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Third Sunday Of Advent December 17, 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 :
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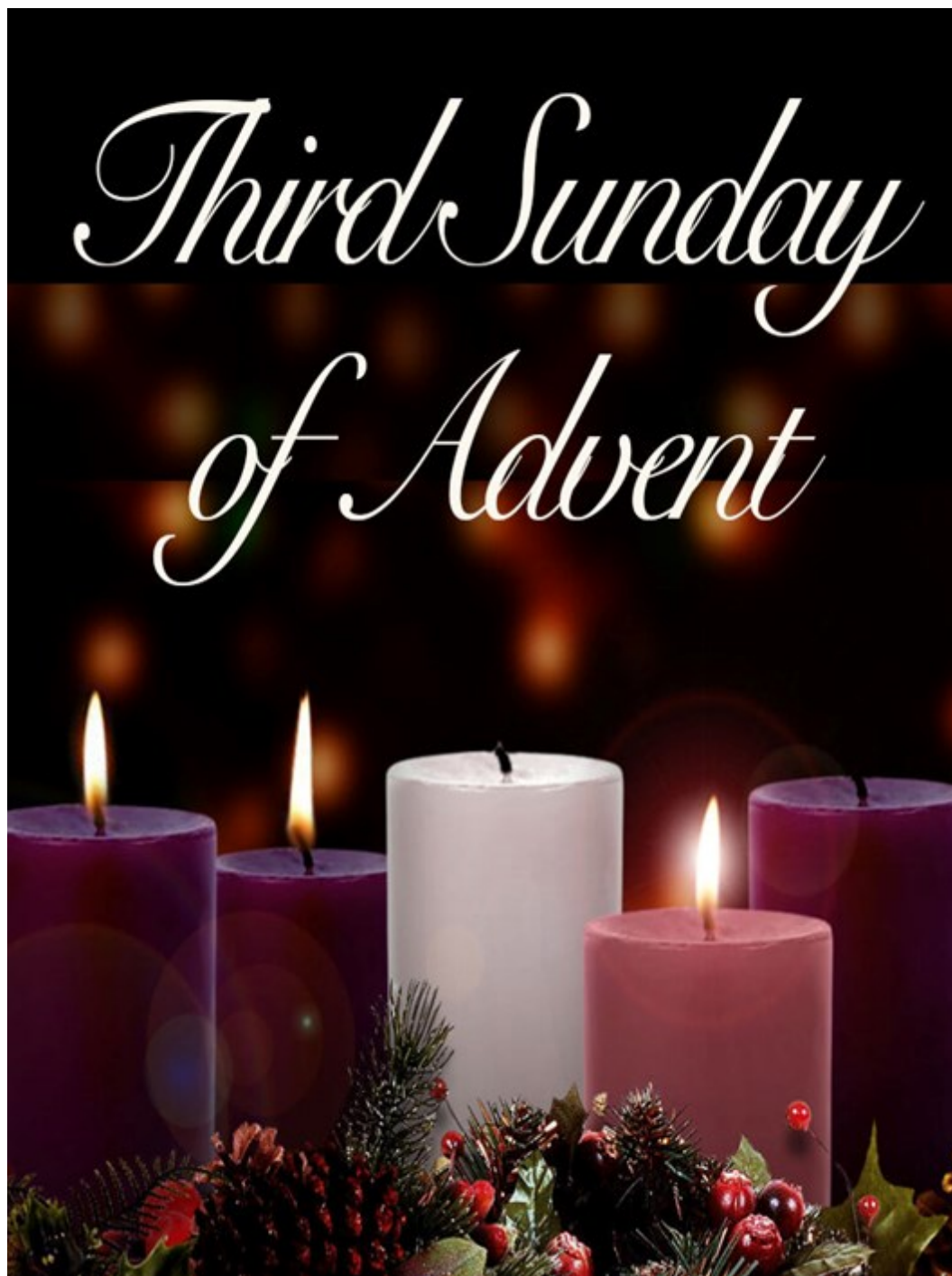
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Liturgical Music / Choir :
Bruce Douville
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Bulletin Announcements :
Email yours to
pbcathedral@outlook.com
Before 11:00 AM Wednesday

Prayer Line :
Corona McNally
705-575-6975



Saturday December 16, 2023 @ 5pm

† Vince Runco and Maria Trunzo by Maria

Sunday December 17, 2023 @9am

† Albert & Helen Raymond by Rod & Paula Smith

Tuesday December 19, 2023 @ 9am

† Larry Young by Jean Lajambe

Wednesday December 20, 2023 @ 9am

† Armando Pulente by Joe Ruscio & Family

Thursday December 21, 2023 @ 9am

† Jerry Theriault by Evelyn & Family

Friday December 22, 2023 @ 9am

† Iris Vandetti by Paul & Nadine Condon

Saturday December 23, 2023 @ 5pm

† Eugenio & Maria Bruni by Lena Pino

Sunday December 24, 2023 @9am

† Antonio Rizzo by Rose Rizzo & Family



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sunday December 24, 2023 @ 4pm

† Carmine & Ermelinda Melchionna by Marie, Tony Bruno & Family

Sunday December 24, 2023 @ 530pm

† Giuseppe and Ida Bruno by Maria & Tony Bruno

Sunday December 24, 2023 @ 7pm

† Rosaria Esposito by Esposito Family

Sunday December 24, 2023 @ 10pm

† Gary & Patricia Vena by Jennifer Vena & Family

Monday December 25, 2023 @ 10am

† Alfonse Nanni by Marion Nanni

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.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION



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

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

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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**

**16th/17th 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

or Karen McAndrew at 705-542-1030.

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**

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY DECEMBER 23rd

5pm

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24th

9am & 11am

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH

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

MONDAY DECEMBER 25TH

10AM

HOLY FAMILY MASSES

SATURDAY DECEMBER 30TH

5pm

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31ST

9am & 11am

MARY MOTHER OF GOD NEW YEARS MASSES

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31ST

5PM

MONDAY JANUARY 1ST

10AM



CWL News!

Day of Confessions - Thursday Dec. 14th

Thank you to all members who volunteered their time to make coffee, tea, and donated baking.

CWL Meetings - No General meeting in January 2024.

Next General Meeting - Tuesday **Feb. 6th, 1 pm.**

Executive meeting - Tuesday **Jan. 30th, 1 pm.**

Membership Drive for 2024

The membership **fee of \$35** can be placed in the CWL envelop or a blank envelop with your name, phone number, and email on it. Memberships can be dropped off at the church or in the basket anytime.

New members are welcome! More information about the league can be found on the

National CWL site: www.cwl.ca or by contacting

Denise (705-949-1442).

Christmas Donation

CWL donated twenty \$10 Tim Horton's cards for **St. Vincent Place**. Thank you to Dale Nelson and

Bev Dunn who will be putting together Christmas stockings and placing the cards and other items in the

stockings for the residents this year.

*Wishing All of you a **Merry Christmas** and Happy New Year!*

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Holiday Schedule 2023

Celebration	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Usher-Greeter			
4TH Sunday Advent, Saturday Dec 23						
5:00PM	Marlene Zuccato	Ivan McCaig	Joanne Young	Femina Felix	Sam Biasucci	Anna Biasucci
CHRISTMAS Eve, Sunday Dec 24						
9:00 AM	Andrea Greco	Paula Smith	Sandra Suurna	Femina Felix		
11:00 AM	Susan Colizza	Michael Currier	Richard Breton	Rosanne Breton		
4:00 PM	Marie Bruno	John Bruno	Sandra Suurna	Jim St. Jules	Sue St. Jules	Linda Clement
5:30 PM	Ann Marie Dupuis	Robert Dugas	Joanne Young			
7:00 PM	Ivan McCaig	Ivan McCaig				
10:00 PM	Alison Vance		Sam Biasucci	Anna Biasucci		
CHRISTMAS DAY, Monday Dec 25						
10:00 AM	Vincent Greco	Michael Currier	Terry Lou Legros	Rosanne Breton	Richard Breton	
BOXING DAY, Tuesday Dec 26						
9:00 AM	Evelyn Theriault					
NEW YEARS EVE, Sunday Dec 31						
9:00 AM	Terry Bos	Paula Smith	Sandra Suurna	Rose McCormick		
11:00 AM	Sonja Masotti	Linda Simonini	Richard Breton	Rosanne Breton		
5:00 PM	Ivan McCaig	Robert Dugas	Linda Clement			
NEW YEARS DAY, Monday Jan 1						
10:00 AM	Joanne Dumanski	Bambi Alexander	Sam Biasucci	Anna Biasucci	Terry Lou Legros	Richard Breton

**Weekday Scripture Readings:
December 18th–December 23rd, 2023**

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Jeremiah 23.5-8	Matthew 1.18-24
Tuesday	Judges 13.2-7,24-25a	Luke 1.5-25
Wednesday	Isaiah 7.10-14;8.10d	Luke 1.26-38
Thursday	Zephaniah 3.14-18a	Luke 1.39-45
Friday	1 Samuel 1.24-28	Matthew 1.46-56
Saturday	Malachi 3.1-4;4.5-6	Luke 1.26-38

Sunday Collections
December 9th & 10th 2023
Weekend 3290.00
On Line weekly donations in
December
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Third Week of Advent

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 broken-hearted, 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."

We continue to focus on the first readings in this first part of Advent. From the Book of Numbers, we have the proclamation that "a star shall advance from Jacob..." Zephaniah is the prophet of impending doom, if the people don't abandon their idolatry. But this week we read about consoling healing, "on that day," when the Lord comes. Isaiah's message is full of promise: "Turn to me and be safe ... for I am God; there is no other!" God promises us, "with great tenderness I will take you back," and "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

On Sunday, we reach the **December 17th** and in these last eight days of Advent the focus returns to the gospels with stories from Jesus' family in the time before he was born. In Matthew's genealogy, we see the ancestors of Jesus.

On the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**, we read **Luke's Gospel** of the Annunciation, the moment when a troubled Mary is told she has found favor with God and she will conceive and bear a son. She questions: "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" Then declaring herself the handmaiden of the Lord, she accepts: "May it be done to me according to your word."

Coffee Sundays

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

Coffee Hour: January 7, 2024

Daily Prayer This Week

This third week of Advent, begins with *Gaudete* (rejoice!) Sunday. Our daily prayer continues to allow us to become much more concrete about naming our desires and preparing the way for the Lord. We begin this week with joy, knowing that our celebration of all the ways our Lord comes to us is getting nearer.

In these familiar readings is an invitation to us to ask again for help, perhaps especially in dealing with our fears. On Tuesday we hear God's message to us Isaiah: "Fear not. You shall not be put to shame." Fear can stop us from asking God for the very help we need in our lives.

In the midst of what our culture tells us should be a picture-perfect holiday season, we can step back and get in touch with our fears and ask God to help us deal with the relationships we are afraid of, the family tensions that make us apprehensive and the stress that can take us out of the spirit of Advent reflection. If we pause for just a minute, we can feel in our hearts that Jesus is saying gently to us each day: "Do not be afraid."

These very busy days can still be a time for us to focus our desires, perhaps each morning at the side of our bed, while in the shower or while going about our daily errands. We can ask God to remind us again that what we are doing in our daily lives is touched by the sacred because God is present in even the most mundane tasks.

"Lord, let me place my trust in you. I get so independent and think I need to fix everything myself. Let me remember not to be afraid of so much and to ask you for the healing that my heart needs so badly. Give me the patience this week to deal with the relationships in my life that need mending and the forgiveness that I can give others and that I need so badly myself. Be with me through the darkness so that I can see the light that you bring to us and the joy with which you want to fill our hearts."

We are moving toward the end of our Advent journey. Even if we don't feel like we have "started" on Advent yet, we can begin today. We are being invited: "Do not be afraid!"



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