

Second & Third Sunday of Advent

December 8 & 15,
2024



MASS INTENTIONS - NOVEMBER 24 TO DECEMBER 22

(L) indicates a living intention

Saturday	December 7	
4:30 pm	Deceased members of the Maddocks & Floreani Families	The Family
Sunday	December 8	Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 am	Juliette Perlas-Tan in Thanksgiving	Perlas-Tan Family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	December 9	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
8:30 am	Pierre Charron	Zoom Mass friends
Tuesday	December 10	
8:30 am	Cecilia & Caterina & Piero Mossa	Rina Della Rocca
Wednesday	December 11	
8:30 am	Pierre Charron	Colleen Pearce
Thursday	December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:30 am	Lynn Baillargeon	Marie Foggo
Friday	December 13	
8:30 am	Luciano Della Rocca	Rina Della Rocca
Saturday	December 14	
4:30 pm	Margaret Linton	The Family
Sunday	December 15	Third Sunday of Advent
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Nicodemo Barillaro	Steve Barillaro & Family
Monday	December 16	
8:30 am	Mark Coelho	Donny & Patricia Coelho
Tuesday	December 17	
8:30 am	Yucca Bocarro	Marie Foggo
Wednesday	December 18	
8:30 am	Caroline Scanga (L)	Rosemarie Della Rocca
Thursday	December 19	
8:30 am	Joseph Houx	Priska & Paul Meier
Friday	December 20	
8:30 am	Remi Perron	Dina Perron
Saturday	December 21	
4:30 pm	Dominador Leviste	The Demers Family
Sunday	December 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Henry Redmond	The Redmond Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

December 8: Eleonora Kapsch, requested by The Rivera Family

December 15: Nicodemo Barillaro, requested by Steve and Mary Ann Barillaro

December 22: Helen Niznik, requested by Steve and Mary Ann Barillaro

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Nov. 24: Offerings: \$4,499.20 Building Maintenance Fund: \$1,610.00

Dec. 1: Offerings: \$5,366.85

Upcoming special collections: December 22 - Building Maintenance Fund
December 25 - Christmas

Because of holiday printing schedules, contribution amounts for Dec. 8, 15, 22, Christmas, New Year, Dec. 29 and Jan. 5 will be published in the bulletin of January 12, 2025.

2025 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES will be available for pickup at the back of the church, starting the weekend of December 14 - 15. If you have any questions or corrections, please contact Rina at 514-626-4111 ext. 223.

WHAT IS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION?



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. The Church celebrates this mystery of our faith on December 8. However, since December 8 falls on a Sunday this year, the solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9.

by Peter Kreeft

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



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 481 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 the Vatican. 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.

CHARITY TOY DRIVE FOR ST. WILLBRORD'S PARISH: Ever After Toys is collecting toys for St. Willibrord's Parish which will be distributed to needy families living in Verdun. Please take any toy donation to Ever After Toys located in the Marche de L'Ouest. Thank you for your generosity. Info: 438-494-1951.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL: Help us make our sanctuary beautiful this Christmas by donating 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(s) along with your name and parish envelope number if applicable, or address and telephone number. Drop your envelope in the Christmas flower donation box at the church doors. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins.



BECKET CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM 2024: This Christmas we will again distribute gift cards to needy families in our community. This program is funded by donations received through the Helping Others collection. Each family will receive \$300 in grocery gift cards. 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 becket.ca Many thanks for your generosity.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP: The Bereavement Group meets at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 17, in the parish hall. All those who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome to attend the meeting, led by trained animator Bill Curran.

A background image of a church interior with a nativity scene and figures, including a woman holding a staff and a man kneeling. The scene is set in a grand, ornate church with high ceilings and arches.

St. Thomas à Becket Parish

Christmas 2024

Tuesday, December 24
4:00 pm in Church (livestreamed)
4:00 pm in Hall
8:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25
10:00 am

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Saturday December 28, 4:30 pm
Sunday December 29, 9:00 & 11:00 am

Holy Hour of Prayer for Peace
Tuesday, December 31, 3:15 pm

Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Tuesday, Dec. 31, 4:30 pm
Wednesday, Jan 1, 10:00 am

Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday, Jan 4, 4:30 pm
Sunday, Jan 5, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

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 (2024)	620-6643	Cindy Finn (2024)	624-0546
Frank Vissani (2025)	998-0311	Robert Boulé (2026)	(438) 838-1902
Eric Chevrier (2026)	246-8525	Michael Randall (2025)	980-5015

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Guild	Anna Donald	620-2258
Altar Servers	Fr. Peter Sabbath	626-4111
Baptism Preparation Team	Parish Office	626-4111
Choir Director	Brendan Kelly	944-7220
Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Head Sacristan	Anna Donald	620-2258
Lectors	Tobias Koikaran	693-5514
Liturgy Team	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Ushers	Joe Ojeda	941-7914

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Adult Faith Formation	Elsa Rivera	626-4111
Angels of Mercy	Sarah Sajedi	827-6408
Catholic Women's League	Marie Meier	965-9919
Community Aid	Parish Office	626-4111
Couples for Christ	Don & Irene Salvanera	620-1319
Helping Others:	Parish Office	626-4111
Knights of Columbus	Norm Cousineau	624-8753
Legion of Mary	Juliana Abu	585-9206
Marriage Course	John & Nathalie Bondyra	695-7896
Pastoral Home Care	Ailsa Lee Loy	626-7265
Prayer Line	Christine Charron	694-3958
Responsible Pastoral Ministry	Rina Callard	626-4111
Social Club	Rina Callard	695-6995
Youth Ministry	Amanda Davis	626-4111

RESOURCES AND SERVICES

A.A.	376-9230
Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics)	866-9803
Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services	931-7311
Diocesan Ombudsman – abuse/complaints	752-4683
Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine	931-7311
Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried?	344-2686
Spiritual Support Line	1-888-305-0994
Violence S.O.S. Hotline	1-800-363-9010
West Island Women's Shelter	620-4845

Anointing of the Sick: upon request at the parish office

Baptism: Please contact the office

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

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

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

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Gerry Westphal at 514-688-4952 or one of our priests

HALL RENTAL: Michael Randall 514-980-5015