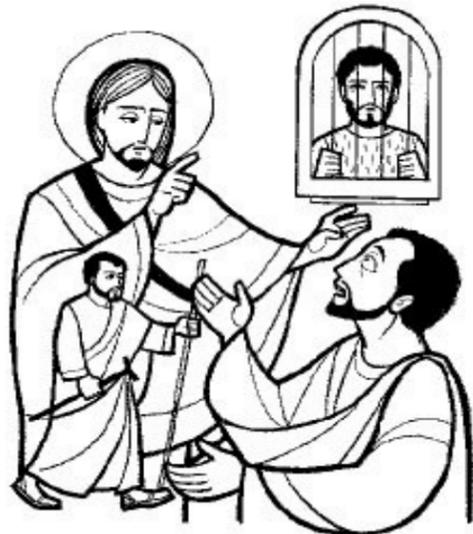


Third Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2016



When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." (Matthew 11:2-11)

Last Week's Collection
 Sunday Offering - \$ 1542.95
 'Host a Family..' \$ 80.00
 Building fund - \$ 379.00
 Christmas Decoration - \$ 322.00
Bless you for your continued generous support.

Upcoming Events
Host a Family Fund Raising Program:
 Christmas Concert & Talent Show
 Christmas Show - December 15th @ 6.30PM
 At Notre Dame College School Auditorium
 A time to chat and sing with the Syrian families! 50/50 and other prizes to win!
 Tickets on sale at the office or church
 Adults \$10 each or Family Pass \$15 (Parents and children under age 13)
Friends, please join and support that we may help two Syrian families.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY.
 This month's topic: 'Overcoming Loneliness' (December 12). Note there is no meeting December 26th. Meetings are 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. No registration required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, email separatedanddivorced@sainted.com

Mass Schedule & Intentions from December 10 to December 18, 2016

Saturday 5:00PM † Antonio Muzzi by Bruna Ioannoni & family
 Giuseppina Nero by Amore & family
 Pasquale Vaccaro by family
 Clara Lorelli
 by Rocco & Carmela Ranieri & family

3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00AM † Salvatore Ventresca
 by Filomena Ventresca
 Anna Maria & Antonino Giovinazzo by Children Tina, Nancy & Rosa Giovinazzo
 Michele & Annunziata Mammoliti by grandchildren Tina, Nancy & Rosa Giovinazzo
 Agostino & Milvia Mammoliti by nieces Tina, Nancy & Rosa Giovinazzo

11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 9:00AM † Ann DiMarco by Cherylann Vaccaro

Wednesday 9:00AM † Iolanda Tancredi by Franco & Franca Sdao

Thursday 9:00AM † Bruna Belcamino by husband

Friday 9:00AM † Antonietta Mazzei
 by Franco & Franca Sdao

Saturday 5:00PM † Frank & Maria Agostino by family
 Fernanda Curcio by Husband & family
 Giacomina Mancuso by Franco & Franca Sdao
 Rocco Longo by Ida Berardi

9:00AM † Salvatore Giovinazzo
 by Wife, children & grandchildren
 Carlo Nero by Wife Olga & family
 Domenico Locco by Wife Lea Locco & family
 Bruna Belcamino
 by Maria & Ivo Delloso & family

4th Sunday of Advent

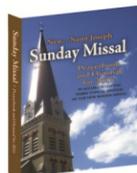
Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family'



11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones

2017 Sunday Missal

Donate a New Missal . Kindly buy and donate 2017 Missals in memory of a loved one. These Missals will be kept in the pew boxes at the church for the use of all. The cost of a Missal is \$5.00. There are envelopes with forms at the entrance of the church to place your order for the Missals. Thank you.



Envelopes for 2017

We are preparing envelope sets for 2017. Please inform the office of any changes to your address ASAP. If you are not using envelopes, please consider starting this year.

'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near'.

Advent Reconciliation On Dec.19th Monday at 6.30PM

There will be a priest who speaks Italian and Polish to help us with confessions!



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us

POPE FRANCIS - General Audience December 7, 2016



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today we begin a new series of catecheses dealing with Christian hope. In these times, when evil often seems to have the upper hand, hope comforts us with the assurance of Christ's lordship, his victory over sin, and his constant presence in our midst. In this Advent season, we hear once more the great message of consolation spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "Comfort, comfort my people". The prophet tells us that God promises to bring his people home from their exile in a foreign land and that he desires that a way be prepared for him through the desert. This summons to renewed faith and trust in God's saving power is also addressed to us. Saint John the Baptist, preaching in the desert of Judea, echoed these words as he prepared the way for the coming of Jesus. The Scriptures show us how Christ's birth was prepared for by men and women – like Mary, Joseph, Zechariah and Elizabeth – who never lost their trust in God's promises. May we imitate their hope, and await the coming of the Saviour, who turns the desert of our lives into a garden of delight.

Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide– Did You Know?

Now that euthanasia/assisted suicide is legal in Canada, doctors in Ontario are being forced to help arrange for the killing of their patients. If your family doctor or surgeon objects to providing a referral for assisted suicide/euthanasia, they could be fined, disciplined or even removed from their practice. Many may be forced to retire or move outside of the province if the provincial government does not recognize their freedom of conscience. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and write directly to your Member of Provincial Parliament.

Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education

Christmas is a joyous time of the year for most, but for families facing financial hardship, it can be anything but merry. Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education is a registered charity created to financially support students in a variety of ways, including ensuring that they have the tools they need to focus on their education. We are asking Niagara residents to please consider helping alleviate these concerns for our students in need and their families this Christmas. Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education, 427 Rice Road, Welland, ON, L3C 7C1 Further information: (905) 735-0247, ext.210. jim.marino@nfce.org www.nfce.org

Advent and Christmas

What other liturgical celebrations can occur during the Season of Advent?

Several "Feasts" and "Memorials" of saints can be celebrated on the weekends of Advent, but most of them are omitted if the usual date happens to fall on a Sunday in a particular year, since these celebrations are considered less important than the Sundays of Advent.

◦ Nov. 30 - Feast of St. Andrew, the Apostle - may occur just before or during the first week of Advent, depending on the year.

◦ Dec. 6 - St. Nicholas - although the day is only an "optional memorial" on the Roman liturgical calendar, this popular saint gave rise to the gift-giving tradition now associated with "Santa Claus"; in certain countries, Dec. 6 is still a day when parents give simple gifts (often fruit or nuts) to their children.

◦ Dec. 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - a "Holy Day of Obligation" in the United States; if Dec. 8 falls on a Sunday, this Solemnity is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9.

◦ Dec. 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - only ranked as a "Memorial" in much of the world, but considered an important "Feast" in the United States and many Latino countries.

◦ The "Memorials" of several other saints can be celebrated during Advent, but only if they fall on a weekday, not on Sunday: St. Francis Xavier (Dec. 3), St. Ambrose (Dec. 7), St. Lucy (Dec. 13), St. John of the Cross (Dec. 14), and a few other "optional memorials" (St. John of Damascus, St. Nicholas, St. Juan Diego, St. Damasus I, St. Peter Canisius, and St. John of Kanty)

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Dec 24, 2016 5:00PM Family Mass
 11:30PM Carol Singing 12:00AM Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Dec 25, 2016

9:00AM & 11:00AM Mass

Dec 31, 2016 Year-End Mass 5:00PM

Jan. 1, 2017 New Year's Mass 9:00 & 11:00 AM



THANK YOU
 for your support!

Christmas Concert



Thursday December 15, 2016–6:30PM

Notre Dame College.

Tickets at the church or office: \$10 for an adult
 \$15 for a family ticket (parents and children under 13)

