

### Third Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm**  
Kelly Leclair+ (Ann & Family)

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**  
For the People

**Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**  
Deceased Members of the Quan Tran Family+

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**  
Michelle and Ken Beneteau+ (The Family)

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am**  
Helen Henderson Care Centre

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**  
School Mass (Family Advent Mass)

**Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am**  
Intentions of the Catholic Women's League

**Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 am**  
Father Tallon+

### Third Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 pm**  
Deceased Members of Blessed Sacrament+

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**  
For the People

#### Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 pm

Lector: Margaret Wilson / Mary Lou Hills  
Eucharist: Gail Raymond  
Greeters: Margaret Wilson / Andrea Glover  
Offertory Procession: Catholic Women's League

#### Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am

Lector: Laurie Day / Stephanie Whittaker  
Eucharist: Paul Godfrey  
Children's Liturgy: Pageant Practice  
Greeters: Lyle Arcand / Stan Petric  
Offertory Procession: Knights of Columbus

### Dates to Remember

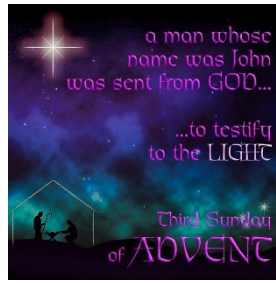
- Christmas Pageant Practice: **Sun., Dec. 17th at 9:00 am**
- Euchre: **Tuesday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**
- Knights of Columbus: **Tues., Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm**
- CWL Annual General Meeting: **Tues., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

### Bingo

- **Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm:** Chris Eggink & Danna Dobson

### Food Drive

Each month our parish will collect for the Food Bank. **The next parish Food Drive is January 6/7.** Please make cheques payable to: "*Partners In Mission Food Bank*". **Please return any unused blue bags to back of church, needed to continue our food drive!** These bags were meant for the food drive – sorry for any misinterpretation. Donations for December: 33 bags of food and \$385.00. Thanks for your donations they are appreciated. Sincere thanks to Frank and his team for coordinating The Food Drive!



### Welcome to our Parish!

We are glad you are attending Mass here! If you are not using Offertory Envelopes, please call Donna at: 613-389-2009 or email at: [blessedsacrament@cogeco.net](mailto:blessedsacrament@cogeco.net) to have a box of envelopes registered in your name.

### Summary of Fr. Americo's Homily

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a word from Latin. It means rejoice or joy. As we are in the middle of this season, the Church says to us, as the prophet Nehemiah said to the Israelites: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks...Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord is your strength" (Neh 8, 10). This weekend, let us rejoice in the Lord because He is near. So, our journey of preparation should continue with a new motivation.

### Christmas Pageant

We would love your children's participation in the Christmas Pageant. Pageant takes place, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church. Mandatory rehearsal Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the 9 am Mass.

### Christmas Masses

**Christmas Eve:** Blessed Sacrament 5:15 pm and 9 pm; St. Linus at 7 pm.

**Christmas Day:** Blessed Sacrament 10:00 am.

**New Year's Eve:** Blessed Sacrament 5:15 pm

**New Year's Day:** Blessed Sacrament 10:00 am

### 2024 Offertory Envelopes

2024 offertory envelopes are now available. Please do not use until December 31st. If a box of envelopes has not been provided for you (at the church entrance) please call the parish office at: 613-389-2009.

### Parish Potluck Dinner

Thanks to all those who came to our Christmas Potluck! Special thanks to the organizers of this event!

### Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is held on Sundays during 9 am Mass. Children ages 3-7 will listen to children's bible stories, learn prayers and do crafts. Spread the word! High school students can earn volunteer hours by helping with Children's Liturgy. If you would like to volunteer, please call the parish office as soon as possible. 613-389-2009.

### Hockey Pool

To follow our parish hockey pool- go to: <https://www.officepools.com/nhl/classic/auth/2023/regular/BlessedSacrament2324/hockey>.

### A Note from the Bishop

Christmas and New Year's are always holy days of obligation and this year they both fall on a Monday. The two separate obligations to attend Mass (Sunday and one for Christmas/New Year's) are both important and are met **by attending two separate Masses per weekend.** The Sunday obligation can be fulfilled by attending Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. The Christmas/New Year's obligation can be fulfilled at Mass on Sunday evening or Monday. However, **the same Mass cannot meet both obligations.**