

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*If you are visiting today,*  
**St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.**

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 (ST. FRANCIS XAVIER)

*(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)*

**5:00 pm**

- + Luiza & Jacinto Lima
- + Holy Souls in Purgatory
- Intentions of Lucia
- Intentions of Kate S.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

**8:00 am**

- + Rosemarie & Ruedi Huber

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

**5:00 pm**

*(followed by Miraculous Medal Novena)*

- + Norberto & Odilia Branco

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

- + Jack & Kay Darcy & Family

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

**9:00 am** - First Saturday Mass

**5:00 pm**

- + Audrey Shannon
- + Maria Sousa & Jose Silva & Family
- + Jose Mendonca
- + Antonio & Manuel Machado
- + Patrick Myers

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

**8:00 am**

**9:00 am** + Lena Latchana

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

*Please observe a reverent silence -*

*talk to God before Mass and to each other after Mass - and please ensure that all mobile devices are switched off or silenced to avoid distracting others in prayer. Children are most welcome. The narthex or the parish hall should be used as a crying room if needed. Please do not allow any children to run about the church at any time.*

*Thank you.*

## 2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2025 offering envelopes will be available in the parish hall this weekend, **November 30 & December 1**. Please be sure to take yours home with you as soon as possible as there is limited space in the parish hall and numerous events that require space. Many thanks.

## LAMP OFFERING

December 1 - 7

December 8 - 14

## SANCTUARY LAMP

+ Rosemarie Byrne

+ Audrey Shannon

## LADY ALTAR LAMP

Intentions of Tricia Hancock

+ Judy Voll

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**DECEMBER 7 & 8**

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Lectors</b>	J. Kelly	J. Streppel	W. Francis
<b>Communion</b>	H. Nearing	B. Sousa	H. France

## OFFERTORY

**NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

Sunday Envelope Contributions	\$2,304.00
Loose Collection	\$ 477.61
EFT Donations	\$1,01.50
Total Collection – <i>Thank you!</i>	3,797.11



## ADVENT REFLECTIONS

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 people of Israel waited for generations for the promised Messiah to arrive. Their poetry, their songs and stories, and their religious worship focused on an awaited savior who would come to them to set them free from captivity and to lead them to the fulfillment of all that God had promised. Advent is a season in the Church's life intended to renew the experience of waiting and longing for the Messiah. Though Christ has already come into the world, the Church invites us to renew our desire for the Lord more deeply in our lives and to renew our desire for Christ's triumphant second coming into the world. During Advent, we're invited to enter more frequently into silence, into prayer and reflection, into Scripture, and into the sacramental life of the Church — all to prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

You are invited to join us in the parish hall either on **Thursday, December 12 @ 7 pm** or on **Thursday, December 19 @ 10 am** as our seminarian in residence, Peter Hoan, will present insightful reflections on Advent as we prepare once again to welcome the news that our God is loving and merciful and desires to be with us - so much so, that the Lord of heaven and earth became flesh and was born on Christmas day - for 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 10**. Please bring your place setting, a favourite dish to share. 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 15** in order that a list of memorial and thank offerings may be included in the Christmas bulletin.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 50/50 DRAW

Have you got your tickets? Go to the narthex, take out your cell phone and use the QR code. No cell phone, no problem. Go online: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/> You have until December 22, 2024.



## SVDP CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

The SVDP Christmas Campaign is underway. SVDP is grateful for the generosity of donations given in previous years. Even if you have not donated in previous years, please consider providing a cash donation which may be placed in the Poor Box located at the back of the church or an Interac e-transfer to [SVDPStPatrick.T@gmail.com](mailto: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*



## ADVENT RETREAT WEEKEND WITH BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF HAMILTON

The third Sunday of Advent, celebrated this year on December 14 & 15, is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday. God is a community of joy and the purpose of creation and redemption is to share that joy. Everything in Christian life – from law and ritual to doctrine and moral praxis – is meant to lead us into deeper joy. Please join us on the third Sunday of Advent as Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton, will be celebrating Mass at St. Patrick Parish on **Saturday, December 14 @ 5 pm** and **Sunday, December 15 @ 9 & 11 am**. A joyful reception will be held in the parish hall following each Mass. All are welcome.

## YOUNG ADULT NIGHT

Young adults, aged 18 - 30 years are invited to attend an evening of prayer, activities and light refreshments at St. Patrick's Parish in the church hall from 7 - 9 pm on Friday, December 13. Please join us.

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Tuesday	Rev. Carlos Diaz
Wednesday	Order of Preachers (Dominican, O.P.)
Thursday	Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou
Friday	Rev. John Van Hees
Saturday	Engaged Couples

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

Contact Fr. Mark Morley at: [mmorley@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mmorley@hamiltondiocese.com)

*Families who pray together, stay together!*