

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat., Dec. 11 Eve of the Third Sunday of Advent

5:30 PM For all parishioners.

Sun., Dec 12 Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM For Joe, Rita and Michael Duffus from the Family.

5:00 PM For all souls in purgatory from John Miceli.

Mon., Dec.13 St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

8:00 AM **Mass at St. John the Baptist**
+ Sarah Marrocco from the Hurley's.

Tue., Dec. 14 St. John of the Cross, Priest

8:00 AM For the living and deceased Richardson and Craft families from the Devereaux family.

Wed., Dec.15 Weekday Ferial

8:00 AM **Mass at St. John the Baptist**
For Erman Mazzarolo from the Hurley's.

Thu., Dec. 16 Weekday Ferial

8:00 AM For the living and deceased Brown and Gutierrez families from the Devereaux family.

Fri., Dec. 17 Weekday Ferial

8:00 AM + Ernestina Medina.

Sat., Dec. 18 Eve of The Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:30 PM For all parishioners.

Sun., Dec 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM + Paulina and Mark Abbott from Hendrik and Donna Jongsma.
5:00 PM +Albert Miceli from John Miceli.

Weekly Collections for December 5, 2021

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| Offertory | 1,294.5 |
| Fuel and Maintenance | 120.00 |
| Mass offerings | 820.00 |
| Votive candles | 324.00 |
| Poinsettias | 65.00 |

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As we approach Christmas it is always nostalgic to recall the various traditions we had in our families when we were a child growing up. Traditions you may want to carry on with your own children or even grandchildren.

I remember a couple fond memories we had in our family. One of them was the emphasis my mother had with the nativity scene. Usually, every 8th of December (that is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) we would take out our

nativity scene and set it up as a family in the dining room. And although it was not the most elaborate nativity scene, I remember setting it up with my two brothers and parents (our family activity – everyone placed a piece). But we would never put in the baby Jesus just yet, as this always built in us anticipation that something was still missing...the center piece of the Nativity, that someone is still coming...the center piece of the world.

Then on Christmas eve, after having attended Holy Mass as a family and before anxiously opening our gifts, one of us siblings (whosever turn it was that year) would take the baby Jesus, kiss Him and place it in the Nativity set. I remember thinking to myself as a child (as enthusiastic as I was for the gifts), 'If we are doing this before opening gifts this is certainly important.' Beautiful traditions like this one, as little as it may seem makes the celebration of Christmas that much more special. It builds fond and prayer-filled memories for the rest of our lives. I encourage you to hold on to your Christmas traditions and/or set new ones in your family. So that we may keep Christ as the center of this joyful celebration.

Prayer for the third week of Advent (light the Rose Candle):

O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

Together in prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

Advent Confessions

- Dec 11 St. John 1-3:45 PM and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the church
- Dec 17 Sacred Heart 3-6:30 PM
- Father is also available by appointment

Friday Adoration at Sacred Heart of Jesus

Every Friday there is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart in reparation for the offences made to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from 1:30 to 6:30PM and confessions from 5:00-6:30PM.

In support of the Sacred Heart Memorial Wish Tree

You are cordially invited to

A Candlelight Memorial Mass

Saturday, December 18, 2021

5:00pm at

Sacred Heart Church

Celebrant: Bishop Daniel Miehm

COVID-19 restrictions will apply

Please wear a mask

If you have any questions please contact Ed Genge

at 705 292 6665 or genge@sympatico.ca



Blessings of Baby Jesus

Fr. Alex will be blessing Images of Baby Jesus next Saturday and Sunday Masses. Don't forget to bring yours.



Christmas Masses

December 24th • St. John 4:00 PM
• Sacred Heart 5:30 PM
December 25th • Sacred Heart 9:00 AM
• St. John 10:30 AM
(Latin) • Sacred Heart 11:30 AM

*Please note on Dec. 25 there are no evening Masses.

New Year Masses

December 31st • St. John 4:00 PM
• Sacred Heart 5:30 PM
January 1st • Sacred Heart 9:00 AM
• St. John 10:30 AM

*Please note on Jan. 1st there are no evening Masses.

Triduum to Our Lady of Guadalupe:

•“I chose this place and made it holy, in order that my name might be honored, and my eyes and heart might remain there forever” (2 Chr. 7:16).

•“Who is this that comes forth like the dawn, as beautiful as the moon, as resplendent as the sun..?” (Sg. 6:10)

•Hail Mary...

•Mary speaks: “I am the Mother of fair love,...and of knowledge, and of holy hope...My memory is unto everlasting generations” Eccl. 24:24, 28, Douay.

•Say your petitions

Prayer: O God, You have been pleased to bestow upon us unceasing favors by having placed us under the special protection of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. Grant us, your humble servants, who rejoice in honoring her today upon earth, the happiness of seeing her face to face in heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL Luke 3.10-18 of Sunday December 12

The crowds, who were gathering to be baptized by John, asked him, “What should we do?” In reply John said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.”

Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, John proclaimed the good news to the people.