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is a Catholic Faith Community rich in Cultural Diversity.  
Our Mission is  
to foster spiritual growth in our community  
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We do this through  
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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

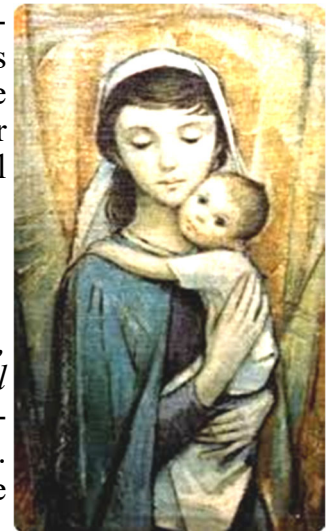
December 7, 2025

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.*

Each Advent is an opportunity for us to come closer to Christ and deepen our relationship with him through prayer and repentance. His power is at work in our lives when we make peace with the family member we have rejected, the relations we don't speak to, the neighbours we have fallen out with, the poor we have no time for and whose plight we don't want to know about. Breaking down these barriers will open the way for Christ to come to us and be born in our hearts at Christmas.

## II DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

*La Chiesa ha il compito di continuare nel mondo la missione materna di Maria, quella di comunicare il Salvatore al mondo. Il cristiano di oggi deve fare proprio il piano di Dio "il quale vuole che tutti gli uomini siano salvati". Questa seconda domenica di Avvento ci invita a fare tesoro della lezione che Giovanni Battista ci offre. Dobbiamo preparare la via al Signore, convertirci nel profondo del nostro cuore e svolgere una vita degna di essere cristiana.*



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:

Only Saturday 4:15pm & 30 min. before each Mass during the week or on request

### Anointing of the sick:

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

### Church & Hall at one level:

Wheelchair & Washroom Facilities available. Hall: (807) 768-9368



## **Produce fruit worthy of conversion!**

St. Matthew's words give us an idea of the great importance of John the Baptist, his influence, and his work as a baptizer. In the words of the evangelist Matthew, we read of the conviction that Israel finds itself in a hopeless situation. There is no longer the collective security that came from belonging to the lineage of Abraham. Everyone's future depends on their own actions: "Produce fruit worthy of conversion!" However, the future is also in God's hands, that is, in the hands of the one who will come after John: the hand that separates the wheat from the chaff will soon do its work. The coming judgment is also the reason why John calls for conversion. Even though John the Baptist does not yet have a clear idea of the one who will come after him, he knows one thing: he is the strongest. To judge is to make a choice. Thus, to prepare for judgment is to make a decision.



## **ITALIAN SOCIETY OF P.A. NEWS:**

**SPAGHETTI TAKE OUTS:** December 14th from 12noon-5:00pm

## **COLUMBUS CENTRE SPAGHETTI/MEATBALLS TAKE OUT:**

December 18. For more info call 807-623-3252

**BRUNCH WITH ST. NICK:** Sunday, December 14th from 10:30am-12:30pm at St. Andrew's Church Saunders Hall, 294 Red River Road. Cost \$20 & children under 10 yrs eat for free.

**GIVING TREE:** will be set up in our church with donation envelopes in support of ***Children Helping Children*** to support children in developing countries. Donations can be enclosed in the envelopes and deposited in the collection box in the foyer.

**BISHOP'S DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN:** Our goal for this year is **\$23,050.00** Donations can be brought to our Rectory office or the Pastoral Office. **Remember to include pink & yellow pledge slips with donation.** To date we have reached \$20,174.13 and are at 88%

**SENIORS CHRISTMAS BANQUET:** Tuesday, December 16. cost \$20. Open to members only. New Members are welcome. See executives to add your name to the list.

**9:00am MASS-MUSIC IN ITALIAN:** The hymns for next Sunday's Mass December 14 will be sung in Italian. Benvenuti a tutti!

**ST. ANTHONY'S YOUTH CHRISTMAS NIGHT:** Join us on Mon., Dec. 22 from 6-8:30pm for a night filled with faith, fun & fellowship as we prepare for the birth of our Saviour this advent season. We will enjoy a festive Christmas movie, dive into some tasty snacks, get creative by making our own Christmas tree ornaments and spend some special time in prayer as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. **ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME** and invited—come celebrate, connect and let's make some great memories together! Parents & Grandparents: if you would like to drop off your kids, feel free to do so, or stay with us. Parishioners, we welcome donations of Christmas baking for the kids to enjoy. Please feel free to drop some off at the church on the 22nd. Call or text Rocky & Jenessa for more information at 807-621-2200

**ST. ANTHONY'S C.W.L. LUNCHEON:** Sunday, January 18, 2026 at the Italian Cultural Centre, Buffet Lunch. Tickets \$35. Open to C.W.L. members & friends. Tickets available at our office, Seniors gathering on Tuesdays & after weekend Masses.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM:** for all couples who have registered for the Sacrament of Marriage will be held on Fri., Jan. 23rd from 7:00pm -10:00pm and Sat., Jan. 24th from 9:00am-6:00pm. Registered couples will be contacted by email to register for the course. Any other couples wishing to participate should contact our office. This is the only course offered at St. Anthony's this year.

**CONFIRMATION DATE FOR 2026:** has been set for Saturday, May 30th.

**FIRST COMMUNION DATE FOR 2026:** has been set for Saturday, June 6th.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** \$ 3,855.00  
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## MASS INTENTIONS December 8— 14, 2025

### Monday, December 8

All Parishioners

**9:00am**

Pastor

### Tuesday, December 9

Teresa Calleri

**7:00pm**

N. & B. LaSelva

### Wednesday, December 10

Filippo Arella

Donna Valente

**7:00pm**

Family

Bruno & Family

### Thursday, December 11

Adam Arella

**7:00pm**

Mira Arella & Family

### Friday, December 12

Maria Consolata Tino

Carmelina Berardi

Rosa Pullia

**7:00pm**

Family

L. Fabiano

M. Bradizza

### Saturday, December 13

**5:00pm**

Fiorina DiGiacinto

Deceased of Zanandrea Family

Anja Seppala

Vincenza DiGiacinto & Deceased D'Angelo

Ada & Vincenzo, Domenic & Mario Foresta

Giuseppe Marino

Nicola Tucci

MariaRosa & Francesco Tassone

Deceased of Lacaria, Tassone & Rizzo Families

B. & E. Melchiorre

Dino & Family

R. & A. Uvanile

Family

L. Colla & Family

Figli

Wife

Family

R. & D. Lacaria

### Sunday, December 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**9:00am**

Carmine & Antonietta DeGrazia

Vince Rizzo

Francesco Mollame

Joao & Fatima Borba

P. & F. Bloskie & M. DeGrazia

Ada

Wife & Daughter

Friends

**11:00am**

Jose Cabral

Nazzareno & Marietta Larizza

Maria Bitonte

Giuseppe Magisano

Nicola Squartecchia

Vincenzo & Angelina Ruberto & Natacha

Raffaella Marino

Agostino & Barbara Medeiros

Laura DiSimone Iachetta

Carmelina Berardi

Angelina Figliuzzi

M. Cabral

Family

G. Prete & Family

Family

Wife & Family

Family

Figli

M. Cabral

M. Mauracher

T. & M. DiSimone

R. & T. Forte

Our 11:00 am Mass can be viewed by live stream

With the link being found on the church website:

[www.stanthonysparish.ca](http://www.stanthonysparish.ca)



**Austin Francesco Casoria & Aurora Michelle Maria Van Voris** were baptized in the Lord. Congratulations & blessings to the families.

† Let us pray for the repose of the soul of **Raffaella Longo**. May God bless her and welcome her into His Kingdom.

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