

# Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2019




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## **MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 7 TO DECEMBER 15**

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 7</b>	
4:30 pm	Ida D'Souza	Atwell D'Souza & family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 8</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Ken Doran	Vivian, Kenny & family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec 9</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
8:30 am	Guy Guerette	Joy Vinson
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec 10</b>	
8:30 am	Dimitrios Apostolakos	Elvyn Obregon
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec 11</b>	
8:30 am	David Francis	The Principe Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec 12</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
8:30 am	Cecilia & Caterina Mossa & family	Rina Della Rocca
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec 13</b>	
8:30 am	Luciano Della Rocca	Rina Della Rocca
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 14</b>	
4:30 pm	Margaret Linton	The Linton Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 15</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 am	Julita Angeline Houx	The Family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

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

Dec. 8: Yossef Tomus, requested by Irene & children

Dec. 15: Salvatore Battaglia & Provvidenza Infantino Battaglia, requested by Josie & Nancy Battaglia.

**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Melecio Gonzales*, brother-in-law of Tessie Demers.

*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.*

### **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.



## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE – DECEMBER 12



In 1531 a "Lady from Heaven" appeared to a poor Indian (St. Juan Diego), at Tepeyac, near Mexico City; she identified herself as the Mother of the True God, instructed him to have the bishop build a temple on the site and left an image of herself imprinted miraculously on his tilma, a poor quality cactus-cloth, which shows no sign of decay 488 years later and still defies all scientific explanations of its origin. Yearly, an estimated 10 million visit her Basilica, making her Mexico City home the most popular Marian shrine in the world, and the most visited Catholic Church in the world next to St.

Peter's in Rome. In 1999, Pope St. John Paul II, in his homily at the Basilica, declared December 12 as a Feast Day for the whole continent, naming Our Lady of Guadalupe Patroness of all Americas. During the same visit the Holy Father entrusted the cause of life to her loving protection, and placed under her motherly care the innocent lives of children, especially those who are in danger of not being born.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

**FAITH FIRST:** Confirmation Gathering #3: December 10

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 30 & DECEMBER 1** will be published in the bulletin of December 15.

Next Special collection: December 29 – Building Maintenance Fund

### ELECTION OF WARDENS ON DECEMBER 1

Many thanks to Peter Cook who accepted to serve and second three-year term and to Michael Sciotto who will begin his first three-year term, both beginning on January 1, 2020. Our gratitude goes to outgoing warden Anna Donald, for her dedicated service over the past six years. No voting was necessary as Peter and Michael were the only ones nominated. They will join currently serving wardens Norm Cousineau, Siro Di Marco, Janet Arts and Michelle Figueredo along with chairman Fr. Peter Sabbath.

**Michael Sciotto** is a resident of Ile Bizard, along with his wife Luisa. They are celebrating 25 years of marriage this year and joined in the parish marriage jubilee celebrations last winter. They have a 16-year-old daughter Loredana and a 24-year-old son Emmanuel. Michael, an engineer, is Construction Director at Broccolini.

### LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

*The prayer that follows is to be repeated each day of the second week. After the prayer, the oldest child lights the first and second purple candles.*

**Leader:** O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord.

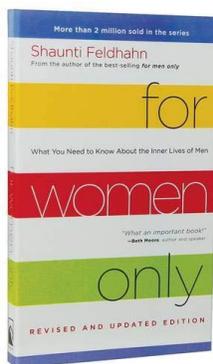
**All:** Amen.

*The two candles are allowed to burn during the evening meals of the second week.*



**MEN'S BEREAVMENT GROUP:** Are you a man who is grieving a significant loss---spouse, child, other loved one---and wishes to gather with other men in the context of faith? Or maybe you know someone in that situation you could tell about this: Our Men's Bereavement Group will meet Thursday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. in Cahill Hall. No charge, no obligation. The group is facilitated by Bill Curran, a former bereavement facilitator at Maison Monbourquette.

## WORTHWHILE READING



***For Women Only (Revised and Updated Edition): What you Need to Know About the Inner Lives of Men*** by Shaunti Feldhahn.

In this landmark best-seller, the author reveals what every woman — single or married — needs to know. Based on rigorous research with thousands of men, Shaunti delivers one eye-opening revelation after another, including:

- Why your respect means more to him than your love
- How he feels deep inside about his role as provider
- What it means for a man to be so visually “wired”
- Why sex for him is primarily emotional, not physical
- What he most wishes he could say to you



***For Men Only (Revised and Updated Edition): A Straightforward Guide to the Inner Lives of Women*** by Shaunti Feldhahn and Jeff Feldhahn

If you're like most men, you've burned up lots of energy trying to figure out what a woman wants, what makes her tick, how to make her happy. The good news: success is simpler than you ever thought. The authors of this book reveal the eye-opening truths and simple acts that will radically improve your relationship with the woman you love. For example:

Why she can't “just not think about” something that's bothering her

- How to get her real answers without games
- How your provider instinct can actually cause her heartache – and what to do about it
- Why “not tonight, honey” may not mean what you think
- Why listening to her feelings is so hard for a guy, and a fix-it plan that works
- Why her “I do” at the altar will always mean, “do you?” and the answer that rocks her world

**COME CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. THOMAS à BECKET** on the 850<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, December 29, at 2 pm, as we present the 1964 feature film “BECKET” starring Peter O’Toole, and Richard Burton. All welcome

**COURAGE CONFERENCE** July 23-26, Mundelein, Illinois

Courage members are men and women who experience same-sex attractions and who have made a commitment to strive for chastity. They are inspired by the Gospel call to holiness and the Catholic Church’s beautiful teachings about the goodness and inherent purpose of human sexuality. The Courage-EnCourage apostolate is a spiritual community – an international family of friends who support one another, through prayer and fellowship, in living the Church’s teachings. A true Catholic community, Courage is made up of men and women of all ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds, drawn together by our shared love of Jesus Christ, the sacraments, and the full teachings of the Church, especially as they pertain to same-sex attraction. Our hope in Christ inspires us to strive for interior chastity — chastity of the heart — as we grow in discipleship, with the support, love, and prayers of brothers and sisters who are companions on this journey. May this year’s conference be a time to strengthen and renew the bonds of courageous friendship as we come together once again in prayer and fellowship, for mutual edification and personal reflection. Together, our community will continue to pray for ever-deepening union with our Lord Jesus Christ in whom is our hope, joy, and salvation. For more information: [www.couragerc.org](http://www.couragerc.org)