

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: December 11 to December 19

(L) indicates living intention

Saturday	Dec 11	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
Sunday	Dec 12	Third Sunday of Advent
9:00 am	Luigi Di Caprio	The Family
11:00 am	Saron Ramsampath	
Monday	Dec 13	
8:30 am	Pat & Mary Carroll	Julia Principe
Tuesday	Dec 14	
8:30 am	Rosemarie D'Cruz (L)	Philomena
Wednesday	Dec 15	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny
Thursday	Dec 16	
8:30 am	Maria Karrize de la Cruz & family (L)	Karen
Friday	Dec 17	
8:30 am	Douglas Beberino	Mila Veyra & family
Saturday	Dec 18	
4:30 pm	Cynthia D'Cruz (L)	Philomena
Sunday	Dec 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Felicia Nwaebini	Elizabeth Arthur-Samugana

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

December 12: Amanda Lee Seguin

December 19: Dominic Mancini, requested by his family

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: Kimberly Wiley, wife of Timothy Coulton, mother to Owen and Tyler.

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

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE



The joyful Sunday in Advent (known as "Gaudete") is represented by rose (or pink) instead of the penitential purple color. Each night during the third week the mother of the family lights the pink, as well as the two previously burned purple candles, after the following prayer has been said.

Leader: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thine ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The three candles are allowed to burn during the evening meals of the third week.

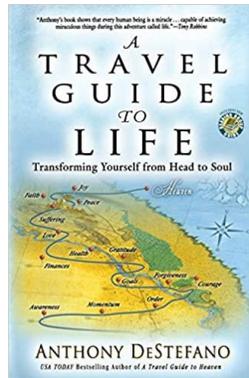
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Offerings: \$5,950.75

Next special collection: December 25 – Building Maintenance Fund

WORTHWHILE READING

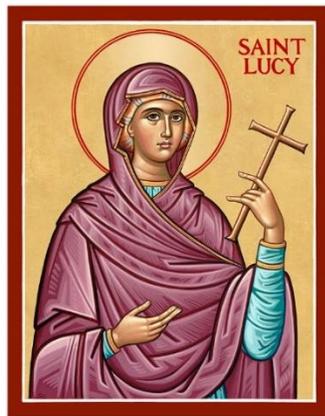
A Travel Guide to Life: Transforming Yourself from Head to Soul by Anthony DeStefano



For the many inspired by Anthony DeStefano's *A Travel Guide to Heaven* -a remarkable tour of the pleasures God has in store for us in the next and everlasting life-more inspiration is here in *A TRAVEL GUIDE TO LIFE*, offering an enlightening tour of the kind of deeply meaningful and happy life we can live here on earth. DeStefano outlines the path that can lead each and every one of us to renewed faith, understanding and fulfillment. With simplicity, honesty and a personal and practical look at the challenges God places before us, he outlines a reassuring and hopeful framework for living the life God has designed for us all ... even if we're not sure (yet) that

we're true believers. "In his new book, DeStefano provides a clear and concise road map to a fulfilled and happy life, and makes the compelling case that we must be God-centered in order to experience true joy. While the book provides solid self-help techniques, Anthony helps show us that the way to happiness is to know, love, and serve God in this life, so that we might experience everlasting happiness with Him in Heaven." Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York

FEAST OF ST. LUCY



St. Lucy is a virgin and martyr of Syracuse in Sicily, whose feast is celebrated on December 13th. According to tradition, Saint Lucy was born to rich and noble parents in the year 283. Her father was of Roman origin, but his early death left her dependent upon her mother, whose name, Eutychia, seems to indicate that she was of Greek heritage. Like so many of the early martyrs, Lucy had consecrated her virginity to God, and she hoped to devote all her worldly goods to the service of the poor. Her mother, Eutychia, arranged a marriage for her, but for three years she managed to postpone the marriage. Lucy prayed at the tomb of Saint Agatha to change her mother's mind about

her faith. As a result, her mother's long haemorrhagic illness was cured, and she consented to Lucy's desire to live for God. Saint Lucy's rejected bridegroom, Paschasius, denounced Lucy as a Christian. The governor planned to force her into prostitution, but when guards went to fetch her, they could not move her even when they hitched her to a team of oxen. The governor ordered her to be killed instead. After a gruesome torture which included having her eyes torn out, she was surrounded by bundles of wood which were set afire, but the fire quickly died out. She prophesied against her persecutors, and was then executed by being stabbed to death with a dagger. According to later accounts, Lucy warned Paschasius he would be punished. When the governor heard this he ordered the guards to gouge out her eyes; however, in another telling, it was Lucy who removed her eyes in an attempt to discourage a persistent suitor who greatly admired them. When her body was being prepared for burial, they discovered her eyes had been restored. This and the meaning of her name ("light" or "lucid") led to her patronage with eyes; the blind, eye trouble, and other eye ailments.

WORDS TO PONDER

"It is not from your own goods that you give to the beggar; it is a portion of his own that you are restoring to him. The Earth belongs to all. So you are paying back a debt and think you are making a gift to which you are not bound."

~ *St. Ambrose, 4th century*

CELIAC DISEASE, GLUTEN SENSITIVITY?

If you or someone you know is avoiding receiving Holy Communion because of Celiac disease or gluten sensitivity, keep reading. Did you know that it is possible to receive the Eucharist from low-gluten hosts (99.99% gluten-free) approved by the Vatican? Reception of the Eucharist is central to our faith and is a source of strength and spiritual nourishment. Communion should be received unless you have serious sin on your conscience and have not received absolution in individual confession. For more information, contact Fr. Sabbath at the parish office or at psabbath@gmail.com



AN ADVENT PRAYER

"Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly. Dream that the more you struggle, the more you prove the love that you bear your God, and the more you will rejoice one day with your Beloved, in a happiness and rapture that can never end."

(*St. Teresa of Avila †1582*)

St. Thomas à Becket Parish Christmas Schedule 2021

Christmas

Friday December 24
4:00 pm in Church (livestreamed)
4:00 pm in Hall
6:00 pm (livestreamed)
9:00 pm

Saturday December 25
Mass: 10:00 am (livestreamed)

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday December 26
9:00 am & 11:00 am

Holy Hour of Prayer for Peace

Friday Dec. 31: 3:15 pm

Mary, Mother of God

Friday Dec. 31: 4:30 pm
Saturday, Jan 1: 10:00 am

Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday January 2
Mass: 9:00 am & 11:00

Registration for all celebrations must be made online at www.becket.ca

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 Sciotto (2022)	626-9550

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

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

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

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