

The First Sunday of Advent—Sunday December 1st, 2013



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us

Mass Schedule & Intentions from Nov. 30—Dec. 8, 2013

Saturday	5:00PM	†	In honour of St. Anthony by Nancy Fazari Antonio Gallo by wife & family Frank Mazza by Carmelo & Maria Mazzei
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Gabriele & Filomena DiGaetano By Aladino & Maria Magazzeni Ernie LeBlanc by Debbie Leblanc Maria Agostino by CWL Domenic & Mary Sorrenti by daughter Carmela Colosimo
Monday	11:00AM	†	For the People of the Parish
	9:00AM	†	Lucia Rosati by Mr. & Mrs. Carmelo Presti
Tuesday	8:30AM	†	Nicolina DiCenso by Mr. & Mrs. Mancuso
Wednesday	9:00AM	†	Frank Mazza by Maria Fazzalari
Thursday	9:00AM	†	Raffaele Tummolo by Nancy & Angelo Fazari
Friday	9:00AM	†	Peter Camposarcone by Angie Caporicci
Saturday	5:00PM	†	Giuseppe Giovinazzo by Nancy Fazari & Son Angelo Frank Mazza by Tony and Maria Grazia Sdao Vince Fazzalari by Tony and Maria Grazia Sdao
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Tullio Cicerone by daughter Antonio Muzi by Bruna Ioannoni Maria Agostino by Clem & Janine Bilodeau
	11:00AM	†	For the People of the Parish



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May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only begotten Son and yearn for his coming again, sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and enrich you with his blessing.

Last Sunday's Collection - \$1804
Typhoon Relief - \$685
Bless you for your continued generous support.

From the General Audience of Pope Francis on Wednesday November 27, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our catechesis on the Creed, we now reflect on "the resurrection of the body". Christian faith illumines the mystery of death and brings the hope of the resurrection. Death challenges all of us: apart from belief in God and a vision of life as something greater than earthly existence, death appears as wholly tragic; we misunderstand it, fear and deny it. Yet human beings were made for something greater; we yearn for the infinite, the eternal. Christ's resurrection not only offers us the certainty of life beyond death, it also shows us the true meaning of death. We die as we live: if our lives were lived in loving union with God, we will be able to abandon ourselves serenely and confidently into his hands at the moment of our death. Our Lord frequently tells us to be watchful, knowing that our life in this world is a preparation for the life to come. If we remain close to him, especially through charity to the poor and solidarity with those in need, we need not fear death, but rather welcome it as the door to heaven and to the joy of eternal life.

Thank You

The St. Andrews Family Pasta Dinner Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parishioners and visitors who helped make this dinner a success once again. All proceeds are to aid in the maintenance and upkeep of our Church. Although there are too many volunteers to name on an individual basis for their unbounding time and energy, we would like to take this time to thank Joe and Sue Lauro for all their contributions to this wonderful event. We wish you all the best and hope that you come out and enjoy the wonderful meal that you have helped many times prepare, and you are always welcome back into the kitchen. We welcome current and new parishioners to volunteer with their time at our next pasta dinner.
God Bless, Fr. Paul and Ed Pittman.

Prayer Request

We ask that you kindly remember all those who are sick in your prayers this week, especially Eileen Bauer, mother of Cheryl Patrino.

PASSION & PURPOSE LIVE with renowned speaker and author, **MATTHEW KELLY**. On **SATURDAY, May 31st, 2014 9AM – 1:30PM** at St. Alfred's Church, St. Catharines. Tickets are available at our parish office.

Campaign Life Coalition - Fruit Cake Sale.

Fruit cakes will be available at the back of the church.

The twofold Coming of Christ by St. Cyril

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom.

In general, whatever relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future.

At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels.

We look then beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*. At the second we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*.

The Saviour will not come to be judged again, but to judge those by whom he was judged. At his own judgement he was silent; then he will address those who committed the outrages against him when they crucified him and will remind them: *You did these things, and I was silent*.

His first coming was to fulfil his plan of love, to teach men by gentle persuasion. This time, whether men like it or not, they will be subjects of his kingdom by necessity.

The prophet Malachi speaks of the two comings. *And the Lord whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple: that is one coming*.

Again he says of another coming: *Look, the Lord almighty will come, and who will endure the day of his entry, or who will stand in his sight? Because he comes like a refiner's fire, a fuller's herb, and he will sit refining and cleansing*.

These two comings are also referred to by Paul in writing to Titus: *The grace of God the Saviour has appeared to all men, instructing us to put aside impiety and worldly desires and live temperately, uprightly, and religiously in this present age, waiting for the joyful hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ*. Notice how he speaks of a first coming for which he gives thanks, and a second, the one we still await.

That is why the faith we profess has been handed on to you in these words: *He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end*.

Our Lord Jesus Christ will therefore come from heaven. He will come at the end of the world, in glory, at the last day. For there will be an end to this world, and the created world will be made new.

Upcoming Events

Year A begins this weekend and we start using the new Sunday Missal.

You may buy and donate Missals in memory of a loved one. Please use the envelopes at the entrance for donating missals.

CWL Christmas Dinner:

Dec. 9/13 at 6 pm. Casa Dante Lodge. Contact Maria Ricci 905-735-1344.

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Dec. 24th 5:00 p.m. Family Mass
Dec. 25th 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass
Christmas Day Masses: 9 AM and 11 AM
Dec. 31st 5:00 p.m. Year-end Mass
Jan. 1st: 10 AM New Year Mass

Please Remember St. Andrew's Parish in your Will

Catholic Marriage Tribunal

Christ the Lord calls upon the Church to be a community of healing and reconciliation. The legal procedures of the Church's Tribunals are based on the principle that our Faith Community cares about those who suffer from broken marriages. Anyone wishing to apply for a Declaration of Nullity or wishing to inquire about their own marriage situation is encouraged to contact the Marriage Tribunal.

905-687-8817 or tribunal@saintcd.com



Angelo Nobile passed away November 23, 2013 at the age of 77. A Funeral Mass was held in our parish on Wednesday November 27th. Our gratitude to the Nobile/Sdao Family for choosing St. Andrew's Parish for Memorial Donations. Our hearty condolence to the dear ones of Angelo and we pray that God may give eternal rest to Angelo.