

# First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2016



Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 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**  
 Sunday Offering - \$ 1446 .05  
 'Host a Family..' \$ 45.00  
 Building fund - \$ 26.00  
 Deo Gratias - \$ 10.00; Haiti—\$ 65.00  
*Bless you for your continued generous support.*

**Upcoming Events**  
 Inscription Ceremony for Confirmation students Sunday, Nov. 27th at 11AM  
Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:  
 Christmas Concert— December 15th  
*Friends, please think about joining in any of the above activities that we may support two refugee families.*

Catholic Trivia will return in the new

**Catholic Trivia**  
 Question of the Week  
**year.** From the Book of 2 Maccabees Chapter 1-5 Once Maccabeus got his men organized, the Gentiles could not withstand him, for the Lord's wrath had now changed to \_\_\_\_.  
 ANSWER: B. Mercy

**St. Andrew the Apostle**  
 His feast day is November 30. Andrew's name occurs only twelve times in the New Testament. Four of these twelve occurrences are found in the lists of Apostles: Mark 3.18; Matthew 10.2;

## Mass Schedule & Intentions from November 26 to December 4, 2016

**Saturday** 5:00PM † Fred Leon by Betty Leon & family  
 Carmela Maddalena by Daughter & family  
 Vincenzo, Antonietta, Antonio Umerto & Angelo Nobile by Maria Nobile & family  
 Aldo Ferrusi by Wife Maria Ferrusi

**1st Sunday of Advent** 9:00AM † Domenic Locco  
 by Wife Lea Locco & family  
 Alberto & Giuseppina Lucci by Family  
 Giorgia Giovinazzo by Patricia Presti  
 Ann DiMarco by Theresa & Brent Severin

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

**Monday** No Mass  
**Tuesday** 9.00AM † Bernard Murray by Linda Matchett

**Wednesday** 9:00AM † Vincent Fazzalari  
 by Georgy & Phyllis Albasc  
**Feast of St. Andrew**  
**Adoration at 6.30pm**

**Thursday** 9:00AM † Maria Agostino by Mr. & Mrs. John DiMarco

**Friday** 9:00AM † Aladino Magazzeni  
 by Tony & Mirella Ottaviano

**Saturday** 5:00PM † Domenico Mammarella  
 by wife Liliana & family  
**Feast of St. Francis**  
 Giuseppina Lucci by Teresa DiGioia  
 Giacomo Mancuso by Frank Marotta  
**Xavier** Bruna Belcamino by Sonay & Gerri Borello

**2nd Sunday of Advent** 9:00AM † Tullio Cicerone by Daughter & family  
 Pierino Ioannoni  
 by Wife Bruna Ioannoni & family  
 Enzo Zinatelli by Wife Loreta Zinatelli  
 Frank & Rosina DeChellis by family

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Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family'



Luke 6.14; Acts 1.13.  
 According to the Gospel of St. Mark, Jesus called Andrew and his brother Peter to "become fishers of men" (Mark 1.16-18)  
 The name Andrew is derived from the Greek Andreia (courage). In iconography, the most distinctive mark in the drawings is his X-shaped cross, a feature not attested to prior to the seventh century.



**Children's Annual Nativity Pageant.**  
 Sisters of the Sacred Heart Kindergarten Children's Annual Nativity Pageant. Everyone is welcome to come and experience the meaning of Christmas as we open our hearts to Christ's coming. Date and Venue Saturday December 10, 6:30 pm, Sacred Heart Convent, 1 Edward St. Welland



## Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us

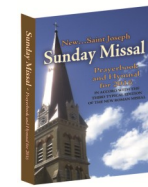
**POPE FRANCIS - General Audience**  
**November 23, 2016**  
 Dear Brothers and Sisters: Among the spiritual works of mercy, we now consider those of counselling the doubtful and instructing the ignorant. These two works are related and both can be practised daily in our families and communities. The Church's mission of evangelization has always been accompanied by teaching and the founding of schools, since education promotes the dignity of the person and provides for the full development of his or her God-given gifts. Illiteracy and lack of access to education are in fact a form of poverty and injustice. Education develops our ability to think critically about ourselves and the world around us. By raising questions it also helps us to find satisfying answers. It is a true work of mercy to counsel those troubled by doubts about the meaning of life or shaken in their faith. Let us be grateful to all who devote themselves to this work through catechesis and religious education. All of us are called to support one another by our witness of living faith and generous concern, for these are eloquent signs of the love of God which gives meaning and direction to our lives.

### Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide— Did You Know?

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/ euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object to helping to kill their patients see a direct referral as being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. 8 other provinces in Canada have adopted protocols to protect doctors and institutions. Visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more and to write directly to the Ontario government.

### 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.

## Advent and Christmas

### When and how long is Advent?

- For most Christians, the Advent Season always begins four Sundays before Christmas; so it is rarely four full weeks long, but only between three and four weeks, depending on what weekday Dec. 25 happens to be in a certain year.
- The First Sunday of Advent, which also marks the beginning of the new liturgical year for the Church, could be as early as Nov. 27 or as late as Dec. 3.
- The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called "Gaudete Sunday" (from Latin, meaning "Rejoice!"), because the "Entrance Antiphon" of this Sunday's Mass is taken from Paul's letter to the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." (Phil 4:4+5b)
- The Fourth Sunday of Advent could be as early as Dec.18, a full week before Christmas (as in 2005 and 2011), or as late as Dec. 24, making it the same day as "Christmas Eve" (as in 2006 or 2017).
- Advent technically ends of the afternoon of Dec. 24, since that evening, Christmas Eve, begins the Christmas Season.
- Most Eastern Orthodox and other Eastern Christian Churches have a "Nativity Fast" (now often called "Advent Fast"), which usually lasts forty days before Christmas; it may begin on Nov. 15 (for those Churches that celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25), or in late November (for those Churches that celebrate Christmas on Jan. 7 or 8)

### What are the traditional colors of Advent?

- In the Catholic Church (Roman Rite) , the official liturgical color for most of the Season of Advent is violet. Only on the Third Sunday of Advent is a rose (pink) colored candle lit, as a symbol of joy; the priest may also wear rose vestments on this Sunday.
- Many Anglicans and some Protestant Churches use blue instead of violet throughout Advent, al though they may also use rose/pink on the Third Sunday.
- Other church decorations (altar cloths, banners, etc.) will often have combinations of violet, pink, and blue throughout the season. Liturgically-minded churches will avoid greens and reds (the secular Christmas colors), and will wait until the Christmas season to use decorations with white, silver, and gold colors. **To be continued..**

### 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** 9:00 & 11:00 AM New Year's Day Mass