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ADVENT

4th Sunday of Advent: December 21, 2025



Saturday, December 20 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 21 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Mavic Galicia – Thanksgiving Birthday

Scott Galicia – Thanksgiving Birthday

Biason & Acosta Family – Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 21 at 12:30 p.m. *Natives People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Monday, December 22 at 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 23 at 8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 24 at 6 p.m. Mass

Family Mass: Vigil of Nativity Mass (S)

8 p.m. Christmas Night Mass

Thursday, December 25 at 10:30 a.m. Mass

Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Mass

Vinko Kavcic – I

Delfino Sudaria – +

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Rebecca Naraja – +

Friday, December 26 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour,
07 p.m. Mass

Saturday, December 27 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 28 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, December 28 at 12:30 p.m. *Natives People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

4th Sunday of Advent



As Christmas approaches quickly and Advent draws to a close, let us take a moment to reflect on the significance of this liturgical season. Advent is a time of

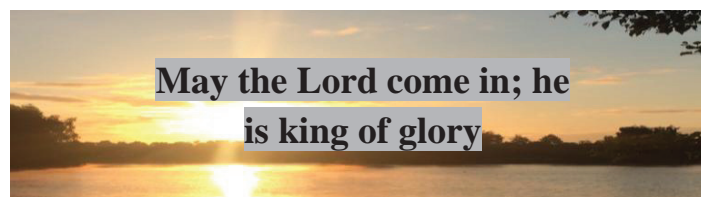
preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas as well as His final coming at the end of time. However, the great saints of the church also speak of an intermediary coming, the coming of Christ to our present lives. Let us take a moment to ask ourselves, if the Lord showed up in our lives today, would there be room for Him?

As stewards, we often face the temptation to let our works of charity become a life of volunteering instead of a spirituality of service. Our many works may begin to take precedence over our relationship with Christ, which should always remain as the source of our stewardship. This Advent, as we are waiting for Christ, Christ is also waiting for us. Jesus says in the Book of Revelation, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you" (Revelation 3:20). He is waiting for us to open the door and let him in. We can let him into our lives as stewards by realizing it is not ourselves ministering to our neighbour, but the love and presence of Christ within us. St. Teresa of Calcutta says it best when she proclaims that, "it is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at someone and offer them your hand." St. Teresa of Calcutta fully embodies the spirit of stewardship that makes room for Christ to love others through her. Let us strive to let Jesus into our lives as we approach Christmas.

Summary

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-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Offertory Collections

Weekend of **December 13/14**

Envelopes (41)	\$ 735.00
Loose	\$ 367.50
PAG	\$ 524.25



Sharelife

ShareLife: Emergency Food Security Fund

Sharelife makes an ongoing impact on the people of God. This year, ShareLife announced a new project to feed the hungry, the 'emergency food security fund'. St. Ann Parish is one of the beneficiaries of the

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program, and through the generosity of ShareLife, we have received \$40,000.00 for St. Ann Parish Outreach. This money will be used to help our food bank and those who are in immediate need of food. As a parish community, we want to thank ShareLife for their ongoing work and support to many organizations making an impact on the lives of many. We sincerely thank Sharelife for their ongoing support to the people of God, the poor and the needy.

Pope's Prayer Intention 2025

The Pope's prayer intention for 2025 addresses challenges facing humanity and assists the mission of the church. These intentions serve as principles guiding our lives and mission. In **December**, let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Candle of Love



On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the final candle on our Advent wreath, the candle of Love. As the circle of lights now shines in fullness, we are reminded that God's love is complete, unending and offered to each of us without measure.

This final week invites us to pause and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, who is love made flesh. As the white Christ candle waits to be lit on Christmas Day, we look ahead with hope, knowing that the light of the world is near. His light enters every fear, and his love embraces every heart willing to receive it.

May this week draw us closer to God's promise and help us reflect His love in our words, actions and choices. Let the glow of Advent guide us to kindness, forgiveness, and compassion toward all we meet.

As Christmas approaches, may we rejoice in the gift of God's presence, Emmanuel, God with us. And may the love of Christ fill our homes and lives with warmth today and always.

Merry Christmas



On behalf of the Parish community of St Ann and the Native People's Mission, we extend our deepest and most heartfelt gratitude to each one of you. This blessed season reminds

us of God's great love made visible in the birth of our Saviour, and we are truly grateful for the way you continue to make St Ann a real home of prayer, celebration, life, and faith.

To all our ministers, volunteers, and every individual who gives so generously-thank you. Your time, your talents, and your acts of service reflect the light of Christ in our parish. Whether your efforts are seen or unseen, you strengthen the heart of our community and help us grow as a family rooted in God's love. Your dedication brings hope to others, uplifts our celebrations, and keeps our mission alive in countless meaningful ways.

As we gather this Christmas, may the peace of the Holy Child surround your homes, may His love warm your hearts, and may His joy fill your families. May God bless you abundantly for all you have given, shared, and offered throughout the year. Let us continue walking together in faith, supporting one another, shining God's light to all we meet. **Merry Christmas to All!**



Christmas & New Year Schedule

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec 24 at 6 p.m.

Family Mass (with dramatization)

8 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

Christmas Day, Nativity of the Lord

Thursday, Dec 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Mass

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, Dec 31 at 6 p.m.

New Year's Vigil Mass

New Year's Day, Thursday, Jan 01 at 10:30

a.m. New Year Mass



Christ the Saviour is Born

Today, we rejoice in the wondrous gift of Christ, our saviour, born to bring light and hope to the world. May His love fill your hearts with peace, strengthen your faith, and guide you in every step.

Let us celebrate this holy season with gratitude and joy, remembering that his birth is the promise of eternal life.

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given..”- Isaiah 9.6



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