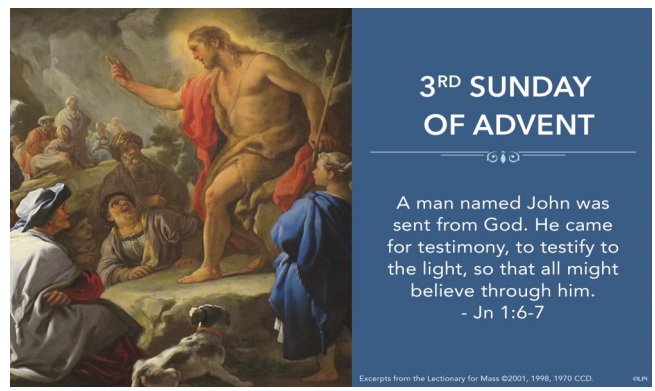


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Sunday, December 13th, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Dec 12	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions Third Sunday of Advent
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family) ✠ Betty & Les Szabo (Lana & Jan) Third Sunday of Advent
Sun. Dec 13	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Mike Ciolfi (Pat Vaillancourt) ✠ Anthony, Sybil & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)
Mon. Dec 14	9:30am	✠ Deceased Members of the Elavathingal Family (Zita Alamparambil)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
Tues. Dec 15	9:30am	✠ Souls in Purgatory (Marguerite Fonseca)
Wed. Dec 16	9:30am	✠ Armand Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek) Fr. Chad Grennan (Lena & Vince Addario)
Thurs. Dec 17	9:30am	✠ Dorothy Racz & Ashley Lelievre (Racz Family)
Fri. Dec 18	9:30am	✠ Isaiah (Magazzeni Family) ✠ Ralph Biancaniello (Lena Addario) ✠ Anthony, Sybil & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)
Sat. Dec 19	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions Fourth Sunday of Advent
	5:00pm	✠ Angelo & Ghislaine Tedesco (Zarb Family) Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sun. Dec 20	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family) ✠ Anthony, Muriel, Ron & Sherry Guest (Rebeiro Family)

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

Confessions from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
 Interac E-transfer is also available to make donations. Please use the following email: stannfendonations@cogeco.net
 (No password required)

Offertory November Dec 5th & 6th, 2020

Envelopes	\$2, 829.24
Loose Collection	\$ 30.00
Total Offertory	\$2, 859.24
Flowers	\$ 185.00
Maintenance	\$ 147.50

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Dear parishioners of St. Ann's parish,
 I am taking time off from the parish to deal with stress-related issues. Fr. Alarey Abella, C.P.P.S. (Fr.Rey) is filling in for me. I hope to be back around Easter. I will miss you all, but we will stay connected through prayer. I ask for your prayers during this time, and be assured of my continued prayers for you. May God bless you, Fr. Chad Grennan

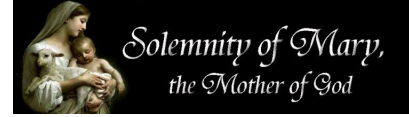
Christmas Mass Schedule 2020/2021



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
 Thursday, Dec 24th 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
 8:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
 Friday, Dec 25th Midnight Mass
 9:30 & 11am Christmas Day Masses
 Saturday, Dec 26th 9-10am Confessions **cancelled**



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 Saturday, Dec 26th 4-4:45pm Holy Hour & Confessions
 5:00pm Mass
 Sunday, Dec. 27th 9:30am Mass
 11:00am Mass
 Monday Dec. 28th 9:30am Weekday Mass
 7-8pm Holy Hour and Confessions
 Tuesday Dec. 29th 9:30am Weekday Mass
 Wednesday Dec 30th 9:30am Weekday Mass
 Thursday Dec 31st 9:30am Weekday Mass



Solemnity of Mary the Most Holy Mother of God
 Thursday, Dec 31st 5:00pm Mass
 Friday, Jan 1st, 2021 9:30 & 11am Masses

Please note that five Masses are being offered on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to accommodate as many people as possible, and to provide more options for people to spread out their attendance so that the church congregation always remains within the 30% capacity limit at each Mass. Should we attain 30% capacity at any Mass we will have to lock the doors. Bishop Bergie provides helpful advice on this matter: "If people are unable to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day due to lack of space or concern regarding crowds, they should be reminded that the Church in her wisdom has established the Octave of Christmas. Individuals can celebrate Christmas and attend Mass on any of the eight days." The Octave runs from Christmas Day (which includes Christmas Eve) to Jan. 1.

Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes are in your offertory boxes dated **Dec. 6th**. We invite everyone to make a gift towards the cost of the Christmas greens and flowers that will decorate our parish this blessed season. Honour a family member or friend, give thanks for a special event (such as a wedding or the birth of a child), or remember a departed loved one. If you do not have envelopes, you may use a plain envelope and include your name, address and phone number.

Latin Masses are on hold until further notice. As well, Confessions 9-10 on Saturdays are also on hold.

Parish Calendar

December.....
 Dec 19th.... Confessions 9-10am cancelled

Offertory envelopes for 2021 will be available next weekend. Volunteers will hand them out as you enter the church. If you want to make alternate arrangements, let the office know. E-transfer will continue to be available to make your donation. Check your envelopes for Special Collection dates. Every year there are updates made to the offertory numbering system. **FOR THE YEAR 2021, USE ONLY THE ENVELOPES ASSIGNED TO YOU FOR THAT YEAR.** This will ensure that donations are credited to the proper person. **If a box has not been prepared for you, let the office know.** Also, please do not begin using your new envelopes until 2021. Thank you!

This is always a good time of the year to be sure that the parish has all your information updated. If there has been a change of address, email or phone numbers, please let the office know soon. During these past months with the Covid-19 pandemic, emails have been sent to parishioners with updates. If you have not received them, then we don't have your email address on file. Please send it to us and we'll be sure to put you on our list. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: All Church contributions/donations for 2020 (**envelopes and e-transfers**) must be received on or before **Dec. 31st, 2020** to be applied to your 2020 tax receipt. It is best to make a donation by envelope for 2020 on the weekend of Dec 26/27 if you are attending Mass. If you mail in donations, please be sure to give some extra time as there may be delays with the post office. The parish office will be closed from Dec 24-Jan 1st.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.



During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

