

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Making Room for Jesus

As Christmas fast approaches and Advent is drawing to a close, let us remind ourselves of the importance of this liturgical season. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas as well as His final coming at the end of time. However, the great saints of the church also speak of an intermediary coming, the coming of Christ to our present lives. Let us take a moment to ask ourselves, if the Lord showed up in our life today, would there be room for Him?

As stewards, we often face the temptation to let our works of charity become a life of volunteering instead of a spirituality of service. Our many works may begin to take precedence over our relationship with Christ which should always remain as the source of our stewardship. This Advent, as we are waiting for Christ, Christ is also waiting for us. Jesus says in the Book of Revelation, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you" (Revelation 3:20). He is waiting for us to open the door and let him in.

We can let him into our lives as stewards by realizing it is not ourselves ministering to our neighbour, but the love and presence of Christ within us. St. Teresa of Calcutta says it best when she proclaims that, 'it is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at someone and offer them your hand.' St. Teresa of Calcutta fully embodies the spirit of stewardship that makes room for Christ to love others through her. Let us strive to let Jesus into our lives as we approach Christmas.



May the Christmas GIFTS remind us of God's greatest gift, His only Son.

May the Christmas CANDLES remind us of Him who is the "Light of the World."

May the Christmas TREES remind us of another tree upon which he died.

May the Christmas CHEER remind us of Him who said, "Be of good cheer."

May the Christmas FEAST remind us of Him who is "the Bread of Life."

May the Christmas BELLS remind us of the glorious proclamation of His birth.

May the Christmas CAROLS remind us of the son the angels sang, "Glory to God in the Highest!"

May the Christmas SEASON remind us in every way of Jesus Christ our King!

Extending you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas....

Father Felix, Father Shyju, and Deacon Miguel



Christmas Eve-Wednesday, December 24th
5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm and 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day-Thursday, December 25th
10:00am and 12:00 noon

Friday, December 26th
Morning Mass at 9:00 am

New Year's Eve-Wednesday, December 31st
6:00pm

New Year's Day-Thursday, January 1st
10:00am 12:00 noon

Friday, January 2nd
First Friday - Morning Mass at 8:30 am



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL & PARISH **OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS**

Please note the Parish Office will be opened on
December 24 and 31st until 12 noon.

Closed on December 25th, 26th and January 1st.

***There will be no 8:30 am mass on December 24th & 31st ***

Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be closed from December 24th
to December 26th and December 31st to January 1st inclusive.

From Monday, December 22nd to and including
Friday, January 2nd the church and office will be closed at 4pm.

**There will be no evening hours for Church, Chapel and
Office. Regular hours will resume on Monday, January 5th,
2026.**



A Note from the Parish Office...

2026 Donation Envelope Boxes

As the year quickly comes to an end, we would like to Thank everyone who has picked up their 2026 donation envelope box. There are still quite a number of boxes which haven't been picked up yet. Please do so as soon as you possibly can or if you are not interested in having your donation box we would like to hear from you with directions, so that we can remove them from your family profile. As usual practice we recommend recording your name, address and phone number on the first three-four envelopes of your new box to make certain we have the correct information in our database and donations are applied to the correct donor.

Tax Receipts

To be eligible for tax receipts for donations made in the year
2025 the deadline is Sunday, December 28, 2025.

Tax receipts will be prepared and ready for pick up at the end of
February 2026. Please let the parish office know if you prefer to
have your receipt mailed to you.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 2025

Please Pray For All The Sick

Lenny Naluz, Felix Pires, Annie Hurley, Miyanna Figueroa, Mariana Weglinski, and Aissa Aro.

And we pray for those whose death anniversaries occur about this time that they may live in glory forever with God and all the Saints.



Masses For The Week

8:30 am **Monday, December 22**

For the repose of the souls of Benita, Flora, and Emilia Ayson;

Requested by Nida Ayson

For the repose of the soul of Lawson Sylianco;

Requested by the Family

Special Intentions and Blessings for Lambert & Deanne Jackson;

Requested by the Family

8:30 am **Tuesday, December 23**

For the repose of the soul of Riley Hortillo San Pedro;

Requested the Hortillo Family

Thanksgiving and Special Intentions;

Requested by the Gonzalvo Family

For the repose of the soul of Virginia Hipolito & Marina Angeles;

Requested by Penny Hipolito and Family

5:00 pm **Wednesday, December 24**

For the repose of the soul of Joseph Patrick & all deceased members of the Sebastampillai Family;

Requested by the Family

7:00 pm

For the repose of the soul of Selliah Daniel;

Requested by the Daniel Family

9:00 pm

For the repose of the souls of Bento & Jorgina Pereira;

Requested by the Family

12:00 am

For the repose of the soul of Carlos Melo;

Requested Maria Melo and Family

10:00 am **Thursday, December 25**

For the repose of the souls of Antonio & Imaculada Machado;

Requested by the Family

12:00 pm

For the repose of the souls of Manuel & Margarida Rebelo;

Requested Sally Cordeiro

9:00 am **Friday, December 26**

For the repose of the soul of Fernando Da Silva;

Requested by Emilia Da Silva

For the repose of the soul of Angiolina Italiano;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Steven Senaiko;

Requested by the Family

9:00 am

Saturday, December 27

For the repose of the soul of John McMurray;

Requested by Dan & Catherine Kaloutsky

For the repose of the souls of Ngoc Luu & Michael Choo;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Fernando Da Silva;

Requested by Emilia Da Silva

5:00 pm

For the repose of the soul of Ivan D'Souza;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the souls of Peter & Mary Coelho;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Emparatriz Sychangco;

Requested by Ivo & Rosa Villa

8:00 am

Sunday, December 28

For the repose of the souls of Tomas Anden;

Requested by Linda Anden

For the repose of the soul of Ambrocia Carbajal;

Requested by Anastacia Ibo

Thanksgiving and Special Intentions;

Requested by the DCunha Family

10:00 am

For the Intentions of the Parishioners.

12:00 pm - Multiple Intentions

+ **Alda Demenezes**

+ **Ana Maria Costa**

+ **Eileen Lucknow**

+ **Pierette Fokias**

Special Intentions & Birthday Blessings for Kosi Ukala

Special Intentions for Benjamin Martinez

Thanksgiving and Special Intentions for Sequeira Family

Children's Liturgy

Parents and Guardians please note December 21 will be the last Children's Liturgy session for 2025. We will resume Children's Liturgy on Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 10:00 am and 12:00 noon.

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of January 3/4, we will welcome our special guest from Sebastian Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers."

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

You can visit and support us at www.HolyLandChristians.ca



**Thank you to everyone who generously
donated to: Weekly Total: \$6,986.70**