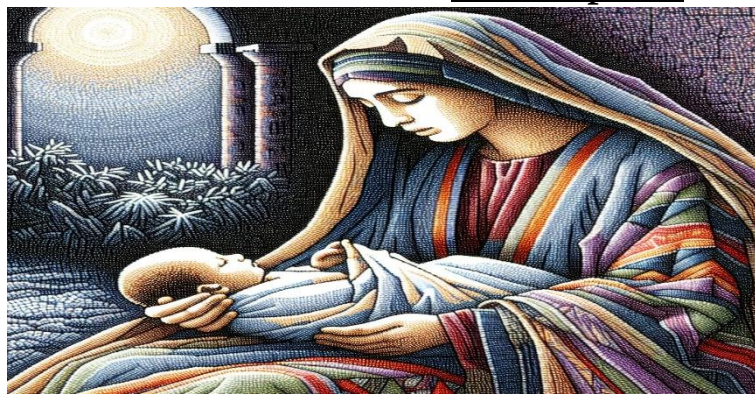


# Fourth Sunday of Advent

Parish Update: December 21, 2025



*"The virgin shall be with child and bear a son; and they shall name him Emmanuel; God is with us." (Matthew 1.23)*

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> TO DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

- Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Ferial**  
Office Closed No Mass
- Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Ferial**  
9:00 a.m. +Toma & +Pashke Krasniqi (N Krasniqi)
- Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> Ferial**  
Office Closes at 12:00 p.m.  
9:00 a.m. +Narte Krasniqi (N Krasniqi)  
*The Nativity of the Lord*  
Holy Day of Obligation  
4:00 p.m. +Ann Marie Potton & +Dani Corfield (Potton & Petrovsky Families)  
8:00 p.m. +Mikhail Razoki, Sarmod Razoki, & Nabeel Razoki (Razoki & Rawoof Family)  
+Hanna Rawoof, +Huda Abdul Maseeh and Sp. Int. of Ghadah Rawoof (Razoki & Rawoof Family)
- Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> The Nativity of the Lord**  
Office Closed Holy Day of Obligation  
10:30 a.m. Liv. & Dec. Members of the Paroyan, Prokopich, Artinian & DiMaurizio Families (M Paroyan)
- Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> St. Stephen – Feast**  
Office Closed  
9:00 a.m. +Lush Nikaj (M Krasniqi)  
9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup>**  
3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. +Renata Miketic (A&T Miketic)
- Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
9:00 a.m. +Nora & +Norman Atkins (Lawless Family)  
11:00 a.m. +David Cole (Our Lady of Fatima Staff)

### From the Pastor's Desk

**Dear Friends:** Many if not most of you would have received this year's Christmas mailout. We had attempted to have one last year, but it was prevented by the postal strike. For a Christmas mailout, we send a letter to everyone who is a registered parishioner. Naturally, this includes those who are very involved in the life of the parish, those who are occasional Sunday Mass

attenders and those who are rarely if ever present for worship. In light of this reality, I try to draft a message which warmly greets all recipients, conveying my best wishes and prayers for a blessed Christmas and New Year. I do this with great sincerity since the annual celebration of the Nativity is a source of grace and joy for all.

In this short message, however, I wish to take the matter a step further. To you reading this, who are likely assisting at Sunday Mass week after week, financially supporting our parish and its works in a generous and considered manner and possibly performing a liturgical ministry, I want to say "thank you!" This is not something you generally hear too often and the reason for that is definitely not ingratitude.

I have within my heart a prayer of thanksgiving during the offertory at Mass and when I hear the counters in on Tuesday morning, those who give of their time to sort, count and record the donations which will be used for salaries and to pay for the goods, services, fees and applicable taxes required to run a parish. Thank you. May our Lord continue to richly bless each of us, His disciples, as we gather together at the Manger to welcome the Christ Child this year! *Fr. Richard*



Please refer to the sign-up sheet at the main entrance of the church for:  
**December 24/25 CHRISTMAS**  
**December 27/28 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
**Dec. 31/Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**The Nativity Scene** is once again on display at City Hall in St. Catharines (50 Church Street, St. Catharines). All the faithful are encouraged to visit this display in the hope that the humble beauty of the creche will help inspire hearts to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. This meaningful religious display was made possible through the dedication of the Catholic Women's League of St. Mary of the Assumption parish and the generosity of Mr. Tom Rankin and the crew of Rankin Construction, for storing, transporting, and setting up the display, and Garden City Home Hardware Store for electrical cords and décor. It will be up until January 5, 2026.

The annual broadcast of **Midnight Mass** from the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria will be available on Newstalk 610 CKTB at 11:30 pm and at [www.610cktb.com](http://www.610cktb.com)

**Dear Father Richard and parishioners of Star of the Sea,** It is impossible to adequately thank you for the amazing Christmas baskets you prepared for each of our families at Chez Marie. Thank you for your ongoing care and concern for our Refugee families. We are deeply grateful, S. Judy Carroll and Maria Toussaint Co-coordinators Chez Marie

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Parish Update: December 28, 2025



*"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the word of Christ dwell in you richly." (Colossians 3.15, 16)*

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> TO JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

- Monday, 29<sup>th</sup>** 5<sup>th</sup> day within the Octave of the Nativity  
Office Closed No Mass
- Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup>** 6<sup>th</sup> day within the Octave of the Nativity  
9:00 a.m. +David Cole (Our Lady of Fatima Staff)
- Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup>** 7<sup>th</sup> day within the Octave of the Nativity  
Office Closes at 12:00 p.m.  
9:00 a.m. +Marianna & +Pietro DiFranco (N Vendittelli)  
+Adolph Eckstein (R&K Eckstein)  
9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*  
Holy Day of Obligation  
5:00 p.m. Liv. & Dec. Members of Star of the Sea
- Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup>** *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation*  
Office Closed  
10:00 a.m. +Marcella Philip (M Pakyanayagam)
- Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup>** *St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen – Memorial*  
9:00 a.m. +Sara Cardoso Ferreeira (G Rego & M Caro)  
9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory (T Miketic)
- Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup>** **The Epiphany of the Lord**  
9:00 a.m. +Ed Yuhasz (CWL)  
+David Cole (Our Lady of Fatima Staff)  
11:00 a.m. Holy Souls (N Vendittelli)  
+Joseph Vendittelli (N Vendittelli)  
+Veronica Szelcki

**Automated Fund Transfer (AFT) & E-Transfer Contributions** – if you are interested in setting up AFT contributions for the new year. Please see the office for the form. Please note all AFT and E-Transfer contribution are appreciated. We thank everyone for their continued support.

**2026 Offertory Envelopes** – 2026 Offertory Envelopes are available at the main entrance of the church. Once the new year begins, **PLEASE recycle** any **OLD** contribution envelopes as that number maybe allocated to another member. If you did not use envelopes in 2025 and want

to start, please contact the parish office to get a box. Clearly print your information on the first couple of envelopes used in the new year. Thank You!

**PRAYER ANGELS** Our ministry is set up to pray for the parish's intentions. Please send by email or phone your concerns or cares and they will be passed on to the members of this group who will daily offer up your intentions to the Lord. Prayer is powerful. Let us help ease your troubles or shower the Lord with praises. Please call or email Marg 289-214-6679 [mgmartin113@gmail.com](mailto:mgmartin113@gmail.com)  
*'He who prays most receives most.'*  
St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori



**CWL CORNER**  
(Catholic Women's League)  
*Here I am Lord, send me*  
(Isaiah 6.8)



**E-transfer payments** for CWL may be made to [cwlstarofthesea@gmail.com](mailto:cwlstarofthesea@gmail.com). Please remember to indicate which event in the subject line.

Our Catholic Women's League members have been very busy during this Advent Season. We have accomplished so much to help those who need our support. As we prepare to celebrate Christ's Birth with our family and friends we wish the parish community of Star of the Sea a blessed Christmas Season.

Our next **CWL Mass** will be on Sunday, January 4 at 9:00 a.m. Our next **CWL General Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m.



Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup>	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	Dn. Maurice	CWL	Ron Eckstein
Lector	MJ Stacey	CWL	C Purcer
Hospitality Ministers	A&R Hancock L Bourret	CWL	H Green G LaRoche M Mouradikian

### WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Parishioner Envelopes	\$ 6,469.00
Loose Collection: CAD	\$ 311.00
USD	\$ 0.00
Christmas Offerings	\$ 605.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 324.00
<b>Total Offertory Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,709.00</b>
December Automatic Fund Transfers	\$ 815.00
<b>Our Special Needs</b>	<b>\$ 230.00</b>

*Thank you*  
MAY GOD BLESS YOU