

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

---

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday, December 2 – 9:00 a.m.**  
Fred & Gladys McEwan

**Tuesday, No December 3 – 7:00 p.m.**  
*St. Francis Xavier, Priest*  
Leo Joseph Baldinelli | Michela Izzo

**Wednesday, December 4– 9:30 a.m.**  
Michele Renda

**Thursday, December 5 – 7:00 p.m.**  
Concetta Stant

**Friday, December 6 – 9:00 a.m.**  
Eugene Aiello

**Saturday, December 7– 9:00 a.m.**  
*St. Ambroso, Bishop and Doctor*  
Maria Concetta Moschella

#### MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Saturday, December 7 - 5:00 p.m.**  
Paul Mizzi | Carlo Trasmundi | Michael La Farciola

**Sunday, December 8– 8:00 a.m.**  
Pro Populo – For the People

**Sunday, December 8 – 9:30 a.m.**  
Michele Renda | Maria D'Amario  
Maria Antonietta & Lorenzo Cavasin

**Sunday, December 8 – 11:00 a.m.**  
Tomamaso DeAngelis | Rosalia Bruzzese

---

#### WEEKLY PARISH DONATIONS

The November 24th collection was: \$6162.00  
**Thank you for your faithful stewardship!**

---

#### FORMED ©

Visit [www.olos.formed.org](http://www.olos.formed.org) for free access. The subscription is paid for by the parish, so make use of it with family & friends.

---

#### PREAUTHORIZED GIVING

Our parish offers automated fund transfer as a way for parishioners to contribute to the parish. Those interested in utilizing this way of donating are asked to contact Valerie at the parish office 905-358-7611 or via email at [business@ourladyofthescapular.net](mailto:business@ourladyofthescapular.net)

### THE PASTOR'S CORNER

We are starting a new three month schedule on January 11th (the old schedule expires January 5th). Ideally, I look for volunteers to minister in once a month, depending on the ministry. This would mean we would need 8 readers, 8 eucharistic ministers and 12 hospitality ministers in our roster. Here is a chart listing our current roster of ministers:

Mass/Ministry	Hospitality (12)	Eucharist (8)	Lector (8)
5:00 pm	6	13	8
8:00 am	4	9	6
9:30 am	4	13	14
11:00 am	10	16	9

As you can see from this list, some of our ministries a bit overloaded, which is fine, it just means that ministers won't be scheduled that often, which is not ideal. So, as you can see, we could use a few more hospitality ministers and a few new readers particularly at the 8:00 Mass. The rest is well covered. If you would like a break, let us know as well by contacting the office. Just know how valued your service is! The only other ministry which is not yet included here are altar servers. I will be putting a push at the schools in December for new altar servers, if you know anyone who would like to serve, let us know at the office.

In terms of other "non-liturgical" ministries, we are also looking for one more team of 3 to help count the collection (Sundays at 10:30 am or Monday's at 9:00 am (which is preferred)). We are also in need of one or two more teams to help with our bereavement ministry - bereavement ministers help prepare our funeral liturgies by meeting with the families, selecting readings, providing a bit of biographical information for the presider and just being a general support. Bereavement ministers *do not* provide grief counselling. Both bereavement and counters will need to provide references, a police check and a brief interview.

Please contact the office or fill out a volunteer form which are located all over the church, or chat with one of our current ministers about it. Also, if you are serving in any of our ministries and you have a family member who would like to serve, let us know that as well. Meanwhile, thank you for all you do in providing ministry to our parish.

**Fr. Paul**

---

#### SUNDAY MISSALS

Good news! The Sunday missals for 2019 have arrived and we have them for sale for \$5.00 each in the parish office. We also have a few children's missals for sale at \$10.00 each. Come and get your yearly missal today!

## NOV 30<sup>TH</sup> PARISH DINNER - CANCELLED

The dinner has been cancelled due to low ticket sales. If you have already purchased a ticket you can get a refund at the office with Gayle or you can exchange the tickets for our Valentines Dinner in February once we get the tickets printed. We apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused and hope to see you in February!

---

### ADVENT RETREAT

For Busy Catholic Mom's

Saturday December 7th, 8 a.m. – Noon

St. Thomas Aquinas Church Hall

316 Queenston Street, St. Catharines, ON

Tickets \$10 - Register by December 2nd, 2019

Call 905-684-0154 - [familyandyouth@saintcd.com](mailto:familyandyouth@saintcd.com)

---

### CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PAGEANT

It's that time of year again! Our annual Christmas Nativity Story Pageant will be taking place on Christmas Eve at 4:30 p.m. as a prelude to the 5 o'clock mass. Children ages 4-12 are invited to participate in this exciting experience! Practice times will take place from 2-4p.m. on the following dates:

Saturday December 7

Saturday December 14

Saturday December 21

Monday December 23 (dress rehearsal with junior choir)



High school students looking for volunteer hours are also invited to assist with lighting, cues and backstage coordination. Any questions please contact Katie at [Katharine.parr@ncdsb.com](mailto:Katharine.parr@ncdsb.com)

---

### LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary at Our Lady of the Scapular would like to invite active and auxiliary members to the Curia Annual Reunion. There will be a meal. It is taking place:

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Hall

99 Garnett St., St. Catharines

## THINKING OF STUDENTS IN NEED AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a joyous time of year for most, but with families facing financial hardship it can be anything but merry. It's hard to believe that every day, one in five students goes to school hungry and waits in line to receive a breakfast. For lunch some eat pizza scraps from the previous night's supper. During the 2017-2018 school year, in 54 programs, over one million meals were served in our schools to hungry students. A donation of \$13.75 will provide a needy student with a breakfast and nourishing snack daily for a school week.

Other statistics reveal that 80% of classroom learning is done through the eyes, and that one child in four suffers from some kind of vision problem severe enough to impact learning. Many students do not have the financial resources to purchase eye glasses. Several others lack daily essentials such as warm clothing, personal care items, or the financial means to pursue a rewarding education. We often associate poverty with third world countries, little realizing that it exists right here at home in our own backyard.

In his scripture writings about the Lord's judgement of the nations the apostle St. Mathew tells us about the words of Christ when he speaks of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, giving drink to the thirsty and welcoming the stranger. Christ says, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are my brothers, you did it to me".

The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education is a registered charitable foundation and receipts are issued for tax purposes. Cheques can be made payable to the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. Credit cards are also accepted. Donate on line using PayPal and view the foundation's video at [www.nfce.org](http://www.nfce.org). The mailing address is Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education, 427 Rice Road, Welland, Ontario. Phone (905) 735-0247 extension 210, email, [jim.marino@nfce.org](mailto:jim.marino@nfce.org)

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

- To decorate the church for the Christmas season

#### \$20 Memorial Donation

(enclose your cheque or cash and **PRINT** information below)

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

DONATED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

The memorial names will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.  
Kindly respond by Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.