First Sunday of Advent (Year A), December 1st, 2019

Mass Schedule & Intentions from November 30, 2019 to December 8, 2019

Saturday ***Feast Day of St. Andrew***	5:00PM	†Pauline Coutu by Alice Garon Rosario & John Maddalena by Wife & Fam. Elvira & Michele DiFelice by Angelina Camposarcone Nancy Pala by Maria Fazzalari
Sunday **1st Sunday of Advent**	9:00AM	†Rosetta & Panfilo DiPietro by Sister Annie Silvestri Vincenzo & Maria Nero by Olga Nero & Family Tony Gervasio by Lucia Portanova
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM	†Luigina Pace by Annie Silvestri
Wednesday	9:00AM	†Olivia Mancini by Mr. & Mrs. Mannella
Thursday	9:00AM	†Giuseppe & Vincenza by Yoli & Children
Friday	9:00AM	†Luigina Pace by Joe Belcamino
Saturday	5:00PM	†Nick Kraneyk by Tony & Lorraine Resch Nicolina Nero by Amore Nero Franco Berardi by Franca Sdao & Family Ferdinando & Maria Corona by Antonio & Maria Sdao
Sunday ***2nd Sunday of Advent***	9:00AM	†Tullio Cicerone by daughter & Family Antonio Muzi by daughter Bruna & Fam. Bruna Belcamino by husband Joe & Family Nicolina Nero by Olga Nero & Family
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones

But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.
Matthew 24:37-44

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection	$ 1895.10
Renovations	$ 1035.00
Deo Gratias	$ 20.00
Christmas Flowers	$ 150.00

Thank you for your continued support

Upcoming Events - 2019

See Christmas / New Year's Mass Schedule

Please join and support our Parish Ministries.

Tri-council CWL Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 5, 2019 at Casa Dante Hall, 34 Lincoln Street West, Menu: Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Time: 6:00 p.m. Cost: $25.00 per person CASH BAR, DOOR PRIZES

For tickets, please call Mary Ricci at 905-735-1344 no later than Dec. 1st.

Family Luncheon Thank you!

Thank you to all the families who brought soups and goodies for the Lunch.
And thank you to all who helped with setting, serving and cleaning. We are also grateful to those who came down to the hall for the lunch.

Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve:
Tuesday Dec. 24th Family Mass 5PM
Midnight Mass Dec. 25 - 12AM
(preceded by Carol singing from 11.30pm)

Christmas Day:
Wednesday Dec. 25th **Masses at 9 & 11 AM**

Year-End Mass of Thanksgiving:
Tuesday Dec.31st, **- 5pm**

New Year Mass:
Wednesday Jan. 1st 2020 **- 10AM**

Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

December 9th 2019

We honor the glorious and miraculous Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother, an act of God's most profound mercy.
The "Immaculate Conception" means that when God created the Blessed Virgin Mary, He created her without sin.
This was done through what we call a prevenient grace.
This grace given her is an act of God's perfect and gratuitous mercy. She did not earn it or merit it; rather, God in His goodness chose to create her without original sin so as to have a suitable instrument by which the Son could come into the world. Mary, for her part, embraced this gift and chose to remain sinless throughout her life by a continual act of her free will. https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2018/12/07/immaculate-conception-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary/

Advent

Week 1

Hope

Hope in Jesus comes from more than just a belief that He was once a baby in a manger. This hope in Him has been called "an anchor for the soul." Putting your hope in Jesus will give you these four things.

HOPE FOR HELP
We are invited to come to Him and confidently ask for help.

HOPE TO OVERCOME
Things that leave one feeling powerless and hopeless come in many forms. With Christ's strength you can overcome great obstacles, and faith in Jesus gives hope and help to overcome.

HOPE FOR POWER
Sometimes in life we find ourselves with a task that simply looks too big for us. We do not just need a cup of God's strength added to our own; rather, we need His strength in us to do what we need to do. He will give it!

HOPE FOR ETERNITY
When we put our faith and hope in Jesus, it not only gives us help, strength, and power for where we walk today, but it also gives us hope for life after death. It is a confident expectation of the ultimate "tomorrow."

Full Article Here: https://thelife.com/advent-week-1-the-candle-of-hope

Envelopes for 2020

We are preparing envelopes for the new year. If you are new to the parish or would like to have recorded donations please contact the office. Kindly also notify, if you have changed your address, phone number... 2020

Busy Moms Advent Retreat

All busy Catholic moms are invited to retreat into the quiet and beauty of Advent and refuel your vocation to motherhood and witness to the feminine genius. This morning retreat is being held **Saturday, December 7th** at St. Thomas Aquinas Church hall, 316 Queenston Street in St. Catharines. Doors open at 8:00 am; a continental breakfast will lead into the program that ends at noon. Tickets are $10. Register by calling 905-684-0154 or emailing familyandyouth@saintcd.com. Visit the Diocesan website, www.saintcd.com, for more information.