

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 15 to DECEMBER 23

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Saturday	Dec. 15	Third Sunday of Advent
4:30 pm	In thanksgiving	Clayton & Maureen Marolly
Sunday	Dec. 16	
9:00 am	John Mercer	Donna Ellis Bernier & family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Dec. 17	
8:30 am	Fr. Roger Martineau	St. Thomas à Becket Parish
Tuesday	Dec. 18	
8:30 am	Barbara Holloran	Marie & Elliot Foggo
Wednesday	Dec. 19	
8:30 am	Lori & Arno Bellagamba	Ernest Bellagamba
Thursday	Dec. 20	
8:30 am	Mary White	The Doran Family
Friday	Dec. 21	
8:30 am	Mary White	Rose Martins
Saturday	Dec. 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:30 pm	Mary White	Marie Foggo
Sunday	Dec. 23	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Mark Julius Coelho & deceased members of the Coelho & Menezes families	Pat & Donny Coelho

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

December 16: Barbara Kray, requested by Helen & Manfred Adam

December 23: Sean Richardson & Fr. Peter Clarke O.P.

AN ADVENT PRAYER

“Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one. Dream that the more you struggle, the more you prove the love that you bear your God, and the more you will rejoice one day with your Beloved, in a happiness and rapture that can never end.”

(St. Teresa of Avila, † 1582)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DECEMBER 8/9

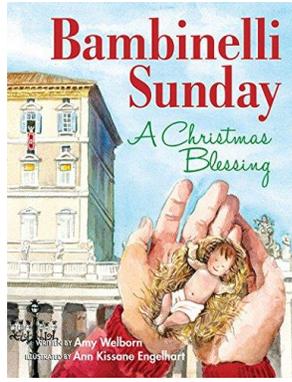
Offerings: \$5, 388.85

Religious Education: \$1, 632.00

Next Special Collection Dec. 30 – Building Fund

WORTHWHILE READING

Bambinelli Sunday: A Christmas Blessing by Amy Welborn



Alessandro is staying with his grandparents, who run a small shop that sells figures for the *presepe* (Nativity scene), while his parents look for work in another country. To help with the boy's loneliness, his grandfather encourages Alessandro to make his own figure of the baby Jesus. They will bring that figure to Rome in two weeks to have it blessed by the Holy Father on Bambinelli Sunday. Through the events that occur in the time leading up to receiving the blessing in St. Peter's Square, Alessandro comes to see his world in a new way, and receives the best surprise of all in the end.

This book for children ages 7-10 tells a wonderful story about sharing, comfort, generosity, and forgiveness through the lens of a long-standing Italian tradition. The beautiful illustrations and timeless story make this a treasure Advent and Christmas resource for generations to come.

WHY GENUFLECT?

Kneeling has always been a gesture of reverence; but the practice of genuflecting---touching the right knee briefly to the ground---is comparatively recent. "It appears to have been introduced and gradually to have spread in the West during the later Middle Ages," says the Catholic Encyclopedia, "and scarcely to have been generally looked upon as obligatory before the end of the 15th century." Even today, Eastern Catholics are more likely to bow than genuflect.

With some exceptions, genuflection is basically how we should show our love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Priests genuflect three times in the Mass: after the elevation of the Body of Christ, after the elevation of the Precious Blood, and before Holy Communion. Everyone, meanwhile, should genuflect when crossing in front of the tabernacle; if the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the church, one genuflects when entering and leaving the church.

From Good Friday to the Easter Vigil, the custom is to genuflect to the Holy Cross. When the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, it's customary to genuflect on both knees and bow.



from The Catholic Herald

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: When a farmer prepares to till the soil he must put on clothing and use tools that are suitable. So Christ, our heavenly king, came to till the soil of mankind devastated by sin. He assumed a body and, using the cross as his ploughshare, cultivated the barren soul of man. He removed the thorns and thistles which are the evil spirits and pulled up the weeds of sin. Into the fire he cast the straw of wickedness. And when he had ploughed the soul with the wood of the cross, he planted in it a most lovely garden of the Spirit, that could produce for its Lord and God the sweetest and most pleasant fruit of every kind.

~ St. Micarius, Bishop

NEW OR USED LAPTOP NEEDED for Saint Pontiano Secondary School in Uganda. For more information call Fr. David Kiyingi at 514-213-5778.

GREETER NEEDED FOR THE 10 A.M. CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS.

If you are not a regular greeter but plan to attend, we would appreciate if you, or you and your family could help out. Information: Norma 514-620-2019.

2019 NEW YEARS EVE DINNER-DANCE: Usher in the New Year with family and friends at the St. Thomas à Becket Annual New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance on Monday Dec. 31, at 6:30 pm. Hosted by the Becket Social Club. Enjoy a gourmet meal, catered by La Maison Verte, great music & dancing. Tickets available until Dec 20. Tickets \$40/person. Meal choice can be ordered at time of ticket purchase. 13 & older, BYOBeverage. Info or tickets: Rina 514-915-7586 or Guy 514-887-4898.

CHRSTMAS CONCERT - COMMUNION AND LIBERATION CHOIR



Saturday Dec. 22, 7:00 pm at the Grand Seminary of Montreal, 2065 Sherbrooke O.

Admission: \$20, students \$10 at the door or online at <http://bit.ly/choraleCL2018> Tax receipts available. Paid parking available. All proceeds go to *Notre-Dame de la rue*, a diocesan apostolate that reaches out to the homeless of Montreal.

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE Monday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. The evening includes Eucharistic Adoration, music, scripture, and reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered, and prayer teams are happy to meet with you.

BECKET KNITPICKERS CHRISTMAS UPDATE: Another year is coming to an end and the Knitpickers continue to supply knitted and crocheted goods to many groups and organizations. This year the Pastoral Home Care office in the Diocese of Montreal accepted our offer and as a result, we have had requests from Ville Saint Laurent and NDG. This year's recipients include the Catherine Booth Hospital, CHSLD Bayview, newly arrived Spanish-speaking families, Meals on Wheels shut-ins, the Veterans' Hospital in Saint Anne de Bellevue, West Island Mission, the Montreal Children's Hospital, the Glen, the Angels of Mercy, the Jewish General and many inner city schools. We also have a couple of members who have sewn headscarves for the Montreal Neuro as well as for the West Island Cancer Wellness Center. Our group continues to appreciate any donations in the form of yarn or monetary assistance that you may offer. We still operate only through the graciousness of our donors. Thank you for your generosity.
~ Elizabeth Barroso

WELCOME JESUS WITH A PURE HEART

Consider a good confession a basic part of your Christmas preparation. Our priests are available before every Mass, seven days a week, or at the rectory. Or try St. Joseph's Oratory, where confessions are available from early morning to nights (514-733-8211) or www.saint-joseph.org

DID YOU KNOW?

In Canada, there are only two Holy Days of Obligation, meaning that attendance at Mass is required (besides every Sunday, of course): Christmas and New Year's (Mary, Mother of God)