

## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Please note:** Fr. Stuart is on sick leave, please contact Fr. Bill Derosie, 905-650-0294 text email : [wder427@gmail.com](mailto:wder427@gmail.com)

**Mass Times :** Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 9 & 11 a.m., Masses during the week, see the chart in other column.

**Confessions:** during the pandemic, by request.

**Baptisms:** Usually Sunday after the 11 a.m. Mass by prior arrangement

**Weddings:** Any day except Sunday. Six months' notice and preparation required.

**Anointing of the Sick:** There is a priest on call at the hospitals. Please ask a nurse to contact him. If anyone is seriously ill at home, please call the parish. Anointing is given only when someone is in danger of death. It should not be delayed until a person's last hours.

**Funerals:** when a loved one has died, a funeral mass in the presence of the body should be arranged with Fr. Stuart in consultation with the funeral home. For cemetery questions, please call Mike Collee 905-384-2505 or Paul Brunning 905-382-2927.

**Last Chance :** Catholic Women's League dues are to be paid by November 30. Please put your cheque for \$25 made payable to the St. Joseph's CWL in an envelope and drop it

into the collection basket. The CWL has a great influence with various civil and community groups, and I would like to encourage you, if you are not a member, to join this organization (1) **Christmas Party** is scheduled for **December 3, 1 p.m.** If you plan to attend please call Marian at 905-382-2998.

**Sunday Offerings:** November 21-22 \$650

### Mass Intentions during the week

First Week of Advent (Year B) †		
Sat., Nov. 28 5 pm	Intentions of	Bea Koren
Sun. Nov.29 9 am	Leo & Ruth Hicks	Bill Doyle
Sun. Nov. 29 11 a.m.	Elizabeth Palmer	C. Kruger
Mon. Nov. 30 11 a.m.	Millie Willick	CWL
Thur. Dec. 3 11a.m.	Jerry Laughlin	G. Bailey
Fri., Dec. 4 11 a.m.	Lester, Meril, Ronald, Nancy Willick, Doug & Mary Cartmell	Alice Sherk
Sat., Dec. 5 9 a.m.	Pro populo	
Second Week of Advent Year B ††		
Sat. Dec. 5 5 p.m.	Yolanda Tykolos	Family
Sun. Dec. 6 9 a.m.	Pro Populo	
Sun. Dec. 7 11 a.m.	Ray, Darril, Don	Allen Collee

**Bulletin :** Contact Fr. Bill to have bulletin emailed.

**Thank you :** Stevensville Lawn Service. For having replaced the downspout on the Church so quickly. We appreciate your promptness in getting it repaired.

Each day in Advent has its own liturgy. Friday and Saturday the Advent Season mass is celebrations instead of the mass of the Sacred Heart or Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**Eventbrite.ca** site lists the masses that are available at Christmas and confirm your place(s) for the mass you select by sending you an email. You will print tickets for yourself. **The masses are at 5 , 8 and the Midnight mass 11:59 p.m. on December 24. On Christmas Day the masses are at 9 and 11 a.m.** The link for requesting tickets is **Eventbrite.ca** search for events where you find the magnifying glass : type in **St Joseph Church, Niagara region** As you type it you should see a box with a blue and white nativity scene. Click on the mass you wish to attend, Click the **green register button** indicate the number of tickets. An e-mail will be sent to you and you print the tickets. The site will automatically stop issuing tickets when the number for that mass is full. **When requesting tickets please request one ticket for each person attending the mass with you.**

If you have difficulty, please call or e-mail Fr. Bill Derosie, 905-650-0294 text email : [wder427@gmail.com](mailto:wder427@gmail.com)

Please remember the Covid-19 rules : we must distance sitting and coming to communion, sanitize our hands upon entering and leaving the Church, and wear a mask. If you are not feeling well, or have lost the sense of smell, taste, have a headache, runny nose, cough -- we ask that you do not attend mass. As Covid-19 is transmitted through human contact, the church is sanitized after each mass.

We are happy to welcome **George Lagace Howard Bailey**. He will be Baptised into the Church, after the 11 a.m. mass on November 29. We pray that the parents and godparents will be excellent examples of lived faith for this child.

**New Liturgical Church Year** : November 29 is the beginning of the new liturgical church year (B). It is also the first Sunday in the season of Advent. Advent is composed of the 4 Sundays before the celebration of Christmas. It is marked by the use of the colours purple and old rose (on the third Sunday of Advent). Purple is the colour of royalty, penance, and hope.

The Glory to God in the highest is not said during Advent, except on the Marian feasts of the Immaculate Conception (of Mary—Dec. 8 and Our Lady of Guadeloupe—Dec. 12.

Advent has two characters : As Christians we look forward to the second (last) coming of Christ at the end of the world—until the 16 December. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of December we begin nine days of preparation for the Nativity of Jesus. We are encouraged to watch patiently, preparing for the great day of Jesus' arrival. We are to be silently watching and getting ready for Jesus to appear. A common prayer, usually in the evening is **Come Lord Jesus**. This short phrase is a prayer, an invitation itself. Some people pray : **Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus**.

As a result of northern European custom Churches have **Advent wreaths** : a green circle of fir/pine decorated (with fruit, ribbons, and) candles. Usually there are three purple candles, one pink and one white candle. In some cases one candle for each day of Advent could be used. In Canada it is customary to use four or five candles. The candles are lit to show the passage of time from the first Sunday to the last day of Advent. Each Sunday a new candle is lit, the first two and last Sunday candles are purple. The third Sunday a pink candle is lit. During the Christmas octave a white candle is lit to symbolize the birth of Jesus. From what I could find there is not any significant notes about the candles other than to mark the passage of time. Candles do not necessarily stand for peace, joy, hope, life, etc.

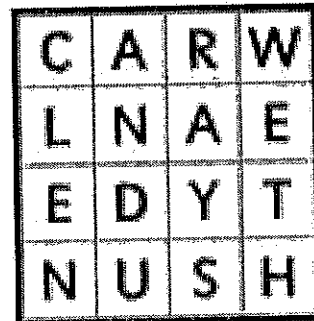
Another Advent custom, **Advent Calendars**, have several doors to open, usually containing a scriptural verse announcing the salvation history. True Advent Calendars prepare people for the birth of Jesus and not the coming of Santa Claus.

Some churches decorate a **Jesse Tree** which contains symbols of our salvation, and as each symbol is added each day it becomes a beautiful tree by Christmas. A good activity would be to look up the Jesse tree on the internet and perhaps make ornaments for our own Christmas trees to link our salvation with Jesus.

**The Collection** for the week of November 21-22 : \$1120  
The Collection for Deo Gratias was \$410. **Thank you** for your generous response to the needs of the parish and the Clergy.

**Thank you** to the readers, those who helped get ready for Advent and to those who sanitize the church following each mass. What a great parish!

How many words of 3 letters or more can you find using the letters below? Words are formed from adjoining letters. Letters must join in the proper sequence to spell a word and may join horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, to the left, right, or up-and-down. No letter square, however may be used more than once within a single word. You may use plurals if available. Score 1 point for each 3 letter word, 2 points for 4 letter words, 3 points for 5 letter words, and so on. Score an extra 2 points for every Advent themed word that you make!



My points \_\_\_\_\_

### FCR Advent



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BOSTON  
JAKE  
TWELVE DAYS  
PAUL  
CORNER TIME  
JASPER  
PHILIP  
KEEPERS YARD  
RILEY  
FREEMANS FIELD  
DALE  
BLIZZARD  
GERRY  
FLYNN  
TON  
LYNDEN  
DAVID  
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Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/105575/>

Please keep Fr. Lawrence Martis in your prayers. He was a priest from the Diocese of Mangalore, India who died on November 25, 2020, at the age of 55, in St. Catharines, ON. He was a priest in residence at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria in St. Catharines. Fr. Lawrence was 55 years old. "The souls of the just are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them." (Wisdom 3:1) May the soul of Fr. Lawrence and all the souls of the Faithful Departed rest in the peace of Christ. Amen. Let perpetual light shine upon them.