

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)

5:00 pm

- + José Madruga
- + Odilia & Norberto Branco
- + Maria & José Silva & Family
- + John Vicente
- Intentions of Terry Alain

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 am

- + Jack & Kay Darcy & Family

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 (ST.AMBROSE)

5:00 pm

(followed by Miraculous Medal Novena)

- + Maria José & Jacinto Soares

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

(IMMACULATE CONCEPTION)

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

- + José dos Santos Ferreira

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:00 pm

- + Lena Latchana
- + Joao & Maria Cabral & Family
- + Maria Santos & Family
- + Eduardo Medeiros
- + Janet Moffat

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 am

- + Pope John Paul I

11:00 am

- for the People - *pro populo*



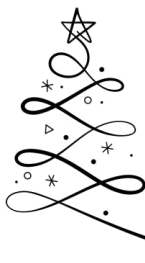
*If you are visiting today,*

**St. Patrick Parish welcomes you.**



### 2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2024 offering envelopes are now available in the parish hall. Please be sure to take yours home with you as you leave Mass today. This will help us to free up much needed space in the hall..



### SVDP CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

The SVDP Christmas Campaign is underway. Letters have been sent to previous donors with a heartfelt "thank you" and a request for support once

again this year. Even if you have not donated in previous years, please consider providing an Interac e-transfer to SVDPStPatrick.T@gmail.com or make a cheque payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your support!

*"...and God's Grace was so powerfully at work in them all, That there we no needy persons among them." Acts 4: 33-34*

## LAMP OFFERING

December 3 - 9

December 10 - 16

### SANCTUARY LAMP

+ Audrey Shannon

Ints. of the Vaz Family

### LADY ALTAR LAMP

Ints. of Trisha Hancock

+ Audrey Shannon

## OFFERTORY

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Envelope Contributions	\$1,886.80
Loose Collection	\$ 577.80
EFT Donations	\$ 993.00
Total Collection – <i>Thank you!</i>	\$3,457.60

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DECEMBER 9 & 10

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Lectors</b>	J. Kelly A. Kelly	J. Streppel B. Sousa	B. O'Brien C. Terpstra
<b>Communion</b>	L. Henry B. Raghubar	S. Braga A. Sousa	H. France R. France



## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 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.*



## C.W.L. CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

All ladies of the parish are invited to the C.W.L. Christmas Potluck Dinner on **Tuesday, December 12**. 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.



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

## ATTENTION CATHOLIC WOMEN!

The Catholic Women's League of Canada has a core purpose - that is uniting Catholic women to grow in faith and to promote social justice through service to the Church, Canada and the world. As a Catholic woman, what motivates you the most? Faith - following Catholic teaching? Service - locally, nationally, internationally? Social Justice - using your voice for good? For more than 100 years the Catholic Women's League has been using their voice for change. Each year, the CWL delegation meets with the federal government to advocate for various Catholic concerns. For more information about the league, visit [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca), [cwl.on.ca](http://cwl.on.ca) and [catholicwomenunite.ca](http://catholicwomenunite.ca). The cost to become a member of St. Patrick Parish Council CWL is \$40. Payment can be made by cheque or cash, can be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the weekly collection basket marked "Attention CWL". Please include your name and contact information. If you have any questions you may send them to [stpatrickscambridge@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickscambridge@gmail.com). Please join the CWL as you continue your faith journey and to be *Catholic and Living It!*

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

In Canada, the holy days of obligation are the following: **every Sunday, Christmas Day (December 25) and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1)**.

On holy days of obligation, the faithful gather to express the fact that the Church is not self-generated but is always called to worship by God. On that occasion, we come to hear the Word of God, take part in the Eucharist and give thanks to the Lord for having been incorporated into Christ. Therefore, one must take part in the celebration of Mass either on the same day or at the vigil Mass on the previous evening.

## ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

In order to support people with special needs on their spiritual journey, an ecumenical Christmas service to celebrate Jesus' birthday will be offered at St. Patrick Church on **Sunday, December 10 at 3 pm**. The service will include music, song and prayer in an environment that is special needs friendly. Pastor Stephanie & Matt Armstrong from Central Presbyterian Church will lead the service. Light refreshments to follow. Bring a friend. All are welcome! Please note, there will be **NO** service on December 31.

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Tuesday	Grandparents & Elderly
Wednesday	Order of Preachers (Dominican, O.P.)
Thursday	Rev. Donald Sanvido
Friday	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>
Saturday	Rev. David Perrin

*Families who pray together, stay together!*