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St. Anthony's Parish is a Catholic Faith community rich in cultural diversity with a strong flavor of identity.

Our mission is to foster a strong spiritual growth of life and faith in our families, community and society by sharing the gift of our time, treasures and talents.

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—C

December 8, 2024

*Let's prepare the way of the Lord.*

In today's Gospel, we note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and is situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives.

## II DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

Nel Vangelo di oggi, notiamo l'attenzione di Luca ai dettagli politici e storici. Luca mostra che la salvezza è per tutti gli uomini e si colloca negli eventi mondiali. Per questo motivo, Luca elenca i leader politici e religiosi presenti all'apparizione di Giovanni nel deserto. La salvezza è intesa come l'irruzione di Dio in questa storia politica e sociale. La predicazione di Giovanni della venuta del Signore è un tema chiave del periodo di Avvento. Come il messaggio di Giovanni ha preparato la strada a Gesù, anche noi siamo chiamati a prepararci alla sua venuta. Rispondiamo al messaggio di Giovanni con il pentimento e la riforma della nostra vita.



Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-12 noon 1:00pm- 4:30pm

For Daily & Weekend Mass Intentions see inside

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM (English) SUNDAY: 9:00 AM (Italian - English) & 11:00 AM (English)

### Registration:

Parish Census Forms at Church entrance or call the Office.

### Baptism:

Parish Membership & Baptism class required. Please contact the Office.

### Marriage:

Parish Membership & Preparation required. Call Office 6 months in advance.

### Reconciliation - Confession:

Saturday 4:00pm & 30 min. before each Mass or on request.

### Anointing of the sick:

Every First Friday of the Month during the Mass & on request.

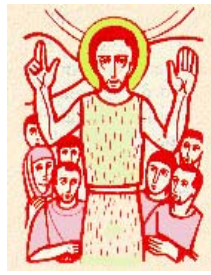
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## In the desert, the promise

The second Sunday of Advent presents the figure of John the Baptist as a sign of the coming of God's salvation. The story experiences its climax here: the most awaited and desired moment, the moment of the announcement of God's beginning kingdom: the Messiah is coming. In the wilderness, John denounces and remembers his people's most particular religious identity: the God of Israel is faithful to his bond and keeps his promises of salvation. He summons His followers into the wilderness to announce to them the coming of the Messiah. But God always expects a minimum of cooperation and conversion from man, the purification of his sins, and the effort to overcome the obstacles that prevent him from seeing the dawn of salvation.



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**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** Corpus Christi Church will be hosting a General Penitential Service on Monday, December 16, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

### **COLUMBUS CENTRE DECEMBER EVENTS:**

Sat., Dec. 14—**Christmas Dinner Dance** \$44.00  
Fri., Dec. 20—**Columbus Centre Annual Christmas Lunch Buffet** (11:30am-1:00pm) Reservations recommended for parties of 8)  
Mon., Dec. 23—**Lasagna Take Out** \$42.00  
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Please call the office for more info, 807-623-3252. Leave a message and they will return your call.

**PARISH FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND:** Join Fr. Luigi & team for our Coffee Social following mass on Sunday, December 8th at 10:00am & 12:00 noon.

### **MEN'S SPIRITUAL FITNESS BIBLE STUDY**

**GROUP:** All men are welcome to join us for Bible Study, prayer, & faith sharing every Saturday morning from 9:00am-10:30am in our meeting room.

**RIGHT TO LIFE NEWSLETTER:** donation forms are available in the lobby. The Right to Life Association's mission is to promote a greater respect for the dignity and worth of all human life, from conception to natural death. You can also view the newsletter or become a member through their website [www.thunderbay.life](http://www.thunderbay.life)

**GIVING TREE:** this year, our Giving Tree will be supporting **CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN**. Monetary donations only. If writing a cheque, please make it out to St. Anthony's Church. **Remember to also include your name & address on the outside of the designated envelope for a tax receipt.** For more information visit:

<https://www.missionsocieties.ca/holy-childhood-association-hca/>

### **BISHOP'S DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN**

Our goal **\$27,000.00**. Donations may be brought to Rectory office or mailed to the Pastoral Office. **To date we have reached \$19,063.24 We are at 71%.**

### **CWL NEWS:**

**CWL COLLECTING:** hats, mitts, socks & underwear to be donated to the Underwear Program

**2025 MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON:** Sun., Jan. 19 for CWL members & friends. Cost \$25. Tickets available at meetings, rectory office or from CWL members after weekend masses.

**ADVENT SERVICE:** The CWL Diocesan Executive is pleased to present an Advent Service on Sat., Dec. 14 at St. Dominic's Church from 10am-12noon. Fr. Sawchuk will be the facilitator. Theme: "Mother of the Americas, Mother of New Hope: Exploring the message of Our Lady of Guadeloupe".

**2025 CWL MEMBERSHIP:** \$35.00 may be paid for at the office, meetings, at weekend masses. Remember to mark your envelope as CWL Membership & include name, phone # & address & email

**BULLETIN ADVERTIZERS:** This is a reminder to those who have not made payment yet for your advertising year of October 2024 to September 2025. Payments are past due. All invoices have been faxed, mailed or emailed out. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays. Thank you.

### **SUNDAY COLLECTION:**

\$ 2,987.00

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## MASS INTENTIONS December 9—15, 2024

### Monday, December 9

All Parishioners

9:00am

Pastor

### Tuesday, December 10

Donna Valente Family  
Filippo Arella Family  
Deceased of Mihaljevic, Martire & Nicastro Family Marino & Family

7:00pm

Family

Family

Marino & Family

### Wednesday, December 11

Riccardo Colosimo

7:00pm

Wife Teresa

### Thursday, December 12

Maria Rosa Consolata Tino

7:00pm

Family

### Friday, December 13

Giuseppe Marino Figli  
Vincenzo Ruberto & Natacha Martinie Ruberto Family  
Vito Bertucci T. & L. Cappello  
Vincenza DiGiacinto Family  
Vincenzo & Angela Clasadonte & Nino Bruno Pino

7:00pm

Figli

Family

T. & L. Cappello

Family

Pino

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Saturday, December 14

5:00pm

Rocco, Leta & Elena D'Angelo  
Raffaella Marino  
Vito Carello  
Valentino Buffone  
Onesto Corsini  
Vincenza Bruno-Bossio  
Maria Rosa Tassone  
Alma Menegon

Argentina

Figli

R. Forte

R. Mauro & Family

C. Squartecchia

M. Corsini

Family

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### Sunday, December 15

9:00am

Vincenzo, Angelina & Ciccio Rosso  
Carmine & Antonietta DeGrazia  
Stefano Frattaroli  
Maria Bitonte  
John Mauracher  
Orlando Coccimiglio

daughter & sister

P. & F. Bloskie & M. DeGrazia

M. Cacciatore

A. Mirabelli

Wife Maria

Nella, children & grandchildren

11:00am

Vittorio Cacciatore  
Jose Cabral  
Marietta & Nazzareno Larizza  
Giuseppe Magisano  
Nicola Squartecchia  
Paolo Galle  
All Souls  
Adelina & Joao Pereira  
Carlos, Helena & Maria do Carmo Costa  
Raffaella Tassone  
Giorgio Milano

S. & I. Vetere

Cabral Family

Family

P. Magisano

Wife & Family

Family

R.G.

Camara Family

M. Cabral

A. Filice

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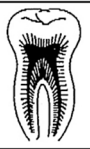
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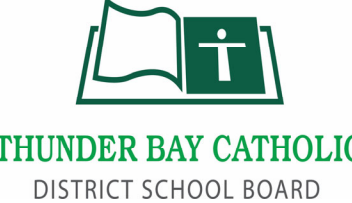
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