



December 5, 2021 —
Second Sunday of Advent



Pastor:

Rev. Alex Saurianthadathil

Administrative Assistant:

Richard Liskauskas

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday 10:00 a.m. to
Noon;

12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
Friday 10:00 a.m. to Noon

PARISH OF
ST. JEROME

Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: : 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: : 9:00 a.m.
: 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Wednesday : 9:15 a.m.
Thursday : 9:15 a.m.
Friday : 9:15 a.m.

Weekday Mass at St. Gerard Majella, 211 Pentagon Blvd.

Monday: 9:15 a.m. , Tuesday: 9:15 a.m.

Parish Covenant & Mission

Covenant: As a hope-filled, Christ-centered people, the community of St. Jerome Parish will strive to make Christ visible as we reach out to love, serve and support all God's people.

Mission: In love and service St. Jerome Parish will seek to meet its covenant commitment through life giving liturgy, religious education, outreach and community building.



Saints of the Week

Tuesday Dec. 7th - St. Ambrose

Wednesday Dec. 8th -

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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New to the Parish? Welcome! Make sure to introduce yourself to our pastor and parish staff and fill out an online Parish Registration Form.

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated after a preparation program is completed. Fill out online form to register.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact the parish priest at least six months in advance of the intended date of marriage.

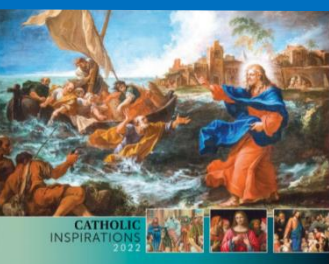
Sacrament of the Sick: Please contact the parish office to make an arrangement.

Vocations to the Priesthood/Religious Life: Please speak to the Pastor or visit: www.beapriest.ca or www.csjssm.ca

Parish Prayer Line: Please call Marian Helpers prayer line at 1-800-462-7426. Press 2 to add your intentions.

24/7 On-Call Priest: Please notify the chaplain, nurse or nursing home coordinator to contact the priest on-call.

Communion to Shut-Ins: Please notify the parish office.



Please pick-up a 2022 calendar if you haven't received one yet. One per family please.

Four Simple Ways to support the Parish:

- 1) Through traditional Sunday Offering Envelopes
- 2) Pre-Authorized Debit Plan
- 3) Online on our web-site
- 4) E-transfer to stjerome@diocesessm.org (please include name and address in comment box).

Call the Parish Office for more information.

Mass Intentions

Dec 4 to Dec 10, 2021

† denotes a Mass for a deceased person

♥ denotes a Mass for a living person

Saturday, Dec 4, 4:00 p.m. in Church:

- † Eileen Hebert by St. Jerome CWL
- † Georgina Danesi by John Danesi
- † Eda & Guido Verdone by Art & Silvia Gouge

Sunday, Dec 5, 9:00 a.m. in Church:

- † Esther Dodd by Andrea Helferty
- † Imelda Parisotto by Ernesta & Jim Pighin
- † Marty Dumanski by Mary Anne Amadio & Norm Dugas

Sunday, Dec 5, 11:00 a.m. in Church:

- ♥ Intentions of All People in the Parish

Wednesday, Dec 8, 9:15 a.m. in Church:

- † Nicole Fischer by Kirn, Scott, Kaitlin, Darren & Carson

Thursday, Dec 9, 9:15 a.m. in Church:

- † Deceased members of Ciaschini Family by Jackie Tomchak

Friday, Dec 10, 9:15 a.m. in Church:

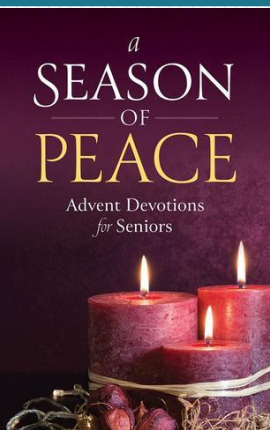
- † Raymond Keating by Frances Keating

Sunday Collection: November 28th, 2021

Sunday donations	\$3722.50
Building Fund	\$260.00
On-line giving	\$1700.00
Other	\$216.50
Total income	\$5899.00



Thank you for your generosity!



A Season of Peace: Advent Devotions

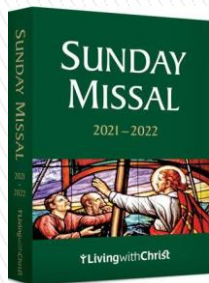
now available for free of charge.



This year our GIVING TREE will be collecting donations for the following agencies **Women in Crisis, St. Vincent Place** or **Pauline's Place**. Donations next weekend (**December 11/12**) are being collected for:

St. Vincent Place.

You can make your cheque payable to **St. Vincent Place**. The cheques may be dropped off in the collection box at the church or at the parish office in a plain white envelope marked Giving Tree. Thank you.



Living in Christ Sunday Missals for 2021/2022 now available in the Parish Office or by the Collection box. Please place suggested donation of \$5.00 in the Collection box



Baptisms

Please register your child online on our website at www.stjeromeparishssm.com under the sacrament tab and baptism. Baptisms are being performed individually and not during the regular weekend masses. If you have any questions, please email us at stjerome@diocesessm.org.

1st Reconciliation

Are you still thinking of registering your grade 2 or 3 child for the on-line First Reconciliation preparation course? Registrations are still being accepted. For more information, please call the office (705) 949-1072 as soon as possible.



Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Bar 5:1–9

Phil 1:4–6, 8–11

Lk 3:1–6

*Jerusalem, take off your robe
of mourning and misery;
put on forever the splendor
of glory from God.*

BARUCH 5:1



EUGENY ALAMANENKO / SHUTTERSTOCK

And the Word Was Made Flesh

Many of us grew up thinking that this life doesn't amount to much. It's full of pitfalls and enticements that threaten our eternal salvation. Such disdain often boils over into contempt for the world. According to this thinking, it is only the next life that is important, which will unfold in a much better place. Today's readings challenge such extreme thinking. They assure us that the glory of God is partially revealed to us even within this life. They astound us by insisting that God speaks to us through life's events—events that often appear to be quite mundane.

Baruch tells of Jerusalem, the city loved passionately by every Israelite. This was a city like so many other cities. However, God dwelt there and wherever God dwells is, for that reason, a holy city—be it Jerusalem, Munich, or Detroit. God dwells in our midst, right here, right now. Hence, this imperfect life and this damaged world are holy.

The Gospel situates John the Baptist in the middle of the ancient Near Eastern world. It was a Roman world controlled by Caesar and a Jewish province ruled over by Herod. John stated that it was to that place at that time that the Promised One would come, and it was up to John to “prepare the way of the Lord” (Isaiah 40:3; Luke 3:4).

Most importantly, we must never forget that God took on the troubles and sins of this world and entered our life, making it his life. This is the real reason that this world is holy.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ *Incarnation means that Jesus is made of the stuff of this world, just as we are. Think about this.*
- ✧ *Nothing is too common that it can't be holy. What does that mean?*

Dear Padre,

My sister says that singing the *O Antiphons* are her favorite part of Advent. What are they?

An antiphon is a brief refrain, usually from the Bible, either sung or said during worship. An *O Antiphon* is an antiphon that starts with O, as in “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”—each verse of that song is made up of an O Antiphon.

The antiphons are most at home in the Liturgy of the Hours—the collection of psalms, hymns, prayers, and readings that make up the regular rhythm of the Church’s prayer at morning, midday, evening, and night. The *O Antiphons* your sister refers to are verses used during the Church’s evening prayer from December 17–23. With one verse spoken or sung before Mary’s Magnificat each evening, these antiphons call on the Lord to come to his people using titles taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

When the *O Antiphons* are sung in Latin, they present a sort of acrostic with a hidden message. The first letter of each title in the antiphon spells *sarcore*, which is *ero cras* (Latin for “tomorrow I come” or “tomorrow I shall be”) spelled backward.

In their original language and context, the *O Antiphons* have a particularly rich significance, but they remain beautiful even when sung simply in English as in the verses of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.”

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

To prepare the way of the Lord's coming, it is necessary to take note of the requirements of conversion to which the Baptist invites us....First of all we are called to fill the "valleys" caused by coldness and indifference, opening ourselves to others with the same sentiments as Jesus, that is, with affection and fraternal attention.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 9, 2018

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 6
Advent Weekday
Is 35:1–10
Lk 5:17–26

Tuesday

DECEMBER 7
St. Ambrose,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Is 40:1–11
Mt 18:12–14

Wednesday

DECEMBER 8
Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9–15, 20
Eph 1:3–6, 11–12
Lk 1:26–38

Thursday

DECEMBER 9
Advent Weekday
Is 41:13–20
Mt 11:11–15

Friday

DECEMBER 10
Advent Weekday
Is 48:17–19
Mt 11:16–19

Saturday

DECEMBER 11
Advent Weekday
Sir 48:1–4, 9–11
Mt 17:9a, 10–13

Sunday

DECEMBER 12
Third Sunday
of Advent
Zep 3:14–18a
Phil 4:4–7
Lk 3:10–18



As we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and collectively address the climate crisis, we must ensure that with all our plans, people and the planet come first. As Catholics, as Canadians, we must also ensure that all future economic activity operates in full recognition of the human rights of all persons involved, including their right to a safe, sustainable, and healthy environment. We can ensure that Canadian companies are not complicit in human rights abuses, including environmental degradation, and we can contribute to a global standard in which the protection of human and environmental rights is an enforceable obligation.

[SIGN THE PETITION FOR HREDD](https://www.dev.org/en/campaign/people-planet-first/take-action/)

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CWL News & Greetings!

Your 2022 membership dues of \$25.00 are now due and using the provided one in your box of offertory envelopes or in your own, can be dropped in the church collection basket at any Mass.

Annual Christmas greetings are mailed to members.

In order to continue this tradition at a much-needed time, we are asking our generous parishioners to donate leftover or unused Christmas cards – these may be dropped off at the Parish office. God Bless!

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Aboriginal People and Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Patron Saint of the Americas Feast Day.
Sunday, December 12, 2021
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church 1082 Hwy 17E, Garden River, Ontario
Celebration of the Mass - 11:30AM
All are welcome!!



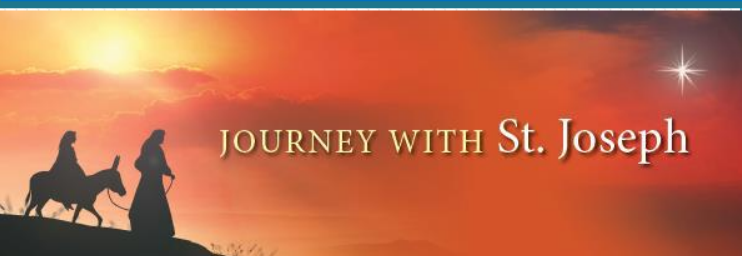
Family and Life

Celebrating the *Amoris Laetitia* Family Year **PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

The Holy Prayer excerpted from *Amoris Laetitia* © Libreria Editrice Vaticana.





JOURNEY WITH St. Joseph

Shalom Place will be providing the opportunity for those praying with the "Journey with St. Joseph" meditations to come together once a week to share their reflections. An open [Zoom link](#) is on our website for anyone who wishes to participate in one or more of these sessions.

During the sessions, we will reflect and share on that day's meditation, but you are welcome to share on any other meditation from the week. There is no need to register for these sessions, though it is **strongly recommended** that you **sign up** for the daily meditations [here](#).

Wednesdays: December 1, 8, 15, 22.

7:00 PM (Eastern Time)

Each session will be no more than one hour.

Facilitator: Burnie Thorp

** Clicking the underlined words above will bring you to the websites needed.*

Your **free will offering** helps us continue the ministry of Shalom Place!

Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Mass schedule

Friday, Dec 24, Christmas Eve:

4:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

11:30 p.m. **SPECIAL MASS** for International Students in Malayalam language

Saturday, Dec 25, Christmas Day:

10:00 a.m.

Sunday, Dec 26,

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:

10:00 a.m.

Friday, Dec 31,

4:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan 1,

4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan 2, Epiphany of the Lord:

10:00 a.m.

HELP NEEDED

The decorating Committee needs help to decorate the church for Christmas. We need people to iron, hang drapery, decorate the tree, place flowers, general decorating.

We hope that you will consider helping out. We need some younger men and women to help out as there is some climbing on ladders.

We will decorate **TUESDAY DECEMBER 21 FROM 1:30 TO 4:00 P.M.**



For a synodal Church

communion | participation | mission

Synod 2021-2023: Pope Francis is inviting the universal Church to participate in this important Church event. In our diocese, we will mark the opening of the Synod on the third Sunday of Advent. In January 2022, you will be invited to participate during the consultation phase, by sharing your ideas about the Church. Let us pray for the success of the Synod and may we welcome the Holy Spirit to guide us on this synodal journey together.

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Please send an email to;
stjerome@diocesessm.org so we can have your email address on our parish register. If you would like to receive the bulletin weekly through email and have not yet signed up, please email the office.

HOW TO SIGN IN IF ALREADY REGISTERED WITH OUR PARISHES •Go to FORMED.ORG, Click 'SIGN IN' (Top Right of Page), Enter Your email address & click 'Next', Check Your email Address, Click 'Sign In' and 'Start Watching'

ST. JEROME'S CHURCH PROTOCOLS

The church will be open 30 minutes before the scheduled Mass is set to begin. The **south entrance (Carmel Road entrance) will remain closed**. People are asked to line up and **enter the church through the north entrance**.

Attendance is **first come first serve** with **100 people** being the **maximum** number who can attend. Parishioners must **sanitize their hands** at one of the sanitizing stations. All **people must wear a mask** in order to enter the church.

Parishioners attending Mass will be asked to give their **contact information (name and telephone number)** to a volunteer in the north foyer of the church. Please **observe social distancing** maintaining a physical distance of **2 metres or 6 feet**.