



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 30 NOVEMBER 2025

**“...As the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man...
Therefore, you also must be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour”**

Announced Mass intentions

- Sat., Nov. 29 4:40PM Rosary - Church
5:00PM Mass: Holy Cross Parishioners
- Sun., Nov. 30 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:00AM Mass: +Cam Johnson
10:00AM **FAMILY MASS**
+Rity Charles
Souls in Purgatory
- Wed., Dec. 03 12:15PM Mass: +Gerta Patry
- Thurs., Dec. 04 12:15PM Mass: +Chang Kam Sue
+Dionne Family
- Fri., Dec. 05 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon
12:15PM Mass: +Céline & +Jacques
Ch telain
- Sat., Dec. 06 5:00PM Mass: +Madelyn Scanlan
- Sun., Dec. 07 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:00AM Mass: Holy Cross Parishioners
10:00AM Mass: +Catherine Maheral
+Fesseha Fre & +Zafu Kuflu
+Thelma Lagera

Events Calendar ...

- Sat., Nov. 29 10:00AM Hospitality meeting – Hall
4:40PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Nov. 30 10:00AM NO Children’s Liturgy
10:00AM **ENROLMENT WELCOMING**
CEREMONY FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
11:00AM Baptisms – Church
11:00AM **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**
LUNCH – parish hall
ADVENT FOOD DRIVE – after all Masses
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION – after all Masses
- Tues., Dec. 02 11:00AM Advent Liturgy for Holy Cross
School
- Wed., Dec. 03 1:00PM Faith Study – Rm. A
6:30PM Choir Practice – Church
7:00PM K of C Executive meeting
- Thurs., Dec. 04 7:00PM **ADVENT REFLECTION**
‘Advent Waiting with Mary’ by Fr. Mark Augustine– Church
- Fri., Dec. 05 1:00PM Faith Study
- Sat., Dec. 06 10:00AM Hospitality – Hall
4:40PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Dec. 07 10:00AM Children’s Liturgy
COFFEE SUNDAY after all morning Masses

PENITENTIAL SERVICES AT OTHER PARISHES: St. Bernard Parish--held on **Wednesday, December 10 at 3 pm.** / Resurrection of our Lord Parish--held on **Thursday, December 11 from 8:30 am until 9:30 am & 6 pm until 7 pm** / Immaculate Heart of Mary’s Parish--held on **Thursday, December 11 at 7 pm.**

†OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS:



For the departed soul of
+Thelma Lagera
(sister of Merlinda)

May her soul rest in peace.

Words from the Pastor . . .

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.

Peace is our prayer for ourselves, our families and our world. Isaiah calls us to a change of heart and a commitment to a new way of living. We pray with Isaiah today, asking God to fashion our hearts to the prophet’s words, so that we can put down whatever swords and spears we are carrying. What “swords and spears” do I carry into my daily life? How can I refashion my words and actions to bring about the peace Isaiah envisions in my world?

ADVENT PRAYER BY HENRI NOUWEN

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, “Come Lord Jesus!” Amen.

For **POPE LEO AND HIS PASTORAL VISIT** to Lebanon and Turkey, uniting the nations in the hope of the Gospel and collaborating for peace.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: All are welcome to our **‘ADVENT WAITING WITH MARY’** reflection this coming **Thursday, December 04 at 7 pm** (in the Church) with Fr. Mark Augustine (Archdiocese of Chicago).

GIVING TUESDAY—DECEMBER 02 is the world’s largest generosity movement. It’s a day set aside to give back to our Communities! Please consider making your gift to our Parish on this day.

PRAYERFUL WISHES to Brian and Marie Watkinson on their **60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.**

Our **CHOIR DIRECTOR, ANNE HURLEY IS RETIRING.** A farewell reception is planned for January 2026. Details to follow.

For **THE PROTECTION OF ALL** during cold and Flu season, please stay home if you are not well.

PLEASE REMEMBER to book all events in the Parish with the Office well in advance of the date!

VOLUNTEERS are needed during the day to deliver donations to the Carmelite Sisters in Almonte. If you would be able to help, please call the Parish Office at 613-731-7834.

If there is sufficient interest and a priest is available, I may schedule an 8 am Mass on December 25.

SUNDAY MISSALS (\$10) and **CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS CALENDARS (\$6)** are available for purchase at the parish office. Please call first to ensure the office is open.

"We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love we must know each other. We know him in the breaking of bread, and we are not alone any more. Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too, even with a crust, where there is companionship." — Servant of God Dorothy Day

NO SCENT IS GOOD SCENT! Please refrain from using perfumes as it causes allergy reactions for some. **NO food, beverages or chewing gum** is allowed in the Church. Please remember to put your **cell phones** on **MUTE**. This is a time to listen to God's voice.

APRIL 2026 CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE (DEADLINE IS JANUARY 08, 2026) to Dublin, Ireland, including Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Belfast, Northern Ireland, Edinburgh, Scotland as well as visiting St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin, for Mass, Titanic Museum Belfast, Early Christian site, Iona Island Abbey, St. Columba's Shrine, St Oran's Chapel, Scotland with Spiritual Leader Monsignor Joseph Muldoon. Scheduled Masses in Shrines, Private Tour bus, ferry, local guides. Limited numbers: minimum 26. To register contact Dennis Kam at JBCTravel.ca or 613- 569-3888.

Parish News and Community Life...

FAITHFUL DEPARTED in the last Twelve months whose Funerals were Celebrated at Holy Cross

HRYCHUK, Heather	MAKORI, Zebedio
DE BELEN, Adoracion	DALY, Christina
BABEY, Millie	SCANLAN, Madelyn
FLANNERY-CASTONGUAY, Mary	MCWILLIAM, David
SYLVESTER, Evelyn	FLUET, Len
LATURNUS, Edwina	UMPHREY, Colleen
CHATELAINE, Shirley	ACRES, George

CHILDREN'S CHOIR for the 4 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass: Children in Grades 2-6 who love to sing and are willing to make a commitment to rehearsing songs at home are invited to be part of this choir on December 24. To sign up, see Miriam after the 10 a.m. Mass or send an email to the parish office.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Special envelopes placed in the pews for donations towards our **Christmas flowers**.

ANNUAL SHORTBREAD SUNDAY: The Hospitality Committee will be having their **ANNUAL SHORTBREAD SUNDAY** on December 07 after the morning Masses. There will be shortbread available for purchase. For the Saturday Mass we will be selling shortbread in the Narthex.

The Knights of Columbus, Vincent Taillon Assembly and other local K of C are holding a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14 at 6 pm at the Hylands Golf Club (2101 Alert Rd). Tickets: \$65/each and will be sold after all Masses until December 06/07. Contacts: Lorne: lorne.keogh@gmail.com, Peter: gk10617@ontariokofc.ca, Ray: rayflansberry@bell.net.

Social Justice . . .

THANK YOU for your donations to our **ADVENT FOOD DRIVE**. If you forgot about this weekend's Food Drive, your donations will still be collected before all Sunday Masses next weekend.

ELIMU (www.elimu.ca) is raising \$6,000 towards school holiday activities in Kenya including a pre-school play group, Robotics for kids and a tech "hackathon" for youth. Nina Chung asks that you remember Elimu in your Christmas giving. Donations can be made at www.elimu.ca or direct to Nina at Shortbread Sunday where she will be selling Kenyan crafts. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for raising funds for Elimu at their Pancake Breakfast.

COLLECTION REPORT

23 November 2025 – \$3,430.00 (env) / \$615.35 (loose)

~ **THANK YOU for your generosity and support** ~

YOUR SUNDAY DONATIONS: Our Parish is operated only by your donations! By bringing your offertory envelopes or making your pre-authorized offertory gift (PAP), you are providing crucial support to care for your parish. May God bless you!!

YEAR-END DONATIONS: If you would like to make a year-end donation to the parish, or to top off your annual contribution and have it included in your 2025 tax receipt, please make sure it is received by the parish office before December 31, 2025. Any donations received after this date will be counted for 2026 (no exceptions).

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Mass (Children's Choir)
7:00 p.m. Mass (Anne Hurley's Choir)

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Mass (Heather Rice's Choir)

New Year's Eve – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Wednesday, December 31

5:00 p.m. Mass (Heather Rice's Choir)

New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Thursday, January 01

10:00 a.m. Mass (Anne Hurley's Choir)

Christmas and New Years (Solemnity of Mary) are Holy Days of Obligation.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS: The **OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** from **Wednesday, December 24** until **Friday, January 02**. The office will be open on Monday, January 05.

