





**SEASON OF ADVENT**

Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ’s first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a Season of Joyful expectation.

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE**

**December 23: Saturday, Fourth Sunday of Advent: 4pm**

**December 24: Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Advent: 10am**

**December 24: Sunday, Christmas Eve Masses: 5pm & 7:30pm**

**December 25: Monday, Christmas Day Mass: 10am**

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**December 30: Saturday, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: 4pm**

**December 31: Sunday, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: 10am**

**December 31: Sunday, New Year’s Eve (The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God) 4pm**

**January 1: Monday, New Year’s Day (The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God) 10am**

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL – 2023**

St. Monica’s annual Christmas letter and appeals have been mailed out. It is with gratitude for all your support throughout the year and the many blessings we continuously receive. We appreciate your generosity.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

Next Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, St. Monica’s Parish will have several priests available from 12 noon to 1 pm for an Advent Reconciliation Service.

**BOOK CLUB**

If you are interested in joining St. Monica’s Book Club, please contact Barbara deLorenzi at [bookclub@stmonica.ca](mailto:bookclub@stmonica.ca). On January 9<sup>th</sup>, we will begin reading Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer. We meet bi-weekly to share and discuss several chapters at a time from a book we have selected.

**MASS INTENTIONS – December 9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Saturday, 4:00pm – December 9, 2023 – 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Antonio Bei*

*Margaret Boyce*

*Gabriel Bei & Family*

*Helen Donahue*

*Franco & Flavia Spurio  
Aniello Di Scala*

*Spurio Family  
Filomena Di Scala & Children*

**Sunday, 9:00am – December 10, 2023 – 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*

**Sunday, 11:00am – December 10, 2023 – 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Living – Family, in Thanksgiving*

*Michele Petrucci*

*Virginia Lanni*

*Miriam & Emilio Brunelli*

*Giacomo Fiori*

*Maria Lazar & Family*

*Elena Di Meglio & Family*

*Family*

*Ida Onesi & Family*

*Wife, Berardina & Family*

**Tuesday, 8:30am – December 12, 2023: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*

**Wednesday, 8:30am – December 13, 2023: MEMORIAL - Saint Lucy**

*Isa, Ivio & Mark Mazzella*

*Family*

**Thursday – 8:30am – December 14, 2023: MEMORIAL – Saint John of the Cross**

*Living – Stella & Gabriel*

*Gemma Song*

**Thursday – 7:00pm – December 14, 2023: MEMORIAL – Saint John of the Cross**

*Johnny Brimo*

*Lisa*

**Friday, 8:30am – December 15, 2023: Weekday**

*Leonardo Ricciardi*

*Clara Chung Boon-Park and Thomas Doo-Il-Lee*

*Maria Carmela Colatruglio*

*Stella & Gil Lee*

**Saturday, 4:00pm – December 16, 2023 – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Egidio & Assunta Borzacchini*

*Assunta De Castris*

*Domenica Borzacchini & Family*

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**Sunday, 9:00am – December 17, 2023 – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Paoli & Turini Families*

*Antoinette Pisatruo*

*Domenico Stinziani*

*Angelo D'Amico*

**Sunday, 11:00am – December 17, 2023 – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Michael Giangaspero*

*Pasquale Coccia*

*The Cullen Family*

*Alessandro Paoli & Pietrina Turini*

*Maria Pisaturo & Family*

*Family*

*Wife & Children*

*your Wife*

*his Family*

*Jane Cullen*