



Second Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 9, 2018

Weekend Liturgy Times

Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

Pastor: Rev. Asisclo Podelino p.p. **Deacon:** Rev. Douglas Penn

Secretary: Mrs. Patricia Elcome **Office Hours:** M-F, 9am-3pm

Private Reconciliation

Saturday 4-4:30, Sunday 8-8:30, 10-10:30 or by appt.

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Schedule & Intentions (Dec. 10-16)

Please Note: This week we will pray Morning Prayer of the Church 15 minutes before daily Masses in the Chapel.

Monday, December 10

9:00 am

Tuesday, December 11

9:00 am

Wednesday, December 12

9:00 am

Thursday, December 13

9:00 am St. Francis School Mass (at the church)

Everyone Welcome

Friday, December 14

1:00 pm Healing Mass

Saturday, December 15

5:00 pm For Katrina Zizek requested by

Barb & Stan Maziarczyk

Sunday, December 16

9:00 am For Patricia Rose requested by the CWL

11:00 am Mass for the People

Readings for Next Sunday

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a

2nd Reading: Philippians 4.4-7

Gospel: Luke 3.10-18



Ministries for Next Week: Dec. 15/16

Readers

5 pm Pat Chidley, Cathy Taylor

9 am Liz Hibbs, Christina Wilson

11 am Sylvia Vanhaverbeke, Pauline Pattison



Eucharistic Ministers

5 pm Eileen Parry, Vincia Varghese, Johanna Plomp

9 am Lisa Walz, Kathy Mercz, Dennie Radcliffe

11 am Deacon Doug, Mary Pierik Carole Penn



Ushers

5 pm John Bouwmeester, Len Gibbons

9 am Lou Speziale, Joe Mercz

11 am Ken Young, Bev Scales



Children's Liturgy

11 am Maureen & Allyson Rego

Children's Liturgy is intended for children in Kindergarten – Grade 2. Younger children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult



Altar Servers

5 pm Adult Servers

9 am Please serve at the Mass you attend.

11 am



SSVP Information

For assistance please call 905 786 2249.



SSVP Christmas Bells

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas hamper program is underway and bells will be available on the Christmas tree in the Gathering Room after all Masses today. Each bell represents a needy individual you can support by purchasing a gift card from merchants in Newcastle and Bowmanville. The families supported by the Society truly appreciate your generosity and this will brighten their Christmas. Drop off of the bells with gift cards would be greatly appreciated no later than next weekend (Dec. 15/16).

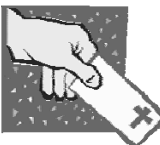
****Please include the receipt and bell with your gift card.****



Financial Information (Dec. 1/2)

Offertory \$ 2,298.15

Capital Fund 390.00



Thank you for your generosity.

From the Pastor's Desk

Advent Theme:

"Jesus Saviour Among Us"



Second Sunday of Advent

Second Week of Advent Events

Healing Mass

Friday, December 14, 1:00 pm



Penitential Service

Sunday, December 16, 7:00 pm

Advent "Jesus Saviour Among Us"

We continue our tradition of inviting parishioners to light the candles on our Advent wreath. Please sign up in the Gathering Room after Mass today.



Advent Resources

Once again we have resources for all ages available in the Gathering Room to guide us on our Advent journey. Donations will be gladly accepted to cover the cost of the material.



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24, 5pm & 8 pm

Tuesday, December 25, 10 am

Sunday, December 31, 5 pm

Monday, January 1, 10 am

If you are planning to celebrate the 5pm Liturgy please be here early since the Church and the Gathering Room tend to fill up early.



Sunday Funny



Taize Prayer Service

Tuesday, December 18, 7:00 pm

For several years now, during Advent and Lent, the Saturday Evening Choir has put on the unique form of Prayer Service based on the music of the brothers of Taize in France. While it is not specific to the season, it offers an hour of tranquility as a badly needed antidote to the pre-Christmas rush. The service is open to all, so come and join us at 7pm this Tuesday and bring friends, family and neighbours. Visit www.taize.fr/en to find out more on this ecumenical movement and its beautiful music.



Catholic Women's League Info

The Warmth and Comfort Project continues with the collection of socks, hats/tuques, mitts, gloves and scarves for women, men and children in homeless shelters. A large bin is available in the Gathering Room for the next few weeks for donations. Thank you in advance for all donations.



Children's Christmas Pageant

"The Real Story of Christmas"

School age children are invited to participate in the pageant on Monday, December 24, 5:00pm Mass. Most are non-speaking parts so it's very easy to participate! Please sign up in the Gathering Room.



Poinsettia In Memory of a Loved One

Once again we will be offering poinsettias for sale to adorn our altar for the Christmas season. Order forms are available in the Gathering Room. Please return in the envelope provided by **Sunday, December 10**. Completed forms with payment may be placed in the collection basket.



Helping the People of Uganda

Fr. Paul Massel and the Peterborough Medical Brigade will travel to Uganda in February to provide medical care to the poor. We at St. Francis Parish are hoping to make a contribution by donating vitamins to improve the health of the Ugandan people. For the weeks of Advent, boxes will be at the entrance to the church to collect vitamins. **NOTE:** Only MULTIPLE vitamins for adults or children and no gummy vitamins please as they cannot be divided up for distribution. Boxes will be collected Sunday, December 23.

