

# Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2021



## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 4 TO DECEMBER 12

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 4</b>	
4:30 pm	Florence D'Silva	Anna Donald
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 5</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Guido Vacchiano	The Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec 6</b>	
8:30 am	Virginia Da Costa	The Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec 7</b>	
8:30 am	Rosalie Beasley	The Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec 8</b>	
8:30 am	Maddalena Nitti Saluzzi	Mary Saluzzi & family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec 9</b>	
8:30 am	Helene Petoussis	Suzanne Mancuso
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec 10</b>	
8:30 am	In thanksgiving from Raymond & Marjorie Desormeaux & family	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 11</b>	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 12</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 am	Luigi Di Caprio	The Family
11:00 am	Saron Ramsampath	

### SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

December 5: The Farrell & De Grazia families

December 12: Amanda Lee Seguin

**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

*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 their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

### THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 28

Offerings: \$4532.55      Building Maintenance Fund: \$2130.00

Next special collection: December 12 – Religious Education

### ST. THOMAS À BECKET 2021 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve, Dec 24:** Masses at 4:00 pm, (Church and Hall) 6:00 pm, 9:00 pm

**Christmas Day, Dec 25:** Mass at 10:00 am

Registration for all celebrations must be made on-line at [www.becket.ca](http://www.becket.ca)

**BECKET CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM 2021:** This Christmas we will again distribute gift cards to needy families in our community. This program will be funded by donations received through the Helping Others Collection. Depending on the size of the family and specific needs, each family will receive at least \$150.00 in gift cards which will be mailed to them from the parish. Donations can be made to our Helping Others Collection throughout the year by dropping a donation in the collection basket or through our parish website at [www.becket.ca](http://www.becket.ca). Many thanks for your generosity.

**BENEDICT LABRE HOUSE CHRISTMAS DONATIONS:** We will be collecting Tim Horton's and McDonald's gift cards for Benedict Labre House, rather than items of clothing. A donation box is available in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL:** Help us make our sanctuary beautiful for Christmas. We invite you to donate towards our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one or special intention. Include your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked "Christmas flower donations". Write on the envelope: name of your loved one (s), or your intention, along with your name, telephone number, and 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.



### 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.*

## 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.

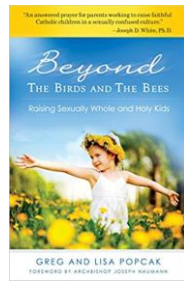
Unlike us, Mary was saved from sin before she had the opportunity to commit any. This belief does not take away from Jesus' glory as the Saviour of mankind. It only adds to it. It protects the holiness of God to be brought into the world through a woman who herself had been protected from the sin He 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.*

## WORTHWHILE READING

***Beyond the Birds and the Bees: Raising Sexually Whole and Holy Kids*** by Greg and Lisa Popcak



How can you have "the talk" so that your kids will listen? All it takes is a little Respect. Realize what they need to know and when they need to know it. Elicit their thoughts, attitudes, and feelings. Speak the truth. Present a positive, Christian attitude toward sex. Expect to talk about your own struggles when appropriate. Control your temper and the temptation to lecture. Teach your children what the gift of the body is really for. Dr Greg and Lisa Popcak are the authors of more than 20 books that apply timeless Catholic wisdom and cutting-edge psychological insights to the challenges of marriage, family, and everyday life. Together, they are the founders

of the Pastoral Solutions Institute, an internationally-recognized Catholic tele-counseling practice providing over 12,000 hours of counseling services each year to Catholics around the world. They were featured speakers at the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia and are winners of the Couple to Couple League International's Fr. Richard M. Hogan Award.

## HERE'S A QUESTION

Christ said "Call no man on earth your father; for one is your Father, who is in heaven." But we call Catholic priests "Father": is that wrong?

If you look at the context of this quote you will see that Jesus is criticizing the hypocritical behaviour of the Scribes and Pharisees (Mt 23:2-12). Does this mean then that we cannot call anyone "Father"? Not at all: see Acts 7:2, 22:1, Lk 16:24; and an explicit text in 1Cor 4:14-16: "I am writing you this not to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel." If we were to take a superficial literal interpretation of the verse you refer to, then you should not even call your biological father a "father." What Jesus is saying here, using the typical hyperbole of the time that was common among the Rabbinical teachers, is that instead of putting themselves above others and seeking titles and glory, the religious leaders should place themselves at the service of others. "I have come not to be served but to serve," Jesus said, which is how we should interpret what he says about titles.

Want to know more about this topic? Check out these excellent articles:

[www.catholic.com/tracts/call-no-man-father](http://www.catholic.com/tracts/call-no-man-father)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyy43qrs>

# PARISH INFORMATION

All telephone numbers are in the 514 area code unless otherwise indicated.

## PARISH WARDENS

The Fabrique of the parish administers all parish properties and assets, and consists of the Pastor and six wardens elected by parishioners at an Annual General Meeting.

Janet Arts (2021)	620-6643	Siro Di Marco (2020)	620-6788
Peter Cook (2022)	620-2019	Michelle Figueredo (2021)	694-8879
Norman Cousineau (2020)	624-8753	Michael Scotto (2022)	626-9550

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## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Guild:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Altar Servers:	Fr. Peter Sabbath	626-4111
Baptism Preparation Team:	Parish Office	626-4111
Children's Liturgy	Parish Office	626-4111
Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator:	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Greeters:	Norma Cook	620-2019
Ushers:	Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Lectors:	Tobias Koikaran	693-5514
Liturgy Team:	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Head Sacristan:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Music Ministry Coordinator:	Lino Viegas	626-0750
Choir Director	Brendan Kelly	944-7220

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## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Sycamore	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222.
Angels of Mercy	Sarah Sajedi	827-6408
Becket Pantry:	Parish Office	626-4111
Catholic Women's League:	Catherine Lee Jude	463-5991
Couples for Christ:	Francis & Aurora Apgao	630-6586
Healing Ministry	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222
Helping Others:	Parish Office	626-4111
Knights of Columbus:	Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Marriage Course:	John & Nathalie Bondyra	695-7896
Pastoral Home Care:	Ailsa Lee Loy	626-7265
Prayer Group: (Thursday 9:15 a.m.)	Louise Eberwein	825-5198
Prayer Line:	Christine Charron	694-3958
Seniors:	Audrey Cassidy	626-3586
Social Club:	Rina Callard	695-6995

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## RESOURCES AND SERVICES

A.A.	376-9230
Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics)	866-9803
Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services	931-7311
Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine	931-7311
Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried?	344-2686
Tel Aide (listening line)	935-1101
Violence S.O.S. Hotline	1-800-363-9010
West Island Women's Shelter	620-4845

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) before all Masses or by request.

Anointing of the Sick: upon request

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: First Friday of the month

Benediction: Fridays after morning Mass

Baptism: Please contact the office.

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Peter Sabbath or Fr. Tibu Fernandez

R.C.I.A.: Fr. Peter Sabbath