

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 -

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - 5 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)

5:00 pm

- + Maria dos Santos
- + Audrey Shannon
- + Rosemarie & Ruedi Huber
- + Jose Trovao

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 am

- + Most Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

(OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE)

5:00 pm

(followed by Miraculous Medal Novena)

- + Theodore Mendiola

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

Ints. of St. Patrick's Parish Family & Friends

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

5:00 pm

- + Zachary Braga
- + Patrick Joseph Myers
- + Patricia Nugent
- + Robert Muss
- Intentions of Lucia

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 am

9:00 am + José Brasil & Family

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 **now** available in the parish hall. 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 this Advent & Christmas season that require space to be accessible. *Many thanks.*

LAMP OFFERING

December 8 - 14

December 15 - 21

SANCTUARY LAMP

+ Audrey Shannon

+ The Stoyles Family

LADY ALTAR LAMP

+ Judy Voll

+ Audrey Shannon

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DECEMBER 14 & 15

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lectors	B. Miller C. McArthur	A. Jamieson D. Wylie	J. Kelly A. Kelly
Communion	no minister required	no minister required	no minister required

OFFERTORY

DECEMBER 1, 2024

Sunday Envelope Contributions	\$2,569.00
Loose Collection	\$ 719.55
EFT Donations	\$1,015.50
Total Collection - <i>Thank you!</i>	\$4,304.05

DECEMBER 8, 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 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*.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i>
Tuesday	Rev. Lawrence Parent
Wednesday	Cong. of the Most Holy Redeemer
Thursday	National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples
Friday	Rev. John Ha
Saturday	Rev. Robert Kavalj, O.F.M.

EMERGENCY PASTORAL MINISTRY AT CAMBRIDGE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



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. Be assured of our parish's support in every moment of need, we or one of the local on call priests, will do our best to respond as soon as possible.



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 of these Masses. All are welcome.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

What Is a Jubilee Year? A Jubilee Year is traditionally proclaimed by the Universal Church every 25 years. It is a particular year set aside to encourage the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, to repent of their sins and forgive the sins of others, and to renew a focus on the spiritual life. In the Hebrew tradition, as recorded in Leviticus, a Jubilee was celebrated every 50 years with the freeing of slaves and the forgiveness of debts. In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII instituted the first Christian Jubilee, and since then the Church has designated each new Jubilee as a special year of grace and forgiveness, offering the faithful an opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence.

The 2025 Jubilee will be centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." The Jubilee begins on December 24, 2024, with the official Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica, and runs to January 6, 2026, the Feast Day of Epiphany, with the Closing of the Holy Door.



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.

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 favorite dish to share. Join the ladies at the 5 pm Mass; dinner will follow in the parish hall.

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 Church in the parish hall from 7 - 9 pm on Friday, December 13. Please join us.