

## DECEMBER 5, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*"Come,  
O Divine Messiah!"*

Tues., Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Weekday Mass ( <i>St. Ambrose</i> )
	6:00 pm	R.C.I.A. ( <i>in Rectory Meeting Room</i> )
Wed., Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	MASS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Thurs., Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Weekday Mass
	7:00 pm	ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Fri., Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Weekday Mass
Sat., Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass of Gaudete Sunday of (Advent III)
Sun.,		Gaudete Sunday (Advent III) (8:30 & 10:30 am)

### PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our special Advent Penitential Service of Healing (*with General Absolution*) will take place this coming Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in the Cathedral at 7:00 pm. Those who wish to receive absolution in individual Confession can do so each Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 pm).



Forgiveness & Healing



**BISHOP'S SCHEDULE**  
December 11/12  
Cathedral Masses

The new 2022 Sunday Missals are now available at the Main Entrance. Sunday Envelopes will be available in two weeks.

### WEDDING BANNES

A promise of Marriage between:  
Brett Allan Fucile,  
and  
Meghan Slongo  
(2<sup>nd</sup> publication)  
WEDDING:  
DECEMBER 18/21



In the words of Pope Francis, the cries "of the earth and of the poor", are often silenced by powerful companies (*some Canadian*), that plunder resources of the Global South, without regard for human & environmental rights. Act to end this by signing the petition asking our government to enact laws that will compel our companies to conduct due diligence there. Visit: <https://devp.org/en>

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Parish is proud to announce that our long time Parishioner, Usher and Hospitality Minister, Sir Knight, Larry Pankuch was recently elected District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus District # 14., which includes all of the six Knights' Councils in our City.



### CHRISTMAS: 2021- MASS TIMES

#### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

- ◆ 5:00 pm: 2 Masses, 1 upstairs, in the Cathedral and 1 in the Hall, downstairs;
- ◆ 8:00 pm: 1 Mass in the Cathedral;
- ◆ 11:00 pm: 1 Mass in the Cathedral.

#### MASSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY

- ◆ 10:30 am: 1 Mass, in the Cathedral).



**NO MASS AT 5:00 PM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>.  
MASSES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>: 8:30 & 10:30 AM**

### LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

November 28 <sup>th</sup> Collection .....	\$4, 539.55
Online Donations (Nov. 21-28) .....	200.00
Donations for Funerals/Sacraments....	120.00
Votive Candles .....	129.00
St. Anthony's Poor Fund.....	11.00
Missals Purchased.....	205.00

### BISHOP'S MINISTRY CAMPAIGN

2021 Parish Goal .....	\$ 34, 000.
Last week's donations .....	3, 823.
Total to date .....	\$ 26, 265.
% of Parish Goal .....	77.2%



Q. I was always under the impression that the Feast of the Immaculate Conception which the Church celebrates on December 8<sup>th</sup> recalled Jesus' conception in Mary's womb. However, I was recently told by a friend of mine that it is something quite different. Is this true?

A. Yes, your friend is right. What Catholics celebrate around the world, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8<sup>th</sup> has nothing to do with the virginal conception of Jesus in Mary's womb. Instead it celebrates the conception of Mary herself, in the

womb of her own mother, St. Anne. In fact, in some Christian countries, to avoid this common confusion, this celebration in December, is aptly named "The Conception of Mary, Immaculate". Why Mary's Conception?

As Catholics, we believe that because Mary was chosen from all eternity by God, to be the mother of His Son, she was especially favoured by being preserved from the inherited "sin of Adam" (which we call, Original Sin) from the moment of her conception. Since this "Original Sin" was often compared to "an inherited stain on our souls" by some of the Church Fathers in the first three centuries of Christianity, the term "immaculate" or "free of stain", was used to describe this first moment in Mary's life, her conception.



The Dogma of 1854 Although this understanding about Mary's Conception has been an age-old belief of many in the Christian Community since Apostolic Times, it was not until 1854, that the Church formally defined it as an official Catholic belief or "Dogma".

The Calendar The Church often observes celebrations on specific dates in her calendar to teach truths of the Faith. It is no accident therefore that we should celebrate Mary's conception on December 8<sup>th</sup>, exactly nine months before the Church commemorates the Nativity of Mary, on Sep-

tember 8<sup>th</sup>, each year. In like fashion, we observe the annual "Solemnity of the Annunciation", which is the actual Feastday that recalls Jesus' Conception by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of Mary, on March 25<sup>th</sup>, exactly nine months before Christmas Day! By the way, this Christian belief that Jesus was conceived without a human father is referred to not as the "Immaculate Conception", but rather as, "The Doctrine of the Virgin Birth of Christ"



Catholic Women's League

A SINCERE THANK-YOU!

We are very grateful for your most recent generous donations to the "Dew Drop Inn" and to RFDA. God Bless You for your thoughtfulness!!

*The CWL Initiative Outreach Donation Team.*

MEETING THIS SUNDAY

This weekend, after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, we will meet in the Cathedral, in person, to reconnect and to chart a course for the coming year . ~ For those who have access to a computer, information regarding the notices of motions that will be presented is found on our Parish website.

~ For those who do not have online access, pick up the printed copies available at the Cathedral front entrance.

PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER

Access the December edition on our Parish Website.

NEW DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

Access the November edition on the C. W.L. Page on our Parish Website.

WEBSITE WEDNESDAY

The latest edition is now available on our Parish Website.



Knights of Columbus



'KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS'

These magnets are now available once again. You can purchase them from the Officers of Fort William Council 1447 and from the Columbus Centre.

The cost is \$5. ea.