



# *First Sunday of Advent*

*November 27,  
2016*

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: NOV. 26 TO DEC. 04**

(L) indicates a living intention

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov. 26</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
4:30 pm		Our Parishioners	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov. 27</b>		
9:00 am		Antonio Fiori	family
11:00 am		Clemente Covone	His wife & family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov. 28</b>		
8:30 am		Len Pinto	Ron & Joy Pinto
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Nov. 29</b>		
8:30 am		Pierre Charron (L)	Rina Reda
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Nov. 30</b>	<b>St. Andrew, Apostle</b>	
8:30 am		Jack Simeone	Mary Scimone
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 01</b>		
8:30 am		Madeline Obregon	Mar & Rico
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 02</b>		
8:30 am		Thida Teresa Buor & Solidad Javier	The Buor family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 03</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	
4:30 pm		Ken Doran Sr.	Mary & Guy Taillon
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 04</b>		
9:00 am		Marino Argentin	Dawn & Gerry Richardson
11:00 am		Our Parishioners	

**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who have died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Stella Westphal*, mother of Fr. Gerry Westphal.

**FABRIQUE ELECTIONS DEC. 04, 2016, 12 PM**

All parishioners are invited to the election of Churchwardens on Dec. 04, 2016 immediately following the 11 a.m. Mass. All parishioners of full age (18yrs), of the Roman Catholic Faith, and who live within the parish boundaries are entitled to nominate, be nominated, and vote at the Meeting of Parishioners. (Act Respecting Fabriques). A warden is a parishioner elected to be a director, or administrator, of the church corporation whose object is to acquire, possess, hold and administer property for the practice of the Roman Catholic religion. Therefore the warden is not a pastoral agent directing the spiritual and pastoral life of the parish. Professional or business experience and ability to work in a team are assets. Two three-year terms must be filled at this election.

Info: 514-626-4111.

## **SANCTUARY LAMP**

### **Week of:**

Nov. 27: *Gerry MacDonald*, requested by Reda & family.

Dec. 04: *Marino Argentin*, Becket's Knights of Columbus.

### **FAITH FIRST**

#### **Upcoming Gatherings:**

Eucharist gathering #3: **Tuesday, November 29**

Confirmation gathering #3: **Tuesday, December 6**

**SPONSOR-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM:** Would you like to help make Christmas brighter for the less-fortunate? Our program provides parish families an opportunity to deliver a personalized Christmas basket filled with items that will help a needy family enjoy a brighter Christmas. Make this a project for your extended family, neighbours, and friends or even your office staff. We will provide details including family size, age and gender of each family member. If you would like to participate in the program, or for more information, please contact the parish office at 514-626-4111.

**BECKET PANTRY NEEDS:** stew, ham, vegetables, fruit, salmon, tomato paste, gravy, juice, KD, coffee, tea, jam, muffin/cake mix, crackers, jello/pudding mix, toothpaste, shampoo. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS:**

**Nov. 12/13** Offerings: \$ 5,119.00 Helping Others: \$2,536.00

**Nov. 19/20** Offerings: \$ 5,107.00

**RAY OF HOPE CHRISTMAS TREE:** As we prepare our homes to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus let us remember those who are less fortunate. From the first Sunday in Advent, **November 27 until December 10** we will be collecting gifts for Benedict Labre House. Please take a tag from our giving tree, purchase the item, wrap, place the tag on gift (for identification) then place the gift under the tree **by December 10**. Want to shop early? Tags will have the following suggestions:

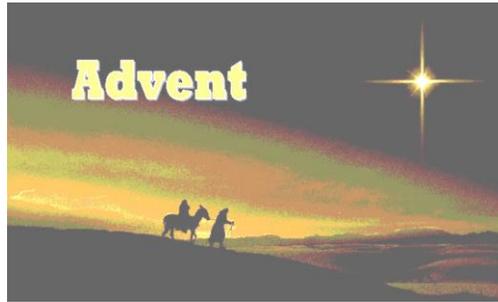
Back packs, toques/hats, gloves, warm underwear (men and women), socks, deodorant, razors, feminine hygienic products, chocolates, used sleeping bags.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL:** Help us make our sanctuary beautiful for Christmas. We invite you to make a donation towards our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. Include your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked "Christmas flower donations". Write on the envelope: name of your loved one (memorial) along with your name (donor). Please include your parish envelope number if applicable. Drop your envelope in the Christmas flower donation box at the church doors. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins.

**BISHOP BARRON'S EUCHARIST -PART II: SACRIFICE** Tues., Nov. 29, 5:00-6:00pm repeated at 6:45-7:45pm. Christ is alive and fully present in the Eucharist. Join us as we delve into the "source and summit" of our Faith with Fr. Robert Barron's DVD-based program: *Eucharist: Real Presence*. This spiritual study will give you a deeper understanding of the precious gift of Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity that you can receive at each and every Mass. In Cahill hall. All are welcome.

**FECU:** Fr. David wishes to thank you for supporting his fundraising bowl-a-thon held on Sun. November 13. The final count of the proceeds was \$2,259.00; that will keep 5 students in high school (in Uganda) for one year. Please, continue your support. Many thanks, and God's blessings!

### **ADVENT: A TIME OF WAITING, CONVERSION & HOPE**



- Waiting: the memory of the first, humble coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh; and for his final, glorious coming as Lord of History and universal Judge;
- Conversion: to which the Liturgy at this time often refers, quoting the prophets, especially John the Baptist, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand";

● Joyful hope that the salvation already accomplished by Christ and the reality of grace in the world, will mature and reach their fullness, thereby granting us what is promised by faith, and "we shall become like him for we shall see him as he really is" (John 3,2).

Various expressions of popular piety connected with Advent have emerged throughout the centuries. These have sustained the faith of the people, and from one generation to the next, they have conserved many valuable aspects of the liturgical season of Advent:

Placing four candles on green fronds in an Advent Wreath has become a symbol of Advent in many Christian homes, especially in the Germanic countries and in North America. The Advent wreath, with the progressive lighting of its four candles, Sunday after Sunday, until the Solemnity of Christmas, is a recollection of the various stages of salvation history prior to Christ's coming and a symbol of the prophetic light gradually illuminating the long night prior to the rising of the Sun of justice (cf. Mt 3,20; Lk 1,78).

The Liturgy frequently celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary in an exemplary way during the season of Advent (115). It recalls the women of the Old Testament who prefigured and prophesied her mission; it exalts her faith and the humility with which she promptly and totally submitted to God's plan of salvation; it highlights her presence in the events of grace preceding the birth of the Saviour. The faithful are sensitive to the difficulties faced by the Virgin Mary during her pregnancy, and are deeply moved by the fact that there was no room at the inn for Joseph and Mary, just as she was about to give birth to the Christ child. Mary, who was "intimately united with the birth of the Church in America, became the radiant Star illuminating the proclamation of Christ the Saviour to the sons of these nations" (117).

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