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## Second Sunday Of Advent December 10, 2023

**Pastor:**  
Father Hamish Currie

**Parochial Vicar**  
(Associate Pastor):  
Father Jeff Shannon

**Parish Office:**  
Monday-Friday  
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
Office Admin Jennifer

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm  
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am  
& 11:00am

### Weekday Masses : Morning Mass:

Tues to Fri at 9am

**Sacrament of Penance :**  
Saturday : 4:15pm-4:45pm

**Baptism :**  
Usually on the **3rd Sunday** of the month. Please make arrangements **one month in advance** by contacting the Parish office.

**Marriage :**  
Please make marriage arrangements **6 months in advance** by contacting the Parish office.

**Papal Blessing :**  
Please **allow at least 6 months** for Papal Blessing to arrive after the request has been made.

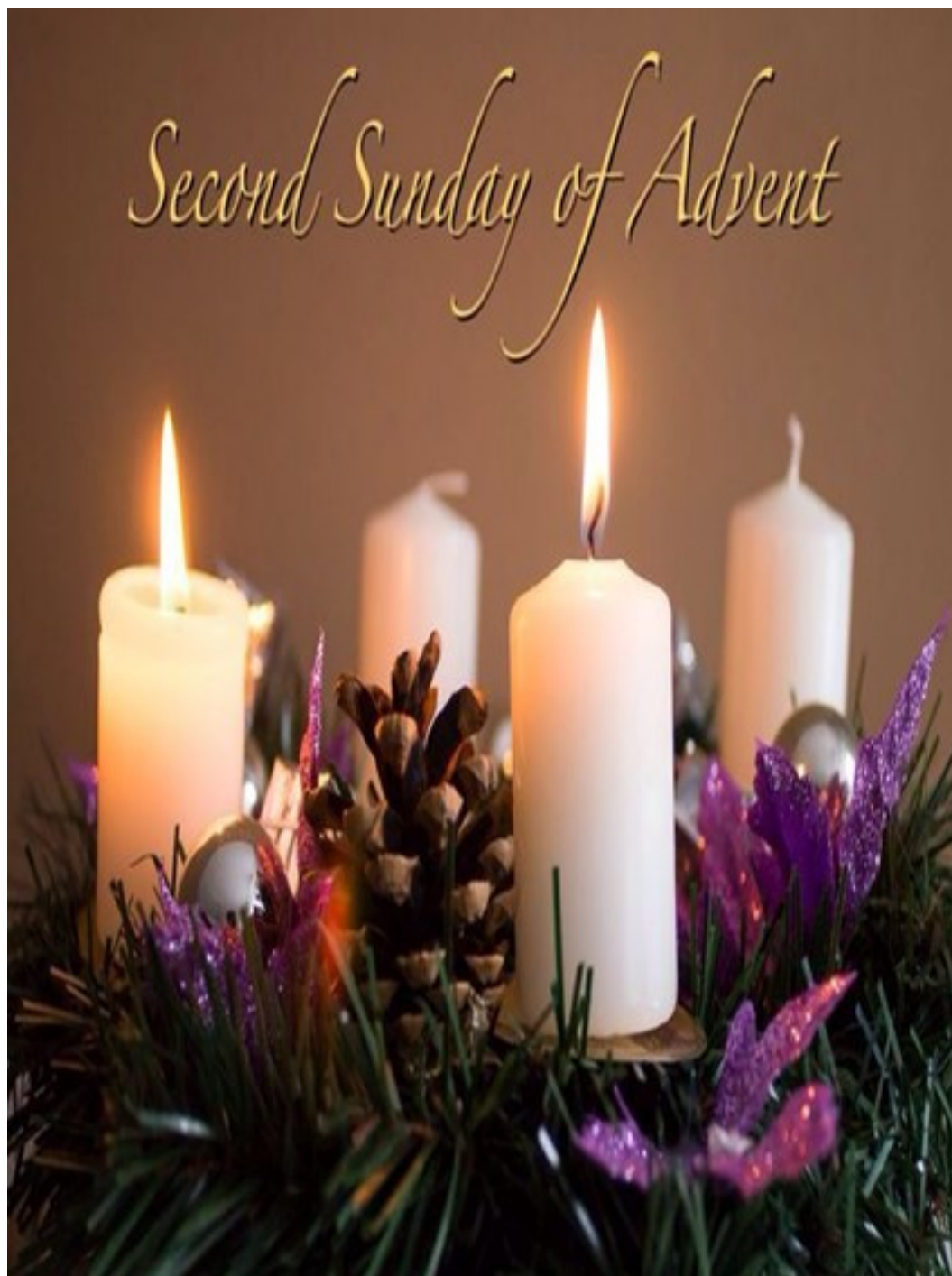
**Knights of Columbus :**  
Ernie Console

**CWL President :**  
Maureen Gooderham  
705-945-0852

**Liturgical Music / Choir :**  
Bruce Douville  
[bruce.douville@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.douville@gmail.com)

**Bulletin Announcements :**  
Email yours to  
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Before 11:00 AM Wednesday

**Prayer Line :**  
Corona McNally  
705-575-6975



**Saturday December 9, 2023 @ 5pm**

† Margaret Ramsay by Karen and Kevin McAndrew

**Sunday December 10, 2023 @9am**

† Meryn & Jeannie Devon by Family

**Tuesday December 12 2023 @ 9am**

† Tom McGuire by Louise McGuire

**Wednesday December 13, 2023 @ 9am**

Members of the Catholic School Chaplains of Ontario CSCO by  
CSCO Executive

**Thursday December 14, 2023 @ 9am**

Intentions of Members of the Struik Family by Family

**Friday December 15, 2023 @ 9am**

† Giuseppe Bruno by Marie, Tony Bruno & Family

**Saturday December 16, 2023 @ 5pm**

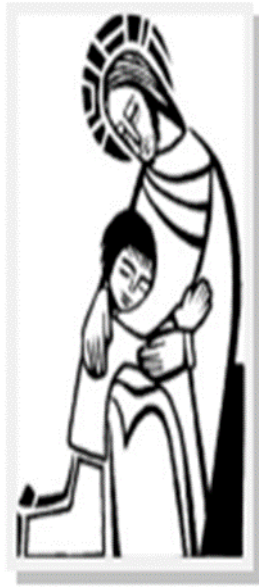
† Vince Runco and Maria Trunzo by Maria

**Sunday December 17, 2023 @9am**

† Albert & Helen Raymond by Rod & Paula Smith

# **ALL DAY CONFESSION DECEMBER 14, 2023**

## **SCHEDULE FOR PRIEST**



Fr Jeff / Fr Michael	9:30am - 11:00am
Fr. Trevor/ Fr. Hamish	11:00am - 12:00pm
Fr Ron / Fr Peter	12:00pm - 2:00pm
Fr Robert / Fr. Boguslaw	2:00pm - 4:00pm
Fr. Alex / Fr. Eric	4:00pm - 6:00pm

### **Shawl Ministry**

If you know of someone who is in hospital or at home or at the Hospice that is in need of comfort from a shawl.

Contact Corona at **705-575-6975.**

### **Prayer Line**

**Anyone wishing to have prayers for a special intention, or someone who is ill, having surgery, for the deceased, or any other intention may contact Corona at 705.575.6975**



### **The Journey Continues!!**

This year's draw will be 50/50

### **Draw Date**

Saturday December 30, 2023, at start of 5PM Mass

Tickets are \$5 each, with 2,000 tickets printed.

### **We need your help!!**

The Journey Lottery 50/50 draw returns, and we need your help to sell all 2,000 tickets. Tickets are once again \$5 each with the draw taking place on Saturday December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the start of the 5 PM mass. Volunteers will be distributing books to parishioners to take and sell before and after mass at the Gathering Place (Church Hall) entrance the weekend of November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

We ask that Parishioners return all books that they take to sell no later than masses on the weekend of December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**On behalf of the Journey Lottery committee, we thank-you in advance for all your help.**

**Thank-you to all that participated in the take a book – sell a book for this years Journey 50/50 lottery. Your assistance to the success of the lottery is greatly appreciated!! Just a reminder that ticket books are due back in before or after masses on the December 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> weekend. If you are unable to bring in then, please bring them to the**

**Parish Office 830-12pm, or contact Terry Bos via**

**email [bost@saultairport.com](mailto:bost@saultairport.com)  
or Karen McAndrew at 705-542-1030.**



## **4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 23rd**

5pm

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 24th**

9am & 11am

## **MASSTIMES**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

4PM, 5:30PM, 7PM & 10PM

**MONDAY DECEMBER 25th**

10AM



## CWL News!

### **Day of Confessions - Thursday Dec. 14th**

Thank you to all volunteers helping. Sign up lists are posted the CWL bulletin boards. Baking can be dropped off in St. Anne's room between 8:30 to 10:30 am on Dec. 14th. Contact Marlene if you have any questions. (705-779-3947)

### **Membership Drive for 2024** The membership fee is now \$35.

You can also pay for your membership **anytime** by placing your name, phone number, and email on the outside of an envelope if you do not have a church envelope.

**New members are welcome!** More information about the league can be found on the National CWL site: [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) or by contacting Denise (705-949-1442)

### **Christmas Dinner - December 6th**

Members enjoyed an afternoon of food, singing, and laughter at Sandro's. Thank you to Father Hamish and Father Jeff for all of your support during the year. As well thank you to our secretary, Jennifer and custodian, Kevin who do so many things to make our tasks easier.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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December 16th & December 17th, 2023	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
<p><b>Saturday, December 16th</b></p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b><u>St Anne's Entrance</u></b></p> <p>Femina Felix</p> <p><b><u>Queen Street Entrance</u></b></p> <p>Joanne Young</p>	<p><b><u>St Anne's Entrance</u></b></p> <p>Linda Clement</p> <p><b><u>Queen Street Entrance</u></b></p> <p>Ivan McCaig</p>
<p><b>Sunday, December 17th</b></p> <p><b>9am</b></p>	<p><b><u>St. Anne's Entrance</u></b></p> <p>Sandra Suurna</p> <p><b><u>Queen Street Entrance</u></b></p> <p>Michelle McIntyre</p>	<p><b><u>St. Anne's Entrance</u></b></p> <p>Susan Colizza</p> <p><b><u>Queen Street Entrance</u></b></p> <p>Ayda Valderrama</p>
<p><b>11am</b></p>	<p><b><u>St. Anne's Entrance</u></b></p> <p>Joanne Dumanski</p> <p><b><u>Queen Street Entrance</u></b></p> <p>Richard Breton</p>	<p><b><u>St. Anne's Entrance</u></b></p> <p>Rosanne Breton</p> <p><b><u>Queen Street Entrance</u></b></p> <p>Tony Pino</p>
<p><b>Saturday December 16th</b></p> <p><b>5pm</b></p>	<p><b><u>Lectors</u></b></p> <p><b><u>December 16th</u></b></p> <p>Dale De Piero</p>	<p><b><u>Eucharistic Minister</u></b></p> <p><b><u>December 16th</u></b></p> <p>Linda Simonini</p>
<p><b>Sunday December 17th</b></p> <p><b>9am</b></p>	<p><b><u>Lectors</u></b></p> <p><b><u>December 17th</u></b></p> <p>Terry Bos</p>	<p><b><u>Eucharistic Minister</u></b></p> <p><b><u>December 17th</u></b></p> <p>Paula Smith</p>
<p><b>11am</b></p>	<p>Vincent Greco</p>	<p>John Bruno</p>

**Weekday Scripture Readings:  
December 11th–December 16th, 2023**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Isaiah 35.1-10	Luke 5.17-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Zechariah 2.10-13	Luke 1.39-47
<b>Wednesday</b>	Isaiah 40.25-31	Matthew 11.28-30
<b>Thursday</b>	Isaiah 41.13-20	Matthew 11.11-15
<b>Friday</b>	Isaiah 48.17-19	Matthew 11.16-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Sirach 48.1-4,9-11	Matthew 17.10-13

**Sunday Collections  
December 2nd & 3rd 2023**

**Weekend \$3154.00**

**On Line weekly donations in  
December**

**\$1320.00**

**Thank you for your continued  
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## Second Week of Advent

In the **Second Sunday of Advent** we hear Isaiah write of a voice that cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" These lines from the prophet are repeated in the **Mark's Gospel** as we are introduced to John the Baptist who prepares the way for Jesus. John says, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

We focus on the first readings from the Prophet **Isaiah** this week. With the Babylonian Captivity, the temple was destroyed, the leaders of the people were taken away to Babylon and a remnant was left behind. A life-threatening desert separated the people. In this context, Isaiah proclaims God's vindication of the people in exile. The desert will be reborn. A highway will bring their liberation. And the signs will be that there is healing and peace. "Comfort, give comfort to my people," says the Lord. The valleys will be filled in the mountains leveled - every obstacle will be overcome - to build a highway for our God to come and save us. The people can hardly believe the good news. They are weak and weary of their captivity. Isaiah proclaims, "They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings." The people have been at a distance from the Lord for some time and were not obeying the commandments. The Lord says, "I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'" God promises them that if they follow his teachings, "Your descendants would be like the sand... their name never cut off or blotted out from my presence." The final first reading this week is a piece from the book of **Sirach** in which the prophet Elijah is praised. Elijah, who was destined to come again to restore order before the day of the Lord, is seen in the reading from **Matthew's Gospel** to be John the Baptist.

**The Third Sunday of Advent** offers us more of the promise. The words used by the prophet **Isaiah** to describe God's vindication are the ones Jesus points to as describing his own mission: "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God."

## Coffee Sundays

**The first Sunday of each month—join us after mass for coffee in the Gathering Place.**

**Coffee Hour: December 3, 2023**

## Daily Prayer This Week

Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives begins with getting in touch with our own desires. Advent is a wonderful time to ask myself, "What am I looking for? What do I desire? What longing can I recognize in my heart?" The answers to those questions will be our best guide for daily prayer. The readings this week offer some ways to talk with the Lord about our desires.

We can begin by trying to get in touch with a part of my heart that is divided, perhaps with a desert separating the two parts. For example, is there a disconnect between my primary commitments and the amount of time and attention that I give to them? Is there a distance between who I say I am, and who I actually am? Do I experience something missing between what I believe and how I live those beliefs? We all have these contradictions and inconsistencies within us. These are the places into which we can let our Advent desiring grow. This week, we can imagine the prophet saying, "there will be a path between what is separate or divided or at a distance in your life!" "What is desert, barren, dry, life-less in you will come to life!" "You will find freedom and comfort, where you have been finding yourself in a captivity to pattern and routine, where you have felt weak and weary." "Learn from the Lord and learn real wisdom."

When one or more of these desires really strikes a chord in our hearts, Advent begins for us. Each morning this week, we can turn to our God, when we first wake up, while in the shower or getting dressed, and simply ask: "Come, Lord. Come into this place, into this embarrassing place of need in my life." We may be able to be specific and ask, "Please, Lord, come and be with me and bring life and hope into my morning as I face this meeting." As we go to work or do laundry or go shopping, or head home from work, we might ask even more specifically for the grace to love - to take the liberating journey across the desert and let the Lord bring us home to a place of comfort, healing and peace.

Advent is about our coming to a felt sense of our need for a Savior and letting our Savior into our hearts to save us. Advent comes alive for us as we identify our desires and let them be expressed as longing and expectant hope. Into this space our Lord comes with good news, healing and a peace the world can't give. As we taste our desires and longing grow, we can give thanks each evening before we go to bed, to acknowledge we are being given a great grace of a growing intimacy with our God, right in the mist of our very busy days.



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**National Day of Prayer  
in Solidarity with Indigenous People  
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
- Patron Saint of the Americas -**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023**

**Garden River Immaculate  
Heart of Mary Church,**

1082 ON-17B, Garden River, ON P6A 6Z3

**10am Mass, followed by  
Rosary and Luncheon**

*All are welcome*



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