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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 2025

The spirit of the Lord now upon me has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

The Liturgy of Advent gives us the courage to strengthen our feeble hands and make firm our weak knees. Our hearts can easily become frightened and weighed down by the hardships we face. We can lose patience in our sufferings as we await the coming of the Lord. John knew that life was more than food, the body more than clothing. He sought the kingdom of God first, confident that God would provide. John did not complain. He did not lose faith. Even in chains in his prison cell, he was still sending his disciples—and us—to our Savior. We come to Him again now in the Eucharist.

III DOMENICA DI AVVENTO - GAUDETE

In questa gioiosa domenica di Avvento Gesù domanda ai discepoli di Giovanni che cosa di fatto sono venuti a vedere. Ma se lui è un profeta che volevano vedere, l'hanno visto! Hanno avuto ragione di andare a trovare Giovanni Battista, poiché la legge e i profeti lo avevano designato. Eppure, la gente lo ha seguito ma senza sapere veramente chi lui era. Il Vangelo dà una risposta che ci illumina: di fatto anche noi molte volte non sappiamo quello che vogliono. Colui che celebriamo nel Santo Natale è la risposta a tutte le nostre domande.



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.

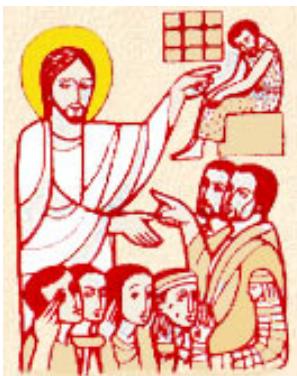
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Who is Jesus?

When Jesus gives his answer to John the Baptist's messengers, his words are reminiscent of those of a prophet. It must become clear that past hopes are fulfilled in Jesus, even if many things remain unfulfilled. Not all the sick have been healed, not everything has become good. As for those for whom this is not enough, Jesus asks them what they actually came to see. For well-dressed people can be found everywhere. But if it was a prophet they wanted to see, they saw him! They were right to go and see John the Baptist, for the law and the prophets had designated him. Yet the people followed him as children would dance in the market square without caring who was playing the flute. Often people do not know what they want. They run after anyone who promises them something special.



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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

PRIESTLY DISCERNMENT GROUP: an opportunity for Catholic men to discuss and discern the priestly vocation alongside other brothers in Christ. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining this monthly gathering, please contact Fr. Terry Sawchuk at 807-345-6541 or email pastor@corpuschristi-tbay.ca

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.

BISHOP'S DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN: Our goal 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: Tues., Dec. 16. cost \$20. Members only. New members are welcome. See executives to add name to the list.

GIVING TREE: is set up with donation envelopes in support of **Children Helping Children**. Donations can be enclosed in the envelopes and put in the collection box in the foyer. To date we have raised \$1,980.00

ST. ANTHONY'S YOUTH CHRISTMAS NIGHT:

Join us Mon., Dec. 22 from 6-8:30pm for an evening of faith, fun & fellowship as we prepare for the birth of our Saviour this advent season. We will enjoy a Christmas movie, tasty snacks, make tree ornaments and spend time in prayer as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. **ALL CHILDREN WELCOME.** Come celebrate, connect and make memories! Parents & grandparents: you may drop off children, or stay with us. We welcome donations of Christmas baking for the kids to enjoy. Please bring baking to the church on the 22nd. Call or text Rocky & Jenessa for more info at 807-621-2200

ST. ANTHONY'S C.W.L. MEMBERSHIP: is \$35 & can be purchased at CWL Luncheon in January or by putting funds in the envelopes labelled **"CWL Membership"** and placed in collection box.

LUNCHEON: Sun., Jan. 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. Baking is appreciated. Donations of new socks, mitts & hats for those in need are also graciously accepted.

MARRIAGE PREP. PROGRAM: for 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: has been set for Saturday, May 30th, 2026

FIRST COMMUNION: has been set for Saturday, June 6th, 2026

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$ 4,070.00

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MASS INTENTIONS December 15—21, 2025

Monday, December 15

9:00am
All Parishioners
Pastor
Eugenio & Rosina Berardi & All Deceased
Eva

Tuesday, December 16

7:00pm
figlia Rosa
Family

Wednesday, December 17

7:00pm
Arturo Scarcello
Family

Thursday, December 18

7:00pm
Giulia & Nicola Sanzo
Lucy

Friday, December 19

7:00pm
Angelo Nardi
cognati Cosimo & Raffaela

Saturday, December 20

5:00pm
Antonio Figueira
Orlando Coccimiglio
Fiore Coccimiglio
Raffaele Stefanile
Giovanna Chiarelli
Giovanni Chiarelli
Francesco Caglioti, Caterina Catania & Raffaele Bonazza
Emilio Colla
Nino & Lucia Bucciarelli
Pietro Fabiano & Luigi Carobelli
Carmine & Ida Arabia & Antonio & Egida Barone
Family
Nella, Children & Grandchildren
Nella & Family
M. & V. Mirabelli
C. & R. Marino
Mary & Family
Eleonora
Lina & Family
M. Stefanile & Family
Gina & Family
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Sunday, December 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am
Eva Sacchetti
Carmine & Antonietta DeGrazia
Defunti Mollame, Lepore & Filice
Defunti Arella, Rizzo & Filice
Paolo & Antonietta Coccimiglio & Rosario & Emilia Fadelbene
All Souls in Purgatory
Orlando Coccimiglio
Ermando & Family
P. & F. Bloskie & M. DeGrazia
Rosaria
Ada
F & L Coccimiglio
M. Cabral
Nella, Children & Grandchildren

11:00am

Bobby Carvalho, Ron Percy & Francisco Raposo
Erik Sereda
Aquila Slobbe
Paolo Galle & All Souls
Manuel & Conceicao Arruda
Carmelina Berardi
Giulio Scocchia
Angelina Figliuzzi
Giuseppe & Maria Rizzo
Maria Bitonte
Giuseppe Leonetti
Dina
Mom, Dad, Nicole & Benny
G. & L. Notarbartolo
Rita & Family
I. DaCosta
I. DiSimone
Family
L. & N. Roy
daughters & granddaughters
M. Turco
Wife & Family

Our 11:00 am Mass can be viewed by live stream
With the link being found on the church website:

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Chinonso Elior Martin-Okoli was baptized in the Lord. Congratulations & blessings to the family.

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