

The Second Sunday of Advent



Mass Intentions

Dec. 11 - Dec. 16, 2017

Mon. Dec. 11 th	8am	+Mario Leone
Tues. Dec. 12 th	8am	+Bert Donkers
Wed. Dec. 13 th	8am	+Robert & Betty Reid
	1:15pm	St. Joseph CES
Thurs. Dec. 14 th	8am	+Connla Boccus
	8:30am	Cardinal Carter CHS
	9:30am	Cardinal Carter CHS
Fri. Dec. 15 th	8am	+Luigi & Anna Maria Pompilio. + Christina Giusmondi
Sat. Dec. 16 th	9am	+Mary White

JESSE TREE



The Jesse Tree is in the foyer with many opportunities to help the needy this Christmas.

Just drop by the tree, take one of the tags and return the gift at your earliest convenience under the tree or in the box for gift cards.

POINSETTIAS -KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Pick-up of the plants that you have ordered will be on Saturday, December 16th in Lynett Hall from 9am to 12 pm.

CHURCH CLEANING

Christmas cleaning of the church will take place this Thursday, December 14th following the morning rosary. All helpers are welcome and greatly appreciated. Don't forget to bring a bucket!

MARK THE DATE FOR THE SKATING PARTY

Saturday, December 30th, 6-8pm at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex. Refreshments to follow at the church.

EDGE AND LIFE TEEN NEWS

The next Edge meeting will be a Christmas Social on Friday, December 15th at 6:30pm in Lynett Hall.

The next Life Teen meeting will be on Monday, December 11th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. **All teens are invited!**

OUR CHURCH, OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN

Our capital campaign continues to move forward. We now have a total of \$564,730 in pledges, from 147 households. We thank everyone who has responded to the campaign at this point. As we move through the winter months we set our goal on reaching a combined total of funds on deposit and funds pledged of 3 million. One final goal of course is 5 million to meet the challenge of renovating our church.

If you have misplaced your package, they are available at the back after masses, in the office during the week and by mail on request.

THE PAGEANT AT THE 4PM MASS

Calling all angels, shepherds and wisemen. Please join us for our annual children's dramatization of "The Nativity Story" at the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve. If your child is interested in participating please complete the following three steps:

- 1 -Email Jane Casey at jane.casey@rogers.com and indicate role your child is interested in playing. We will distribute all leading parts before the rehearsal (Mary, Joseph, star, wisemen, Gabriel and Herod).
- 2 -Attend the 45 minute rehearsal on Saturday December 23rd at 10 am in the Church.
- 3 -Come to the Church Christmas Eve at 3pm ready to perform!

REMEMBRANCE POINSETTIAS

Christmas is one of the hardest times for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. If you feel strongly the absence of a loved one, we invite you to bring in a poinsettia. They can be left in the foyer next weekend.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Are you going to miss today's deadline to enroll for the sacraments? We still want your child to receive, so take the form home today and bring it back next Sunday.

Please avoid the temptation to just drop the form off at the office. We are trying to treat you the same as everyone else. So please, do it next Sunday or the Sunday after. It would be great to not be dealing with these forms on Christmas eve.

PARISH CONFESSIONS

On Tuesday, December 12th beginning at 7pm we will have an evening for parish confessions. Six priests will be available that evening for the Sacrament.

Advent Examination of Conscience

Advent is about preparation. Do I procrastinate in my spiritual life? Does my procrastination in day to day tasks impact others? Do I give short shrift to things I should be attentive to? Do I holdback hoping others will pick up the slack?

Advent is about sharing with others. Do I actively support the poor and the marginalized? Do I make excuses for injustice? Do I spend too much time on my own comforts? Am I greedy? Do I lie? Am I prejudiced?

Advent is about waiting. Am I patient at home? Am I civil on the road? Am I always looking for the shortcomings in others? Am I a gossip? Am I quick to judge, in the family, workplace or when I am out and about?

Advent is about seeking the light in the darkness. Do I set a good example? Do I lose my way in excess use of food, alcohol, tv or computers? Am I distracted by pornography? Are some of my dealings in business or with the government dishonest?

Advent is about prayer. Do I pray regularly? Do I attend and participate well in mass? Is thanksgiving central to my prayer life? Do I strive to meet the Lord through study, discussion and reflection?

Advent is about pilgrimage. Do I encourage the young and set a good example for others? Do I look for the grace in the passing years? Do I embrace the seasons of the church year with generosity?

Advent is about hope. Do I proclaim hope by what I say and do? Do I seek to find the good in others? Do I make myself a source of hope for them?

Advent is about new beginnings. Do I strive to move forward in life or do I get stuck in ruts? Do I encourage others? Do I believe that God forgives me and others who turn to him? Do I hold on to old hurts? How many times do I forgive a person?

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve: 4pm (in the church and in Lynett Hall), 6pm, 8pm and 12 midnight
Christmas Day: 8:15am, 10am and 12 noon

ALTAR SERVERS AND MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sign-up sheets are in the sacristy and the ushers' room for Christmas and New Year's.

2018 ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2018 are available today. As before you take any box, the number does not matter. **When you use the first couple of envelopes please put your name and address on the front.**

AURORA COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The café will be holding a Christmas bake sale on Wednesday, December 13th between 10am & 2pm. Come and purchase freshly baked goods.

Aurora community cafe is a partnership involving local churches, community living Newmarket/Aurora district, and commons coffee open Wednesdays* from 10am - 2pm located at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 32 Mosley St., Aurora. * reopening January 10th.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Last year we invited the parish to create the decorations for the parish Christmas tree. The tree will be up by the pulpit and once again if parishioners especially children could hand make the decorations that would be greatly appreciated.

The tree will be up by December 16th for you to put the decorations on.

OLG CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS!

Tuesday December 19th the O.L.G. Playgroup will be having a Christmas Craft Making Morning and Cookie Decorating Party from 9:30-11:30 AM.

All preschool aged children and their caregivers are invited to join us to make ornaments for home, and the Parish Tree.

This will be our last Playgroup until January 9, 2018

Reminder: There will be NO Playgroup December 26th or January 2nd.