

December 1, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THE FIRST CANDLE IS CALLED 'THE CANDLE OF HOPE'

Sun., Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>		COFFEE AND CONVERSATION (after 10:30 am)
Mon., Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 pm	Msgr's Advent Presentation I (at St. Andrew's)
Tues., Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am	Feast Day Mass of St. Francis Xavier
	7:00 pm	Msgr's Advent Presentation 2 (at St. Andrew's)
Wed., Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Weekday Mass (St. John Damascene)
Thurs., Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Weekday Mass
Fri., Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Feast Day Mass of St. Nicholas
Sat., Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	VIGIL MASS OF 2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sun.,		MASSES OF THE 2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

+ JOIN US FOR "COFFEE AND CONVERSATION" THIS SUNDAY +

OUR COOKIE WALK SUCCESS STORY THANK-YOU

Thanks to all who generously baked the delicious cookies for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Cookie Walk. To our many volunteers who donated their time to make sure everyone filled up their bags, ... very much appreciated. We hope everyone enjoyed the cookies. It was another huge success bringing in a total of: \$1,100.00. Blessings to all of you, Crystal and Carmel



HAVING FUN CREATING



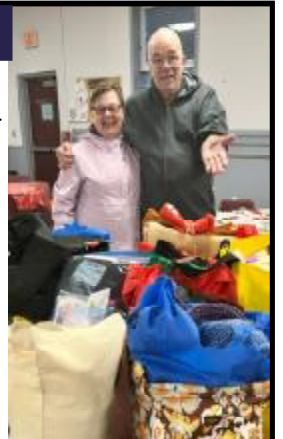
Thanks to our Children's Liturgy teachers and to our creative children who prepared for Advent by making their wreaths last Sunday!

"THE GOSPEL IN MUSIC & LYRICS"

This is the theme of Msgr. Pat's two Advent/Christmas Media Presentations on: December 2/3, 2024 at St. Andrew's Church: + 7:00 to 8:00 pm

THANKS: THE 'DEW DROP INN'

The staff at the "Dew Drop Inn" were amazed at the amount of mitts and gloves that we collected. Michael, the Exec. Director asked me to pass on their thanks for the support our Cathedral has given them and continues to give them in so many ways, each year. Pam Brusadin.



KNIGHTS' EXEMPLIFICATION



The new Sir Knights were welcomed into the Fr. Baxter Assembly last week. Pictured are (l. to r.): Sir Knights Pierre Fortin, Chris Price, Father Doug McClure, Bill Vass, Faithful Navigator, James Matejasic, Dan Bortolussi, and his brother, Ron Bortolussi.



Congratulations to DELILAH & JAXON BRUSADIN (of Toronto) who were baptized and received their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion here last week!



DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Last Sunday's Collection .....	\$ 5,515.45
On-Line Donations .....	20.00
Missals/Calendar Sales .....	145.00
Votive Candles .....	342.00
St. Anthony Poor Fund .....	37.15



"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK

Special One-Time Donation.....	\$ 1,000.00
Free Will & Online Donations.....	465.00
In Memory of Mike Chochla.....	100.00
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Donation Totals this Week ..... \$ 1,665.00  
**TOTAL PLEDGED/COLLECTED TO DATE**

\*\*\* \$ 1,290,573.00 \*\*\*



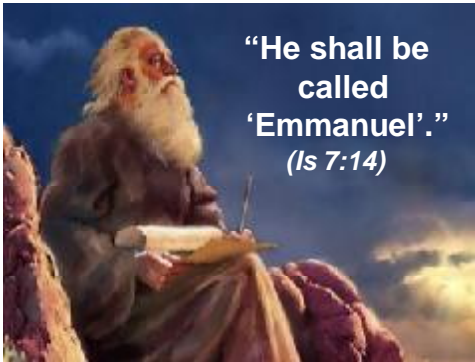
YOU WERE ASKING . . . by Msgr. P. Stilla

Q. If the name of our long awaited Messiah and Saviour is Jesus, why do we refer to Him as 'Emmanuel' in many of our Advent hymns?

A. All Christians believe that the long expected Messiah who was promised to the People of Israel is Jesus of Nazareth, Who was born in

Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. 'Emmanuel' is just a title used for Him by the Prophets of old. Isaiah, the Prophet

In Advent we re-echo this title which was used for the long expected Messiah by the Prophet Isaiah (7:14). It literally means, 'God-is-with-us'.



"He shall be called 'Emmanuel'." (Is 7:14)

Used in Matthew's Annunciation Matthew writes his Gospel primarily for Jewish converts to Christianity who would have been familiar with Isaiah's Messianic title. He therefore uses it in his account of the Annunciation. The text reads, " .. and they shall call Him Emmanuel, which means, 'God-is-with-us'." This title reminds us that at Jesus' birth, God visited our world.

Q. If St Nicholas is the original Santa Claus why do we celebrate him on December 6<sup>th</sup> instead of on a day closer to Christmas?

A. St. Nicholas, whom many in North America now call, 'Santa Claus', was born to Christian parents in Patara in modern day Turkey in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. We celebrate his Feast Day on December 6<sup>th</sup> because that was the day of this Saint's death or, as we often say, his day of rebirth into eternal life. In Germany and in the Netherlands, it is on December 6<sup>th</sup> and not at Christmas that St. Nicholas brings gifts to children.



Nicholas was an Orphaned Child Tragically, both of Nicholas' parents died in an epidemic which swept though Asia Minor when he was a young boy. It was after their death and once he began to take his Faith seriously, that he first considered

the words of Jesus when He said to a rich young man, "sell everything, give your money to the poor and then come and follow me" (Mt. 19:21). Inspired by this Gospel text, he decided to use his substantial inheritance, left to him by his parents, to help the marginalized and especially the poor and needy children. A True Faith Leader Nicholas' zeal and generosity so im-

pressed the people of the neighbouring city of Myra that they elected him (as was the custom then) to be their Bishop. After his death Bishop Nicholas' exemplary lifestyle was so universally recognized that he was acclaimed by all the people as their generous Saint!



Catholic Women's League

DIOCESAN ADVENT SERVICE

The Diocesan Executive is pleased to present an Advent Service at St. Dominic Church facilitated by Father Terry, our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, on **December 14<sup>th</sup>** (see poster on our Parish website under C.W.L. Tab)

'HOLY DOORS OF JUBILEE'

All are invited to attend the Presentation on the 'Holy Doors of Jubilee' by Most Rev. Bishop Dowd on December 19, 2024 via Zoom. The link is on our Parish Website (under C.W.L. Tab)

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTERS

Our latest Provincial and Parish monthly Newsletters and Updates can be accessed at: [stpatrickscathedral.ca](http://stpatrickscathedral.ca)



Knights of Columbus



Welcome and congratulations to the newly exemplified 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Sir Knights of Columbus!



This "Grief Support" linked Candle Service will take place on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Our Lady's Chapel.



Development and Peace CARITAS CANADA

Our "Reaping Our Rights" campaign aims to build a world of justice and peace by placing the human dignity of people, especially those in the Global South, at the heart of its actions.