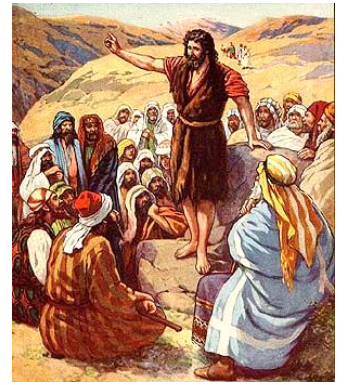


# Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020



## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 5 TO DECEMBER 13

\*\*\*Please note that the Saturday evening Mass will now be celebrated at 5:15 pm\*\*\*

(L) indicates a living intention

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 5</b>	
4:00 pm	Audrey Poisson	Debbie Geisler & family
5:15 pm (Hall)	Geoffrey Saldanha (L)	Juliette Coelho
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 6</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Advent</b>
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Ken Doran	Vivian, Kenny & family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec 7</b>	
8:30 am	Annette Gullo	Demers Family
9:30 am (Hall)	Linda Fernandes	Ron & Joy Pinto
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec 8</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
8:30 am	Suzanne de Souza	Marolly Family
9:30 am (Hall)	Martha Fonseca	Cecilia De Sousa
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec 9</b>	
8:30 am	Sanlyn D'Souza (L)	Peter & Marilyn Silas
9:30 am (Hall)	For the sick of the Parish	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec 10</b>	
8:30 am	Luc Bourassa	Marie & Jose Benveniste
9:30 am (Hall)	For the Souls in Purgatory	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec 11</b>	
8:30 am	Cecilia & Caterina Mossa & family	Rina Della Rocca
10:30 am (Hall)	Families in difficulties	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 12</b>	
4:00 pm	Rosalie Beasley	The Family
5:15 pm (Hall)	For health and pastoral care workers	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 13</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 am	Luigi Di Caprio	
11:00 am	Maria Mallia Belluso	Kathleen & Tom

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

Dec 6: Atwell De Souza, requested by Rosemary Della Rocca

Dec 13: Salvatore & Provvidenza Battaglia requested by Josie & Nancy

**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Elvira Burgio, mother of Rita Lo Dico; Kevin Donoghue, husband of Beverley; father of Keith (Kerry Jorgensen) and Deacon Steve; Amanda Lee Seguin, grand-daughter of Edouard and Geraldine Pazzi.*

*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.*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOV 28/29**

Offerings: \$5, 129.00    Building Fund: \$1, 638.00

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT



“Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced at last to see.

This is the season that the Church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery. Each year, as the Church recalls this mystery, she urges us to renew the memory of the great love God has shown us. This holy season teaches us that Christ’s coming was not only for the benefit of his contemporaries; his power has still to be communicated to us all. We shall share his power, if, through holy faith and the sacraments, we willingly accept the grace Christ earned for us, and live by that grace and in obedience to Christ.

~ *St. Charles Borromeo*

## 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.*

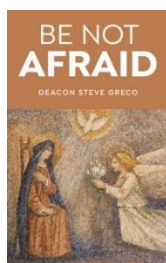
## BECKET CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM 2020

We have decided, under the current circumstances, and in keeping with the directives of the provincial health authorities and the Diocese of Montreal, to limit our Christmas giving to the needy this year to the distribution of gift cards. We have already purchased all the gift cards using a portion of the Helping Others Collection, which is set aside each year for our Christmas Basket Project. Depending on the size of the family and specific needs, each family will receive at least \$100.00 in gift cards which will be mailed to them from the parish.

Donations can be made to the Helping Others Fund throughout the year. Any surplus donations are used throughout the following year to help those in need as hunger and poverty are persistent problems in our community.

**WEEKEND CUSTODIAN NEEDED** Duties include keeping the building and grounds clean and orderly; performing basic preventative maintenance and repairs; helping to set up church/rooms for use as needed. Anyone wishing to apply for the position, please send your CV to Fr. Peter Sabbath at psabbath@gmail.com

## WORTHWHILE READING



*Be Not Afraid*, by Deacon Steve Greco

This book about the importance of faith in overcoming fear. This pandemic is an opportunity for each of us to trust more in Jesus and his Mercy. Deacon Steve is the founder of Spirit Filled Hearts Ministry in the Diocese of Orange in Southern California. The book is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/y6ypbvwe>

## WHAT IS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION?



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls this year on Thursday, December 8.

When declaring this doctrine as dogma in 1854, Pope Pius IX, professed, "The Most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace

and privilege of Almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin," committed by Adam and Eve, which we all carry before baptism. Mary, because of her participation in the plan of salvation, was saved from original sin at the time of her conception in the womb of her mother St. Anne (Jesus' grandmother). God chose to bestow on Mary special graces, understandable and proper for the Mother of God.

Unlike us, Mary was saved from sin before she had the opportunity to commit any. This belief does not take away from Jesus' glory as the Saviour of mankind. It only adds to it. It protects the holiness of God to be brought into the world through a woman who herself had been protected from the sin He was sent in the world to redeem. Mary remained without sin her entire life.

~ **Peter Kreeft**

*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.*

### MASS ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

At **3:00 pm on Wednesday**, you can begin signing up (include your phone number after your name) for this weekend's and next week's daily Masses at <https://reopen.church/r/edidK17B> or via the parish website: [www.becket.ca](http://www.becket.ca).

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL:** after 4:30 on Friday, contact me or Fr. Jaison (by email if possible).

Please sign up for WEEKEND Masses only **every second week**, thus permitting your parishioner brothers and sisters to have a chance to attend, as you would hope they would do for you.

For those unable to secure a spot at Sunday Mass and who watch our Mass online, **Holy Communion** will be available on the apron of the church, just outside the main door, at **12:30 pm SHARP** on Sunday.

Weather permitting, you can attend weekend Masses **without reservation** seated outdoors, listening by speaker, with Holy Communion brought to you. You might even have a chance for an indoor seat if someone registered does not show up.

### PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday - Thursday:** Mass in church @ 8:30; Mass in hall @ 9:30

**Friday:** Mass in church @ 8:30, followed by Holy Hour; Mass in hall @ **10:30**

**Saturday:** Mass in church @ 4:00; Mass in hall @ 5:15

**Sunday:** Mass in church @ 9:00 and 11:00

The **Rosary** is prayed following the 9:30 Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The **Novena** to our Lady of Perpetual Help is prayed following the 8:30 Mass on Tuesdays.

### ST. THOMAS À BECKET 2020 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Dec 24 Masses: 4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 7:45

Christmas Day: Dec 25 Masses: 9:00, 10:30, 11:45

Registration for all celebrations must be made on-line at [www.becket.ca](http://www.becket.ca) beginning December 18 at 3:00 pm.

The 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, and the 9:00 am Christmas morning Mass will be live-streamed from our website.

