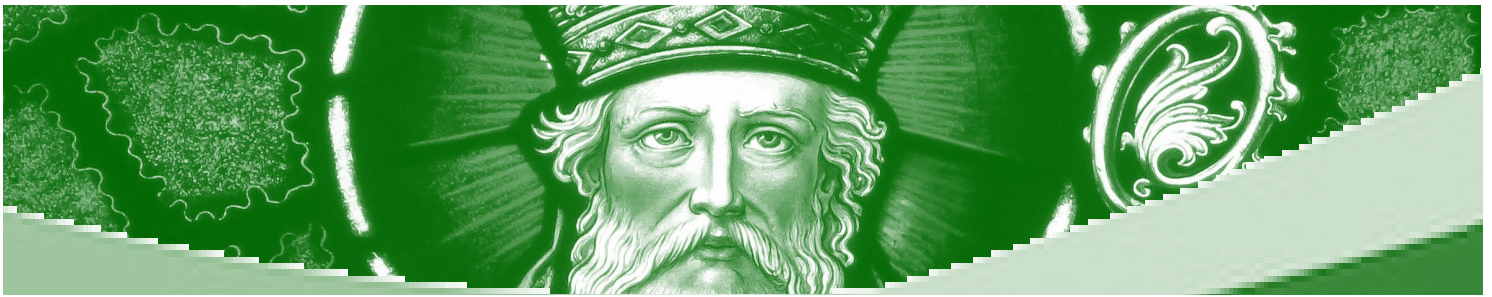


# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

*(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)*

**5:00 pm**

- + Holy Souls in Purgatory
- + Manuel Chaves & Family
- + Herminio Tavares
- + Antonio Pacheco Medeiros & Family
- Intentions of Kenard & Patricia

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

**8:00 am**

- + Rosemarie & Ruedi Huber

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

**5:00 pm**

*(followed by Miraculous Medal Novena)*

- + Audrey Shannon

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

- + Maria & Michael Santa

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

**5:00 pm**

- + Antonio Moura
- + The Moura Family
- In Honour of St. Jean Paul II
- Intentions of Lucia
- Intentions of Manuel & Rosa Martins

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

**8:00 am**

**9:00 am** + Teresa Moniz

**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 are available this weekend **ONLY** in the confessional - for regular envelope users as well as those who donate using EFT. Please be sure to take yours home with you **TODAY**. Many thanks.

## LAMP OFFERING

December 15 - 16

December 22 - 28

### SANCTUARY LAMP

+ The Stoyles Family

+ Benedict Farrell

### LADY ALTAR LAMP

+ Audrey Shannon

Intentions of Leil Thawar

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**DECEMBER 21 & 22**

|                  | 5:00 p.m.  | 9:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
|------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Lectors</b>   | P. Cooper  | A. Sousa  | B. O'Brien |
| <b>Communion</b> | T. Nearing | J. Bui    | R. O'Brien |

## OFFERTORY

**DECEMBER 8, 2024**

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Sunday Envelope Contributions        | \$2,423.00 |
| Loose Collection                     | \$ 735.90  |
| EFT Donations                        | \$1,015.50 |
| Total Collection – <i>Thank you!</i> | \$4,174.40 |

DECEMBER 15, 2024



### 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 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*.



### 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 this **Sunday, December 15** in order that a list of memorial and thank offerings may be included in the Christmas bulletin.

### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

|           |                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Monday    | Rev. Ljubo Branimir Lebo, O.F.M. |
| Tuesday   | Rev. Stipe Rotim, O.F.M.         |
| Wednesday | Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei) |
| Thursday  | Rev. Ilija Petkovic              |
| Friday    | Rev. Vinko Nenadic               |
| Saturday  | Rev. Pierre Cauette, L.C.        |

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

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



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

This weekend, Guadette Sunday, we welcome Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. A joyful reception will be held in the parish hall following the 5 pm, 9 am & 11 am Masses. All are welcome.

### EMERGENCY PASTORAL MINISTRY AT CMH

If you or a loved one need a priest for **Emergency Ministry** (Anointing of the Sick) while at Cambridge Memorial Hospital, please contact the new emergency on call ministry at **519-404-5344**. This emergency number will connect you to a priest on call.

### CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY

At 4:45 pm, just before the beginning of the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass, the children of St. Patrick's Parish will be presenting the Nativity Play. Parents, please encourage your children to come forward when the announcement is made.



### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

*Christmas Eve - Tuesday, Dec. 24*

(Incense will be used at all Christmas Eve Masses)

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

**7 pm & 9 pm**

*Christmas Day - Wednesday, Dec. 25*

**10 am - only**

#### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH

*Saturday, December 28 at 5 pm*

*Sunday, December 29 at 8, 9 & 11 am*

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

*New Year's Eve - Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 5 pm*

*New Year's Day - Wednesday, Jan. 1 at 10 am*

#### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*Saturday, January 4 at 5 pm* (Incense will be used)

*Sunday, January 5 at 8, 9 & 11 am*

*Families who pray together, stay together!*