)

5:00 pm

(followed by Miraculous Medal Novena)

Intentions of Shashank Mandadi &
Mary Pravalika Pudota
Intentions of the Galera Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 am (8:30 - 9:30 am adoration & recitation
of Divine Mercy Novena)

+ José dos Santos Ferreira

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:00 pm

+ Joe Vasconcelos
+ Vincente Moniz
+ Francisco Barbosa
+ Tanya DaSilva
+ Manuel Resendes
+ Hermenegildo Pereira
+ Luis & Angelina Inacio

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 am

+ Teresa Moniz

11:00 am - for the People - *pro populo*

*"In his days may righteousness flourish,
and peace abound forever."*

Psalm 72



If you are visiting today,

St. Patrick Parish welcomes you.

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"Thus the hope of those who belong to the living Christ is a hope rooted in what has already occurred, even if the total fullness of this event has not yet been revealed. Thus the Christian community, wherever it emerges, marks a new world in the midst of the old, of light in the midst of darkness (Henri Nouwen, Peacework, 108)."

Hope is the touchstone of patience. We can be patient because we live in hope. And we have hope because we know Christ and the power of his love. Advent is a time when hope is renewed within us.

Today, we light another candle on our Advent wreaths. As the light gets brighter, our hearts open a bit wider to all that God has promised. As the candle flickers, we see the movement of our own lives within the flame. May we never walk in the darkness of hopelessness, but may we always hold fast to the fire of hope, the light of Jesus Christ. (Taken from "The Fullness of Time, Amy Ekeh)



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

We invite you to stay after the **9 & 11 am Mass this Sunday, December 4** for coffee fellowship in the Parish Hall. This is an ideal time to come together to renew existing friendships or to form new ones. A special invitation is extended to new parishioners who would like to get better acquainted with St. Patrick's Parish community. Regular coffee socials will now be hosted on the first and third Sunday of each month following the 9 & 11 am Mass times. All are welcome.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, The Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus. Once again this year we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at St. Patrick's Parish following the 5 pm Mass on December 10 and the 9 and 11 am Masses on December 11. All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their home to Mass to be blessed.

OFFERTORY

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Envelope Contributions	\$2,824.00
Loose Collection	\$ 364.31
EFT Donations	\$1,099.75
Total Collection – Thank you	\$4,288.06

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DECEMBER 10 & 11

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lectors	C. McArthur	A. Sousa	B. O'Brien
Communion	C. Bracken P. Cooper	B. Sousa J. Streppel	J. Kelly V. Umolac

DECEMBER 4, 2022



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.

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.



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)**.

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!

Mary Ann Costa & Dawn Wylie

Tuesday, December 6 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm:
"Present to Presence (Take 2)"

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)"



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8



The dogma of the Immaculate Conception teaches that, by a special gift of grace, the Blessed Virgin Mary was kept free from Original Sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. Fr. John

Hardon, S.J., in his *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, notes that "Neither the Greek nor Latin Fathers explicitly taught the Immaculate Conception, but they professed it implicitly." It would take many centuries, though, for the Catholic Church to recognize the Immaculate Conception as a doctrine, and many more before Pope Pius IX, on December 8, 1854, would declare it a dogma. In the Apostolic Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*, Pope Pius IX wrote that "We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful." As Father Hardon writes, the Blessed Virgin's "freedom from sin was an unmerited gift of God or special grace, and an exception to the law, or privilege, which no other created person has received." All are welcome to join us at the Lady Altar on Thursday, December 8.

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. Duy Van Nguyen
Tuesday	Rev. Hayden Starczala
Wednesday	Order of Preachers (Dominican) O.P.
Thursday	Rev. John Van Hees
Friday	Very Rev. James Petrie, E.V.
Saturday	Rev. Gerald Mulhall

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.