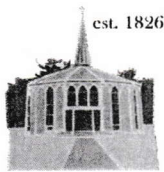


1st Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021



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Times of Peril and Promise

God's promise for justice will be fulfilled. (Jeremiah)
Paul offers hope to the waiting Thessalonians.
(1 Thessalonians)
Stand ready at all times; redemption is at hand.
(Luke)

In his gospel, Luke depicts our final judgment very simply: "to stand before the Son of Man." Luke infers that our "judgment" before Christ will be a moment of illuminating truth, when all artifice will melt away, when our rationalizations will fail us, when we will see our holiness and face our failures. But rather than make us tremble, the prospect of standing before Jesus should fill us with hope: that the "shoot of Jesse" comes to redeem us despite ourselves, that, in him, God loves us in our holiest moments and our most glaring sinfulness.

—Dr. Jay Cormier

KEEPING ADVENT

An "Advent Lectio Divina Journal" for your Advent journey is available for purchase. The "Journal" takes you, the pilgrim, from the First Sunday of Advent to the end of the Christmas Octave. To guide you, a short explanation is given on how to pray the Lectio Divina. Each page invites you to reflect on your experiences with the written word. Each day creates an opportunity to share your journey through Advent with others. To order, contact Jennifer Pothier (905/941-3877) or e-mail JenPothier@yahoo.co.uk

Table with 2 columns: Date/Event and Details. Rows include Monday, November 29; Tuesday, November 30 (St. Andrew); Wednesday, December 1; Thursday, December 2; Friday, December 3 (St. Francis Xavier); Saturday, December 4; and 2nd Sunday of Advent, December 5.

- Sunday Collection (Nov.21)
Regular Offertory \$2,515
E-Transfer \$ 550
Deo Gratias \$ 225



## JOURNEY IN FAITH 2022

Fr. Peter Rowe and Ineke Brinkman invite you to be our travelling companions on the journey to Switzerland, Austria, and Germany August 31 - September 7, 2022! Included in the itinerary are stops in Basel, Schaffhausen, Konstanz, Sankt Gallen, Bregenz, Lindau, Fussen (Neuschwanstein castle) -- and the highlight, the Passion Play in Oberammergau (an every ten-year event, postponed from 2020). Package price, with flights (Air Canada, Lufthansa), is \$5,375 per person, based on double occupancy (\$700 single supplement). To get on board, call Ineke (905/684-0888, x1415) or e-mail [ineke.brinkman@visiontravel.ca](mailto:ineke.brinkman@visiontravel.ca)

### VOTIVE CANDLES

Lighting candles is an important part of Catholic prayer and therefore every effort will be made to facilitate the lighting of votive candles commencing in Advent -- with the following considerations:

- a hand sanitizer will be provided near the candle stand, for use before and after lighting;
- donations are to be placed in the metal box attached to the stand;
- anyone queuing to light a candle must stay at least 2 metres apart from the person in front;
- wooden sticks, broken in half, are to be used to light candles, and disposed of in a waste basket below;
- praying over the candle stand will not be permitted as others may want to light a candle also

The recommended offering to light a blue five-day candle is \$5.

### 2021 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Come to Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls for this event! The concerts are taking place Friday, December 10 (7:00 p.m.) and Saturday, December 11 (2:00 p.m.); tickets are \$20 at the door, or available in advance from the gift shop (905/356-4113) \$15 for groups of six.

### MASS INTENTIONS

We are in need of weekday Mass Intentions. Please e-mail your intentions to the parish office, at [st.vincentdepaul@bellnet.ca](mailto:st.vincentdepaul@bellnet.ca) or call 905/468-7272 during regular office hours. Office Hours: (Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.). (Thursday only in July & August.)

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Members are asked to meet this Thursday, December 2 (6:30), in the parish hall. We are still in need to have the youth of the parish represented at the table.

## CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Reservations are required for all Masses

### on December 24 and December 25

Please e-mail [stvd2021@gmail.com](mailto:stvd2021@gmail.com) with your request. We will need your full name, number of people in your group, preferred Mass time, and contact phone #. An e-mail will be sent to confirm your spot.

#### Friday, December 24

5:30 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

10:30 p.m.

Carols on December 24 will start 30 minutes before each Mass.

#### Saturday, December 25

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

**Please note there is no 5:00 p.m. Mass on December 25.**

If you have an accessibility concerns please include this on the e-mail. Our thanks!

### MISSALS

The "Living with Christ" missals are being made available yet again this year, but due to the vigilance still required concerning COVID-19, we are asking that you take yours home with you instead of leaving it in the church. Also, a recommended offering of \$5 would be appreciated! In a way, the purpose of having a missal is to allow you to prepare for Mass at home, which is more beneficial than "following along" during Mass — especially since we have very good proclaimers of the Sunday word in this parish who deserve to have all eyes and ears focused on their proclamation!

### SUNDAY READERS

We alert our Sunday ministers of God's word of a valuable resource worth consulting before you proclaim, called "Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word 2022" — this will be kept (for now) in the library as you enter the church. It is meant to assist our readers with pronunciation issues and providing the proper emphasis where required. Make sure to look over the notes for each Sunday! A reminder, too, that we are in "cycle C" of readings (the "Year of Luke," as the majority of the gospels are according to this evangelist).