



Pastor:  
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**MASSES**

Seating is on a first come first serve basis.

**Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday - Friday 12:05 noon  
 Saturday 10:00 am

**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
 Sunday 9:00 am  
 11:30 am  
 7:30 pm

**Holy Hour:**

Friday 11:00 am

**Confessions:**

Saturdays 4:30 - 4:55 pm  
 Sundays 8:30 - 8:55 am &  
 11 - 11:25 am

**Baptism:**

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9:30 am to 4:00 pm closed for lunch from 11:30-12:30 pm

For parishioners to get mass intentions and other items.

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Parish Secretary	Sandy D'Alessandro
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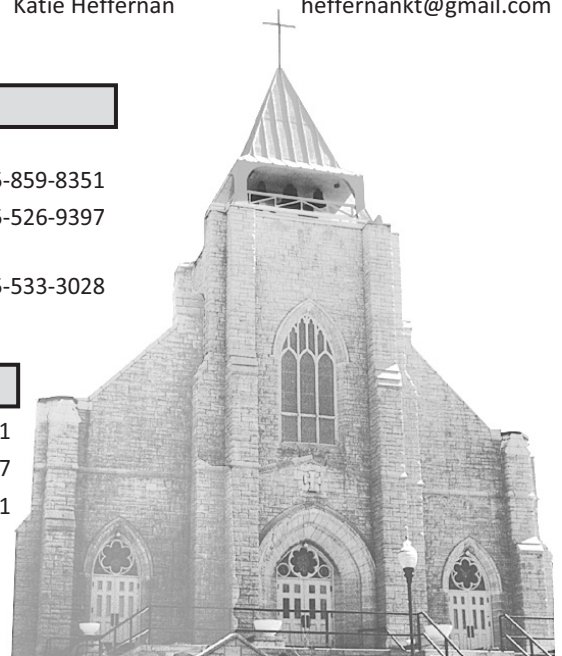
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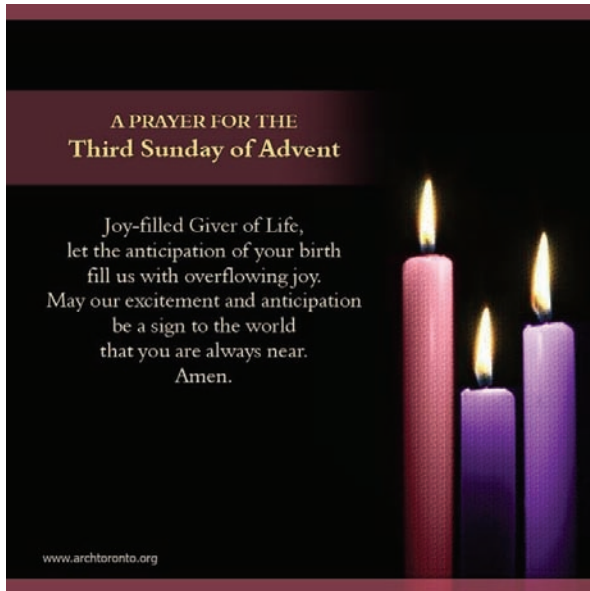
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## Mass Intentions

### Third Week of Advent

#### **Tuesday December 14 St. John of the Cross**

12:05 noon + Brenda McCusker  
Requested by Charles & Dolores Maguire

#### **Wednesday December 15**

12:05 noon + William McCallum  
Requested by the family

#### **Thursday December 16**

12:05 noon Intentions of Bob & Corinne Green  
In thanksgiving for blessings received

#### **Friday December 17**

11am – Holy Hour  
12:05 noon + Ken Proulx  
Requested by Sue, Dean, Keith and families

#### **Saturday December 18**

10am + Anthony Baggio & Philip Gallen  
Requested by Bernadette Baggio



#### **Vigil Mass – Saturday December 18**

5pm + Margaret Lavigne  
Requested by Bill Lavigne

#### **Sunday December 19**

9am + Frank Lajner  
Requested by Mary Ann, John & families  
11:30 am missa pro populo  
7:30 pm + Richard Arczewski  
Requested by Mom & Dad (Ed & Helen)

### Prayer Requests:

Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Stephen Roach; Elizabeth; Bernie Gemmill; Jenny; Georgette Taylor; Mel Boudreau; Peter Pattenaude; Bob Kokron; Florence Carson; Barb Mc; Brenda Bylow; Shirley Dower; Gina Grech; Gerard Turner; Liz Gaudet

#### Prayers for recently deceased:

Mrs. Anna Jajesniak; Garry Prusky;



#### The Pope's Prayer Intention for December: Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### 2022 Offertory Envelopes

Are available for pick-up at the office during the week  
Tuesday – Friday 9:30 – 2pm

### 2021 – 2022 Sunday Missals

Available at the side entrance to the church for \$6 each



Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Margaret conference would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who responded to the Christmas funding appeal and to all who contribute on a regular basis.

This generosity allows us to provide a little extra for Christmas – food vouchers for fresh fruit/vegetables and gift certificates for families with children.

This generosity allows us operate a well stocked food pantry two morning a week.

This generosity also allows us to assist with accommodation for emergency shelter, utility expenses, medication etc.

If you are aware of someone's direct and essential needs not being met because of their low income, or emergency situation, they can be referred to us. Please call our St. Vincent de Paul phone line and leave a message and we will return your call. 705-526-7585. It is important to note that each funding request is dealt with individually and on a non-discriminatory basis.

Our programs are run solely with volunteers.

We are extremely grateful for all you have done and continue to do during these extraordinary and critical times. Again, we thank you and God Bless.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

Seating for masses during the Christmas Season  
is on a first come first serve basis

### Nativity of Our Lord

#### **Christmas Eve – Friday December 24**

Note: There will be No 12:05 noon Mass today

5 pm                      8 pm                      11 pm

#### **Christmas Day - Saturday December 25**

9 am                      11:30 am                      No 5 pm mass

### Feast of the Holy Family

#### **Sunday December 26**

9 am                      11:30 am                      NO evening Mass

### Weekday Masses December 27 - December 30

Monday -No Mass; Tuesday thru Thursday, 12:05 Mass

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

#### **Vigil Mass: Friday December 31**

Note: No Holy Hour and No 12:05 noon Mass today

5 pm

#### **Saturday January 1**

Note: No 10am and No 5pm Mass today

11:30 am

### Epiphany of the Lord

#### **Sunday January 2**

9 am                      11:30 am                      No evening Mass

### Weekday Masses - January 3 - 7

Monday, No Mass; Tues. – Thurs. 12:05 Mass;

Fri. Holy Hour 11am & 12:05 Mass; Sat. 10am Mass

### Baptism of the Lord

#### **Vigil Mass - Saturday January 8**

5 pm

#### **Sunday January 9**

9 am                      11:30 am                      7:30 pm



## Reflection for this week

The philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche is credited for coining the phrase 'Death of God'. He is also believed to have said, 'If you Christians should only come out of church smiling, I just might become a Christian myself'.

Today is Gaudete Sunday, a day of rejoicing. In the anxiety-laden season of Advent, the Third Sunday appears pleasantly unique. The Responsorial Psalm summons us to *shout aloud and sing for joy; great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel*. In the Second Reading, St. Paul exhorts us: *rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice*.

How do we regard the importance of happiness in our lives? Well, it is essential enough that people spend their hard-earned money to travel, to build houses, organize parties or gatherings and own some possessions all in search of satisfaction and happiness.

There are many things that can make a person happy. Yet there are also many things that can make a person unhappy. Oftentimes, it is what we have or see or hear that makes us unhappy. It is not always that we become unhappy because of what we do not have. In several instances, it is our inability to achieve balance between having and not having that makes us unhappy.

The Spanish artist, Pablo Picasso, once made an assertion, saying that 'the meaning of life is finding your gift and the purpose of life is to give it away.' Perhaps happiness (just maybe) is when the finding leads to giving, and the meaning to purpose.

Once upon a time, a group of youngsters competed in a race to the peak of a steep, rocky mountain. Some people in the crowd commented that the path was way too difficult and nobody will make it to the top. And so, it happened that some competitors started to collapse, and others got injured and quit. Eventually, all but one gave up. When asked how he managed to finish the race and reach the top of the mountain, the lad remained quiet, for he did not hear the question. He was deaf!

Lacking something could mean having blessed with what is more important. Not having many things could open doors for us to appreciate the true worth of who we are and what we are capable of. It comes as no wonder that 'the poor in spirit' are the ones that are blessed by the Father.

As we enter into the third week of Advent, let us always be grateful to God both for what he has given us and what he has not given us. Let us simply be happy with Him. After all, Jesus is God the Father's supreme gift to us!

Fr. Roselle



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