

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15th, 2024 ~ Liturgical Year C

Mass Intentions

December 16th to December 22nd, 2024

Monday.....NO MASSDec 16th

Tuesday.....Dec 17th

8:00 am † Agostino, Immacolata & Benedetto Falovo
(by Family)

♥ Thanksgiving for President Kim Kuchar's years of
service (by the Catholic Women's League)

Wednesday.....Dec 18th

8:00 am † All the Souls in Purgatory (by Jennifer Olszowky)
† Domenico Angelo (by Family)

Thursday.....Dec 19th

8:00 am † Agostino Nardelli (by Family)
† Eduardo Pineda Jr (by Teresita Feliciano)

Friday.....Dec 20th

8:00 am † For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
† Hospicio & Paula Ocampo (by Teresita Feliciano)

SaturdayDec 21st

8:00 am † John Teresa Maletta (by Donna Scappaticci)
† Kirsten Scappaticci (by Donna Scappaticci)

5:00 pm † Jackie & Domenic Palmerino (by Family)
† Ennio Micoli (by Family)

† Deceased members of Lanese DiTillo
(by Luigi & Incoronata Socio & family)

† Domenico & Maria Ricciuto
(by Children & Family)

† Ramon & Matilda Virlardebo (by Nancy)
Domenic Iannelli (by Nancy)

Sunday.....**Fourth Sunday of Advent**.....Dec 22nd

8:00 am ♥ † For The People of Holy Rosary Parish

9:30 am † Assunta Mauro (by Maria Mauro)
† John Marchese (by Ada Marchese & Family)

11:00 am † Mary Aiello (Theresa & Paul Feor)
† Ned Sauv  (by Wife Dorothy & Family)



SANCTUARY LAMP: This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of *Libero Gazzellone*. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of December FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Emmaus Youth Adult Ministry (Tuesdays, 7-9pm, St. Denis Church)

This Tuesday, December 17th, 2024, the young adults of the diocese invite you to **join us for prayer, formation, and fellowship at St. Denis Church, 230 Lake Street, St. Catharines**. For more information, contact Fr. Daniel at corso.danielanthony@gmail.com or follow us on [Instagram@emmaus.ya](https://www.instagram.com/emmaus.ya)



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP Christmas 2024

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christmas Eve 2024 marks the beginning of a Holy Year that will last until January 6, 2026. It starts with the opening of the Holy Year Door at St. Peter's Basilica. This happens once every twenty-five years. Pope Francis has asked each diocese throughout the world to officially begin the Jubilee Year on December 29, 2024. We will mark that day with a Mass at our Cathedral at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The theme that Pope Francis has chosen for this Jubilee is, "Pilgrims of Hope". In the document initiating this year (*Spes Non Confundit* -Hope Does Not Disappoint), the Holy Father states, "Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. ... For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope." (SC 1)

Another significant reason to hope is the feast of Christmas. This is the hope that is found in the birth of a child which is always a joyous event. What makes this birth so unique is that the child is Jesus, the Son of God.

New life is always a sign of hope; however, this becomes even more significant when it is connected to our salvation. In the beautiful Advent Hymn, "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" we hear these words: "Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring."

God became a little child in order to save us so that we could be with Him forever. This means that on our pilgrimage of life, we have a future. It is rooted in a belief that good things will come to us because Jesus was born in a simple stable in Bethlehem. Please be assured of my sincere prayer that this Christmas will be a source of hope for you. May any disappointments that come from anxiety and doubt be overshadowed by the bright hope found in the birth of the Christ child.

May the coming Holy Year also bring us closer to Jesus as we take to heart the words of Pope Francis: "may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the 'door' of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as 'our hope'. (SC 1)

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.
Bishop of St. Catharines

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This week Bulletin is dedicated in honour of Blessed Michael McGivney (by The Knights of Columbus-2319) Father McGivney, give us, your children the desire to love one another, as you taught people during your time.

**III DOMENICA DI AVVENTO / C
15° DICEMBRE 2024**

Non lasciamoci prendere dal pessimismo: non mancano, oggi come in passato, persone desiderose di fare del bene ed essere gradite a Dio. Se anche le potenze nel mondo vogliono gettarci nell'angoscia noi ci rallegriamo, perché c'è del buono in questo mondo e, al di là dei nostri limiti e delle nostre stanchezze, sappiamo che Dio, in Cristo Gesù, ci ama di un amore eterno.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The SDVP Christmas Program helps families in our community who are in need and those registered within the Community Care. In addition to providing food hampers & food vouchers to the families registered within our program, a \$25 gift card is also given to each of their children. **Please drop off your donations to the Church office by Wednesday, December 18th, 2024.** Thank you for kind support and generosity.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECOR:

Those wishing to make a memorial donation for Christmas decor are asked to write the name of their loved one on the “**Flowers for Christmas envelope**” which is their offertory envelope box. They may also use a plain envelope and submit it with the Sunday Offertory or in the Office mail slot. All the names submitted will be written in the Remembrance Book of Life.

PARISH EVANGELIZATION MISSION

Please start praying especially for those Catholics who do not practice their faith so that they participate in our mission.

Guest Speaker ⇨	Fr. Stephen Bruzzese
Date	Time
Saturday, Dec. 14 th	5:00pm Mass
Sunday, December 15 th	8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am Masses
Monday, December 16 th	7:00pm - Mass
Tuesday, December 17 th	7:00pm - Reconciliation Service
<i>God bless you.</i>	

***NEW* HOLY ROSARY YOUTH GROUP
Thurs. Dec. 19th**

6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Young people in grades 6-12 are invited to join our youth group for fun, faith formation, and fellowship. For more information, to sign up, or to get involved, please contact Father Daniel.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:

The Parish office will be closed at noon on Monday, December 23rd, 2024 and will re-open Thursday, January 2nd, 2025.

WELCOME:

With great joy, we welcome, our newly baptized **MacKenna, Raelynn and Keegan Calvert** who joined our Parish family on December 8th, 2024. May God bless these new members and their family as they live as followers of Jesus Christ.

CONCERT

Children's Choir Rehearsals time

Saturday, December 14th/ Saturday, December 21st, 2024

9:00 am in the Church

<u>Weekly Offering</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>
	Dec 1-8	November	October	September
Offertory:	8,580.20	18,278.78	18,884.73	21,234.70
Easter/Christmas	345.00	-	40.00	5.00
New Year	-	-	-	5.00
Basement Renovation	185.00	640.00	120.00	1,064.28
Church Util/Maint	85.00	697.90	285.00	315.00
Initial Offerings	-	30.00	199.00	25.00
Total	<u>\$9,195.20</u>	<u>\$19,646.68</u>	<u>\$19,528.73</u>	<u>\$22,648.98</u>

Thank you for your generosity!



The popular monthly **beef-on-a-bun** is held on the **second Thursday of each month**. The format is takeout only. Beef on a bun, coleslaw and roasted potatoes for only \$12. See you on **Thursday January 9th, 2025**

Holy Mass as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year:

The 2025 Jubilee of Hope will officially open on December 24, 2024, with Pope Francis opening the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. In his Bull of Indiction "Spes Non Confundit", Pope Francis decreed that, "...on Sunday, December 29, 2024, in every cathedral and co-cathedral, diocesan bishops are to celebrate Holy Mass as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year...". In our diocese, Bishop Gerard Bergie will celebrate Mass at 2:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines) Sunday, December 29, 2024, The Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year. All parishioners are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Nativity Scene in front of St. Catharines' City Hall

All parishioners are invited to visit the beautifully restored Nativity Scene in front of St. Catharines' City Hall (50 Church Street, St. Catharines). It is a stunning display to see day and night! This meaningful religious display was made possible through the dedication and generosity of the Catholic Women's League, the Knights of Columbus, Mr. Tom Rankin and Mr. John MacLellan of Rankin Construction, McNamara and Reynolds Design Centre, Mr. Dennis Sawatzky of Garden City Home Hardware Store and many volunteers of our community. It will be up until January 7, 2025. It is sure to inspire you.

Full-time Financial Assistant

The Diocese of St. Catharines is seeking a full-time Financial Assistant. The successful applicant will be responsible for all aspects of financial accounting (including accounts receivable, accounts payable, bank reconciliations, trial balances and unaudited financial statements), payroll, employee benefits, pension plan, annual charity return and providing bookkeeping support to parishes. A Detailed job description can be found on the diocesan website at: <http://saintcd.com/employment>. Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume by January 15, 2025 to John O'Brien, CFO (jobrien@saintcd.com).