

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent—Sunday December 22nd, 2013



**Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us**

## Mass Schedule & Intentions from Dec. 21 —Dec.29, 2013

Saturday	5:00PM	†	Pasquale Vaccaro by wife & family Peter Guglielmi by wife, daughter, grandchildren & family Luigi & Giuseppina Sorbara by Nancy Fazari Gary Garland
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Salvatore Ventresca by wife Filomena Ernie LeBlanc by Debbie LeBlanc Vincenzo Fazzalari by Fazzalari family Gary Garland by Jon & Sarah Hardt
Monday	11:00AM	†	Angelo Nobile by family
	9:00AM	†	Nicolina DiCenso by Terzo and Stella Pace
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	5:00PM	†	For all children and families
Midnight	12:00AM		For all the living and deceased Members of our Parish Community
<b>Christmas Day</b>	9:00AM	†	For all the living and deceased Members of our Parish Community
	11:00AM		For all the the living and deceased Members of our families No Mass
Thursday			
Friday	9:00AM	†	Nimal by Indri Swampillai
Saturday	5:00PM	†	Antonio Gallo by wife and family Rose Pisano by Cosma Galonte Domenico Mammarella by wife Liliana and family Vincenzo Fazzalari by Carmelo & Maria Mazzei
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Pat Bruzzese by Carmela Colosimo Margaret Scodellaro by Nancy Giovinazzo Angelo Nobile by Yoli Pellegrino Beni Inneo by wife Nardina & family
	11:00AM	†	For the people of our parish



All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the Prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the Angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.  
Matthew 1.18-24

**Last Sunday's Collection - \$ 1168.00**  
Bless you for your continued generous support.

### Upcoming Events

**New Year's Mass Schedule**  
Dec. 31st at 5 p.m. Year End Mass  
January 1st at 10 a.m. New Year Mass  
**The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**



**Bernadette Tessier**, a long time parishioner and a member of our St. Andrew Church choir, passed away on December 17, 2013 at the age of 85. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in our church on December 20, 2013. Our condolences to Bernadette's family. May she find peace in the loving embrace of Christ.



**Mary Groulx**, a long time parishioner, passed away on December 17, 2013 at the age of 80. A Memorial Mass will be scheduled in the new year for Mary. Many thanks to the family for choosing our parish to receive Memorial Donations. We offer prayers for Mary and her family. May she find peace in everlasting life with Christ.



**From the General Audience of Pope Francis December 18, 2013**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:  
In these last days of Advent we prepare ourselves spiritually to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Christmas is a feast of joyful hope, for God has become one with us in the person of his Son, true God and true man. He showed his love for us by becoming part of our world, with all its conflicts, its suffering and its poverty. Jesus is truly Emmanuel: God among us. This is the great "gift" which he brings: a divine love which heals and transforms our hearts, overcoming all uncertainty and pessimism. Our joyful contemplation of the mystery of Christmas should make us realize that, as God has become one of us, we too are called to become like God: humble, close to others, especially the poor, and ever attentive to their needs. This Christmas, let us ask Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, to help us see in our neighbour the face of Jesus, God made man. May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing the joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women.

The 4 Advent wreath Candles represent the following. And the 5th Candle in the middle represents the new born Baby, Jesus.



### Bishop Gerard Bergie



Wish all the faithful of the diocese

*A Blessed Christmas and*

*A Faith-filled New Year*

May God bless you and keep you

## Christmas 2013



### "Truth has sprung out of the earth" (Ps 85:12)

Today these prophetic words have been fulfilled! In Jesus, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary, kindness and truth do indeed meet; justice and peace have kissed; truth has sprung out of the earth and justice has looked down from heaven. Saint Augustine explains with admirable brevity: "What is truth? The Son of God. What is the earth? The flesh. Ask whence Christ has been born, and you will see that truth has sprung out of the earth ... truth has been born of the Virgin Mary" (En. in Ps. 84:13). And in a Christmas sermon he says that "in this yearly feast we celebrate that day when the prophecy was fulfilled: 'truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven'. The Truth, which is in the bosom of the Father has sprung out of the earth, to be in the womb of a mother too. The Truth which rules the whole world has sprung out of the earth, to be held in the arms of a woman ... The Truth which heaven cannot contain has sprung out of the earth, to be laid in a manger. For whose benefit did so lofty a God become so lowly? Certainly not for his own, but for our great benefit, if we believe" (Sermones, 185, 1).

"If we believe". Here we see the power of faith! God has done everything; he has done the impossible: he was made flesh. His all-powerful love has accomplished something which surpasses all human understanding: the Infinite has become a child, has entered the human family. And yet, this same God cannot enter my heart unless I open the door to him. Porta fidei! - The door of faith! We could be frightened by this, our inverse omnipotence. This human ability to be closed to God can make us fearful. But see the reality which chases away this gloomy thought, the hope that conquers fear: truth has sprung up! God is born! "The earth has yielded its fruits" (Ps 67:7). Yes, there is a good earth, a healthy earth, an earth freed of all selfishness and all lack of openness. In this world there is a good soil which God has prepared, that he might come to dwell among us. A dwelling place for his presence in the world. This good earth exists, and today too, from this earth truth has sprung up! Consequently, there is hope in the world, a hope in which we can trust, even at the most difficult times and in the most difficult situations. Truth has sprung up, bringing kindness, justice and peace.

From a message of Pope Benedict XVI