

# First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018



## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 2 to DECEMBER 9

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
4:30 pm	Clement Covone		The Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 2</b>		
9:00 am	Thida Buor & Ricardo Soledad Javier		The Buor Family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 3</b>		
8:30 am	Mary Whyte		Anna Donald
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 4</b>		
8:30 am	Arno & Lory Bellagamba		Ernest Bellagamba
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 5</b>		
8:30 am	Mary Whyte		Lise Emsley
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b>		
8:30 am	Mabel Oliveira		family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 7</b>		
8:30 am	Mary Whyte		Julia Principe
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 8</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</b>	
11:00 am			
		<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	
4:30 pm	Ken Doran		Vivian, Ken & family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 9</b>		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Jean Guy Caron		The Robertson family

### **SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)**

December 2: Nicodemo Barillaro, requested by his family.

December 9: Guy Guerette, requested by Joy Vinson

**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Peter Nwaebini*, father of Elizabeth Arthur, father-in-law of Afebu.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOV 24/25**

Offerings: \$4, 590.65

Building Fund: \$1, 642.00

Next Special Collection Dec. 9 – Religious Education

**BENEDICT LABRE HOUSE RAY OF HOPE CHRISTMAS TREE:** We will be collecting gifts for Benedict Labre House for the homeless. 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 9**. Want to shop early? Tags will have the following suggestions: Toques/hats, gloves, warm underwear (men and women), socks, deodorant, razors, feminine hygienic products, chocolates. Sleeping bags and back packs (new or gently used) are also needed.

## 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).

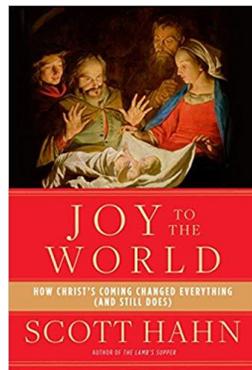
Various expressions of popular piety connected with Advent have emerged throughout the centuries. These have sustained the faith of the people, and from one generation to the next, they have conserved many valuable aspects of the liturgical season of Advent:

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. 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".

*Directory on Popular Piety & Liturgy, The Vatican*

### WORTHWHILE READING (and a great Christmas gift)



*Joy to the World: How Christ's Coming Changed Everything (and Still Does)*, by Scott Hahn

What could be more familiar than the Christmas story—and yet what could be more extraordinary? The cast of characters is strange and exotic: shepherds and magicians, an emperor and a despot, angels, and a baby who is Almighty God. The strangeness calls for an explanation, and this book provides it by examining the characters and the story in light of the biblical and historical context. Bestselling author Scott Hahn who has written extensively on Scripture and the early Church, brings evidence to light, dispelling some of the mystery of the

story. Yet Christmas is made familiar all over again by showing it to be a family story. Christmas, as it appears in the New Testament, is the story of a father, a mother, and a child—their relationships, their interactions, their principles, their individual lives, and their common life. To see the life of this "earthly trinity" is to gaze into heaven.

## **ELECTION OF WARDENS ON NOVEMBER 25**

Many thanks to Janet Arts and Michelle Figueredo who accepted to serve three-year terms each beginning January 1, 2018. Our gratitude goes to outgoing wardens Gerry Richardson and Robert Demers, for their dedicated service. No voting was necessary as Janet and Michelle were the only ones nominated. They will join currently serving wardens, Peter Cook, Norm Cousineau, Anna Donald and Siro Di Marco, along with chairman Fr. Peter Sabbath.



**Janet Arts** has been married to Marcus for 40 years, and live in Ile-Bizard. She is the mother of two adult children (Rachel and Marcus) and grandmother to two.

Janet retired this September after 43 years at McGill University, first in research at the Montreal Neurological Institute, and then in administration, including as a Deputy Building Director of a heritage building for nine years.

A parishioner since the mid-1980's, Janet has served four terms on the Fabrique, She has also served on the PPC and the Helping Others Committee, and is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and assisting in Pastoral Home Care. She has been active in community fund-raising as well, and has sung in numerous choirs.



**Michelle Figueredo** has been a member of our parish since 1997. She served as First Communion Coordinator ('00-'02) and recently as President of our Catholic Women's League Council ('16-'18). In her professional career, she has worked primarily as a Financial Controller for a number of entities, having completed qualifications as a Chartered Accountant in 1992. Michelle and Livio Di Francesco have been married for 30 years and have 2 grown daughters, Danielle and Clara.

**RESPONSIBLE PASTORAL MINISTRY:** In June of 2018, Archbishop Christian Lépine announced that the Responsible Pastoral Ministry initiative would be rolled out throughout the Diocese, following a two-year pilot project. The purpose of this ministry is to ensure the safety and security of the people to whom we minister, in particular, children and vulnerable adults, to safeguard our volunteers and staff and to protect all parish resources. Over the coming weeks and months we will begin screening our volunteers and implementing some new policies. There will be some information sessions in the New Year that we encourage you to attend. Rina Callard is our Responsible Pastoral Ministry Coordinator and can be reached at [rinacallard.rpm@becket.ca](mailto:rinacallard.rpm@becket.ca) should you have any questions regarding Responsible Pastoral Ministry.

**CHRISTMAS BRAKFAST:** Becket's Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Christmas Breakfast immediately following the 11am Mass on Sunday, December 16. Tickets will be available as of November 24. Please see the event flyers for more details.

**GREETERS ARE NEEDED** to cover the masses Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Even if you do not take part in the ministry, we need people to help out during this time. Please sign the poster hanging in the Narthex. If any questions please contact Norma Cook – 514-620-2019

## **FAITH FIRST DATES TO REMEMBER**

Confirmation Gathering #3 Tuesday, December 4

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