



### Mass Intentions

#### Dec. 7 Saturday - Saint Ambrose

4:00 Deceased of the Giagnorio/Fiorentino families  
by Mark Fiorentino  
Antonietta & Felice Ferraro – by family

#### Dec. 8 Sunday – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 Vito Zarra – by moglie Rosa & family  
Angelo & Mafalda Chiaverini – by family  
Iole Biamonte – by genitori Joe & Maria Orsini  
Luigi Iudiciani – by family  
Rose Nero – by Florence & family  
Felice DiLizio – by Maria & family  
Immacolata Concezione – by GNG  
Sacred Heart of Jesus – by Mary Mauriello

11:00 Dr. Carie LaRosa – by Rose Tomasky  
Pompilio/Angelina DiEmanuele-by son Ezio  
Deceased Tirabasso family – by T & N Mazzei  
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Sharon Caserta – by T & N Mazzei

#### Dec. 9 Monday - N O M A S S

#### Dec.10 Tuesday - Blessed Adolph Kolping

8:00 Louis & Philamena Fiorentina-by Lisa & Jim

#### Dec.11 Wednesday - Saint Damasus I

8:00 Gildo Luvison – by friends & family

#### Dec.12 Thursday - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 Jan Szpakowski – by wife Irena & family

#### Dec.13 Friday – Saint Lucy / Santa Lucia

9:00 Pat Ferro – by Donna Caldwell  
Maria Saporito – by family  
Gino Candeloro-by children Nancy, Naz, Lina  
Michele/Antonietta Lombardi-by Philalmena  
Carmela D'Angelo-by sister Philamena & fam.  
In Onore di Santa Lucia-by Maria DiRienzo  
In Onore di Santa Lucia – by Lucia Leone

#### 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

### GOSPEL MESSAGE

The theme of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent is calling us to reflect on a deeper personal transformation. John the Baptist invites us to remove all distractions and focus on our relationship with God.

### MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO

Il tema della Seconda Domenica di Avvento ci chiama a riflettere su una trasformazione personale più profonda. Giovanni Battista ci invita ad eliminare tutte distrazioni e concentrare sulla nostra relazione con Dio.

### WEEKLY QUOTE

*"Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, and put on forever the beauty of the glory of God."*  
(Baruk 5:1-2)

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### A Good Work

*I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. (Phil 1:16)*

**Introduction:** God created the whole world, and God creates us anew every day.

**Reflection:** Did you ever see the poster that reads, "Be patient. God is not finished with me yet"? There is a great deal of truth in that saying. Created in the image and likeness of God, all of us, through the power of the Holy Spirit at work since our baptism, are growing in holiness.

Is that the way it seems to you? Or do you think instead about how often you fall short of the goal? Well, we all get discouraged sometimes, but St. Paul wanted the Philippians to trust in the work that God was doing in them. We are not perfect, but God isn't finished with us. Trust in him, open your heart to him, respond to him and believe that when Jesus comes, you will be made ready.

**Prayer:** Eternal God, may your Holy Spirit, alive in our hearts, help us wait in joyful hope throughout this Advent. Trusting in God's appointed time for the coming of the Kingdom, let us pray, "*Our Father,....*"

### Immaculate Conception - 8<sup>th</sup> December

The defined dogma of the Immaculate Conception refers to original sin, saying that Mary was preserved from any stain (in Latin, *macula*). The proclaimed dogma states "*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.*"

## Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule 2024/2025

### RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY - DEC 20TH

FORM II - RECONCILIATION - 6:00 PM

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

N O M A S S

TUESDAY - CHRISTMAS EVE - Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm  
10:00 pm (Solemn Mass)

CHRISTMAS DAY

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

(Italian) 9:00 am

11:00 am

Thursday - December 26 - Mass - 8:00am

Friday - December 27<sup>th</sup> - Mass - 9:00am

SATURDAY - December 28<sup>th</sup>

3:00pm \*Confessions\*

4:00pm Mass

SUNDAY - December 29<sup>th</sup>

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

(Italian) 9:00am

11:00am

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

N O M A S S

TUESDAY - NEW YEAR'S EVE - DEC. 31<sup>ST</sup>

4:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 am (Italian)

11:00 am

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

*L' ufficio rimarrà 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.*

### SPIRITUALITY

Spiritual life means savoring heavenly blessings and integration into Eternal life. If spiritual life is messed up it leads to moral corruption and loss of an enriched peaceful life.

### Monthly Pasta Dinner

This past Thursday we held our monthly Pasta Supper. Our deep gratitude goes out to Joe Covelli and his kitchen crew as well as all of the other Hall volunteers who selflessly show up every month to ensure the success of this event. *We are grateful to the St. Ann Ladies' Auxiliary Committee for their support and sponsorship.*

### 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.

Thank you to all of the Volunteers who participated in the *Volunteer Appreciation Gathering on December 6<sup>th</sup>*. Many thanks to all who made preparations for the evening.

### 3-MONTH REPORT

#### MONTHLY COLLECTION/EXPENSES

August Collections	\$ 7,573.33
<b>August Expenses</b>	<b>17,704.30</b>
September Collections	\$ 8,686.06
<b>September Expenses</b>	<b>15,030.58</b>
October Collections	\$ 9,956.64
<b>October Expenses</b>	<b>17,234.25</b>

### 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.

The **DONATION ENVELOPES** for 2024 are now available at the entrance of the church.