



**December 4, 2022 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Tues., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am FEASTDAY MASS OF ST. NICHOLAS  
 6:00 pm R.C.I.A. Session (*in Rectory Meeting Room*)  
 Wed., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am FEASTDAY MASS OF ST. AMBROSE  
 Thurs., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am SOLEMN MASS: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
 Fri., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Advent Weekday Mass (*St. Juan Diego*)  
 Sat., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm Vigil Mass of the 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent  
 Sun., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Masses of the 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent

**JACKPOT WINNER**

\*\*\* 50/50 RAFFLE WINNER \*\*\*  
**GAIL BEDA WON \$4,798.00!**  
 DECEMBER TICKETS: [www.stpatshat.ca](http://www.stpatshat.ca)

**ADVENT RETREAT:  
 December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Place:**  
 St. Andrew's R.C. Church

**Presenter:** Msgr. Stilla  
**Times:** 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
 each evening

**Themes:**

1. 'Advent: A Time of Joyful Expectation'
2. 'Deepening our Prayer Lives this Advent'
3. 'Understanding the Christmas Gospels'

**To Register: Please Call  
 St. Andrew's: 345-5202**

**BISHOP'S SCHEDULE  
 DEC. 10/11 CATHEDRAL**

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

Bishop Colli has granted us permission to celebrate our Parish Advent Penitential Service with General Absolution on:

**Wednesday,  
 December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**



**A FITTING TRIBUTE TO OUR KNIGHTS**



A Memorial Mass was celebrated last Monday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at Corpus Christi Church by Bishop Colli and all the K.C. Priest Chaplains. Each Grand Knight read the names of his deceased brothers as a candle was lit. Here, Council 1447 Grand Knight, Sam Federico pays tribute to our Council's Knights. More pictures on our Website.

**LAST WEEKEND'S PARISH DONATIONS**

Last Sunday's Collection .....	\$ 4,793.00
Online Donations ( <i>last week</i> ).....	-----
Missal Sales .....	100.00
Votive Candles .....	193.00
St. Anthony's Poor Fund .....	113.25



**"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK**

Special Anonymous Donation ....	\$ 100,000.00
Special Anonymous Pledge .....	20,000.00
On Line Donations .....	4,155.00
Free-will Pledges/Donations.....	1,510.00
Net Income (Nov. 50/50 Raffle).....	3,775.65
'Friends of the Cathedral'.....	250.00
Memory of Joe Josefchak .....	200.00
Memory of Emilio & Leonilda Stilla..	150.00
Memory of Adam Dessureault.....	50.00

Pledged /collected this week .... \$ 130,090.65

**TOTAL PLEDGED & COLLECTED TO DATE**

\*\*\* \$ 359,741.65 \*\*\*  
 Donations & 50/50 Draw: on-line at:  
[www.stpatshat.ca](http://www.stpatshat.ca)



Q. I was recently told that each candle on the Advent wreath symbolizes a Christian virtue. Which virtues should we recall with each one?

If Advent is all about the joyful celebration of Christmas, why is Lenten violet, the colour of the candles and the liturgical vestments, worn by the celebrating clergy during this season?

A. The Advent wreath is a symbol of light in a world of darkness. We recognize Christ as the "Light of the World", who came among us to dispel the darkness of evil and sin with the light of goodness and hope!

The Prophet's Candle: Hope

For some, but not for all, the other 3 candles also symbolically represent Christian virtues. Since, in this first week of Advent we reflect on the 'hopeful' words of Isaiah, the

As in many places of the world, we brighten up our churches and homes with lights during this time. Like the Advent candles, these lights are visible signs to others of this hope-filled Christian Message!



Prophet, who wrote that, "all nations will soon stream to the House of God", we call the first candle the "Prophet's" or, the "Hope" Candle.

The Candle of Joy

It is important to remember that the four week Advent Season for all Christians serves a two-fold purpose. In the first two weeks, we



The Second: Faith

In the second week we turn to the preaching of John the Baptist, who re-awakens our Faith to the Mission of Christ and reminds us to "Prepare the way of the Lord",

The Peace Candle

As we approach the end of our Advent Season, we pledge our commitment to peace when we hear these biblical words of Isaiah: "the Virgin shall conceive and bear a son" (7: 14), Whose "name will be Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace" (9:6).  
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1. NOVEMBER OUTREACH APPRECIATION

Our deepest thanks to all who donated to the Dew Drop Inn and the RFDA this past weekend. God Bless you for your generosity to the less fortunate

*The C.W.L. Donation Initiative Team*

2. VIRTUAL RETREAT

Our Diocesan CWL invites you to this retreat on Mondays, Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>: 7:30 pm to 9 pm, hosted by Colleen Martin.



Knights of Columbus



COLUMBUS CENTRE EVENTS

1. Small Group Christmas Dinner and Dance – Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>
2. Christmas Lunch Buffet Special – Friday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>

BULLETIN ADS FOR 2023

Our new bulletin covers for 2023 will soon be printed for distribution throughout the year. If you are interested in purchasing a year-long ad on the back cover, please call the Office at 622-5389

SETS OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR 2023

1. If you no longer wish to use them, OR
2. If you would like to have a first set for 2023, please call the Office at 622-5389.