



Mass Intentions

Dec.14 Saturday - Saint John of the Cross

4:00 For All Deceased of the Parish
For the Needs of All Parishioners

Dec.15 Sunday – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 Vince & Gerarda Custode – by Mary M.
Benedetto DiRienzo – by moglie Angelina
Domenico Cameli – by moglie Angelina
Luigi Scozzafava – by moglie Teresa
Luigi Maruca – by family

11:00 Carmela & Bruno Bertone – by children/fam.
Lina Altomare – by family
Mary Helena Aleo – by dad Rick
Arthur Quaranto – by family

Dec.16 Monday - N O M A S S

Dec.17 Tuesday - Saint Hildegard of Bingen

8:00 Mark Soltys - by Pat & Renata Covelli

Dec.18 Wednesday - Blessed Anthony Grassi

8:00 Gladys Griffiths– by daughter Lucille & family

Dec.19 Thursday - Blessed Urban V

8:00 Bruno Valentino Cerasuolo – by friends

Dec.20 Friday – Saint Domenic of Silos

9:00 Virgilio Fiello – by Olga Fiello
Vincenzo Saporito – by family
Maria Saporito – by family
Erminia Saporito-Sirianni – by family
Maria Lan Nguyen – by Nguyen family

Dec.21 Saturday - Saint Peter Canisius

4:00 Sam Covelli – by Pat & Renata Covelli
Angelina & Pompilio DiEmanuele – by
M & S Santesso & family

Dec.22 Sunday – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 Angela Fiocca-Kirk – by family
Donato Pizzulo – by daughters
Domenico Cameli – by moglie Angelina
Biagio & Esterina Stante – by family
Maria Girolamo – by son Rocco & family

11:00 Vince & Maria Morocco – by R.H.
Rosalie Morocco-Clark – by R.H.
Alfredo & Pilar Aquino-by Ralph,Alita,
Eric, Sarah Elefante
Italia Pelusi – by E. Leo

GOSPEL MESSAGE

People ask “What then should we do?” Most of the time we Christians are good in having. We are good at telling others what to do, but we are not good at being. Trying to fix others will not fix us. We are in search of peace and joy. But we cannot rejoice if we are not honest and peacemakers. The charismatic figure, John the Baptist is urging us to have a critical eye on the kind of life we are leading.

MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO

La gente chiede “Cosa dovremmo fare allora?” Maggiormente noi cristiani siamo bravi nell’averne. Siamo bravi nel dire agli altri cosa fare, ma non siamo bravi nell’essere. Cercare di aggiustare gli altri non agguisterà noi. Siamo alla ricerca di pace e gioia. Ma non possiamo gioire se non siamo onesti e pacificatori. La figura carismatica di Giovanni Battista ci esorta ad avere uno sguardo critico sul tipo di vita che stiamo conducendo.

WEEKLY QUOTE

“A happy heart is a good medicine and a joyful mind causes healing. But a broken spirit dries up the bones.”

(Proverbs 17:22)

One More Powerful is Coming

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts, concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (Luke 3:15 - 16)

Introduction: Christmas gets closer, John the Baptist reminds us to prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus.

Reflection: John the Baptist was a very popular fellow. The crowds who had come out to the desert to listen to him were believing his words. Many people were ready to believe that he was the Messiah.

Being popular and having a good reputation is fine, but only if it is based upon the truth of who we are.

The Baptist never pretended to be more than he was. Instead, he pointed the way to Jesus, the true Messiah. As Christians, we are called to be like John, never pretending to be more than we are and always pointing to Jesus as the source of our power.

Prayer: Almighty God, we bring our prayers to you in faith. May we rejoice in knowing that all things are in your hands. In joyful hope, we pray, “*Our Father, ...*”

JOURNEYING TO CHRISTMAS PRAYER

“Lord Jesus Christ, true light of the world, you guide all mankind to salvation. Give us the courage, strength and grace to build a world of justice and peace.”

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule 2024/2025

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY - DEC 20TH

FORM II - RECONCILIATION - 6:00 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

N O M A S S

TUESDAY - CHRISTMAS EVE - Dec. 24th

4:00 pm

10:00 pm (Solemn Mass)

CHRISTMAS DAY

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

WEDNESDAY 25TH

(Italian) 9:00 am

11:00 am

Thursday - December 26 - Mass - 8:00am

Friday - December 27th - Mass - 9:00am

SATURDAY - December 28th

3:00pm *Confessions*

4:00pm Mass

SUNDAY - December 29th

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

(Italian) 9:00am

11:00am

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

N O M A S S

TUESDAY - NEW YEAR'S EVE - DEC. 31ST

4:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 1ST

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 am (Italian)

11:00 am

The Office will be closed from Saturday, December 21st 2024 to Wednesday, January 2nd 2025. The office will reopen Thursday, January 3rd 2025 (In case of emergency call: 905-358-9333.)

L' ufficio rimmarrà chiuso dal Sabato 22 Dicembre 2024 al Mercoledì 3 Gennaio 2025. L' ufficio riaprirà Giovedì 3 Gennaio. In caso d'urgenza, telefonate al (905) 358-9333.

THINKING OF STUDENTS IN NEED AT CHRISTMAS - NFCE

Students are in need of our support

The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education is a registered charitable foundation that assists students in need who attend Niagara Catholic District School Board schools. Your donation to purchase food cards will help brighten Christmas for students in need and their families. Receipts are issued for tax purposes. Mailing address 427 Rice Road, Welland, ON L3C 7C1. Phone 905-735-0247 ext. 210.

THE SAINTCD Jubilee 2025 Primer Workshop

Terri Paucio will be facilitating a workshop for pastors, staff, volunteer parish leaders and others who are interested in learning more about the Jubilee Years and the diocese's plans to promote it. For the Virtual Jubilee 2025 Workshop over ZOOM - Tuesday, December 17th 2024 7:00-8:30pm OR Thursday, December 19th 2024 7:30 - 9:00pm. On-line Registration through this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/jYt6QG6QnP>

3-MONTH REPORT MONTHLY COLLECTION/EXPENSES

September Collections	\$ 8,686.06
September Expenses	15,030.58
October Collections	\$ 9,956.64
October Expenses	17,234.25
November Collections	\$10,932.95
November Expenses	13,165.84

LEGACY DONATIONS

When you or your family are making arrangements for Wills and/or Legacies, we would humbly and kindly ask that you consider including St. Ann Church as one of the beneficiaries. Also, when making funeral arrangements through the various funeral homes in the Niagara Region, as parishioners, please consider directing donations to St. Ann Church. Your generosity is much needed and greatly appreciated.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & THE HOMEBOUND

Ronald Bennett, Angelina Cameli, Rita Cameli,
Domenic Calabrese, Angelina DiRienzo,
Maria DiRienzo, Beatriz Disch, George Elliss
Carmen & Maria Fabiani,
Sam Fiore, Jenny Green, Virginia McConnell
Agueda Maria Melo, Patricia Millington,
Vincenzina Pascuzzi,
Don Taddeo, Marianna Weber

The DONATION ENVELOPES for 2025 are now available at the entrance of the church.