

Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022

Gospel Reading *Matthew 11:2-11*
Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

Monday, December 12

9:00 a.m. Mass - Special Intention
(req. by Maureen & Dave Crandles)
Frank & Costantino Iafrate
(req. by Iafrate family)

Tuesday, December 13

9:00 a.m. Mass - Jonas Novak
(req. by Novak family)
Spec. int. of David Green
(req. by Green family)

Wednesday, December 14

9:00 a.m. Mass - Jemima Lundrigan
(req. by Astolfo family)
Spec. int. of Ryan de Boer
(req. by Marta de Boer)

Thursday, December 15

9:00 a.m. Mass - Connie Zwierschke
(req. by friends)

Friday, December 16

9:00 a.m. Mass - Spec. int. of the Vonk family
(req. by Toni Van Hezewyk)

Saturday, December 17

(Fourth Sunday of Advent)
5:00 p.m. Mass - Saddy & Jimmy Donald
(req. by Astolfo family)
Anna Bachetti
(req. by Kathy Watson)

Sunday, December 18

9:00 a.m. Mass - Joseph & Dorothy Racz
(req. by Racz family)
Bill Watson
(req. by Kathy Watson)
Annette Lewin
(req. by Cindy Pitt)
11:00 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish

PARISH ADORATION & BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month after 9:00am Mass to 10:30am.

Communion for people who are ill or home bound is available please call the parish office for information.

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2022

Gospel Reading *Matthew 1:18-24*
An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

Monday, December 19

9:00 a.m. Mass - Joseph Masotti
(req. by Culos family)
Fr. Paul Gaudet
(req. by Graham & Jane Jackson)

Tuesday, December 20

9:00 a.m. Mass - Cathy Lucescu
(req. by Debbie Pine & family)
Spec. int. of the Van Hezewyk family
(req. by Toni Van Hezewyk)

Wednesday, December 21

9:00 a.m. Mass - Henry Mooren
(req. by Mooren family)
Spec. int. of David Green
(req. by Green family)

Thursday, December 22

9:00 a.m. Mass - Joseph & Dorothy Racz
(req. by Racz family)

Friday, December 23

9:00 a.m. Mass - Venera Presti
(req. by Paul & Rita D'Amico)

Saturday, December 24

(Christmas Eve - The Nativity of the Lord)
5:00 p.m. Mass - Virginia & Jack Nicol
(req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Nicol)
Spec. int. of Lewis family
(req. by Paulin Lewis)
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass - St. Alexander
Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, December 25

(Christmas Day - The Nativity of the Lord)
9:00 a.m. Mass - Kyle Olmsted
(req. by Graham & Jane Jackson)
Spec. int. of Sister Mavis
(req. by Cathy Sutton)
11:00 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish

The Parish Office will be closed for the holidays
Monday, December 26, 2022
and re-open Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Children's Liturgy

Our children's liturgy will be available at the 11:00 am Mass. Children will be called up after the opening prayer and sent to the small meeting room for some age appropriate prayers and activities, and return to the church to help bring up the gifts.

St. Vincent De Paul of St. Alexander's Parish will be hosting lunch at the Hope Centre on Wed., Dec. 21st. Please see the bulletin board to sign up if you can help provide sandwiches. The containers from previous lunch donations can be found in the parish kitchen.

Fonthill Volunteer Firefighters Christmas Toy Drive

We will again be participating in the Fonthill Volunteer Firefighters Christmas Toy Drive. If you are interested in supporting this event please leave an unwrapped toy or gift for a child or teen under the Christmas tree in the foyer **by Sunday, December 11th**. Cat and dog food donations will also be accepted for families with pets.

Ministry Schedules

There is a sign up sheet in the sacristy if you would like to be part of our weekend Mass celebrations. We are looking for readers and Eucharist ministers to help during the Mass. Please take a moment to sign up in the sacristy.



This year development and peace is continuing its campaign called People and Planet first. Development and Peace, as part of the international network Caritas International, continues to call for the creation of a human rights and environmental due diligence law. This would ensure Canadian international companies (a lot of them which are mining companies) protect human rights, land rights and the environment at every step of production and supply chain no matter what country they are operating in.

Through the donations of Canadian Catholics, Development and Peace also continues to support many partners in their various efforts in several different countries of the global south. The website is full of great resources and videos (www.devp.org). If you have any questions please feel free to contact Maureen Keogh or Betty Van Zeyl via the office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!

	<u>November 27, 2022</u>	<u>December 4, 2022</u>
Sunday Collection	\$3,222.00	Sunday Collection \$4,452.00
All Souls Day	\$10.00	Flowers for Christmas \$643.00
Indigenous Fund	\$5.00	
Flowers for Christmas	\$5.00	

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24th
5:00 pm and 12:00 am Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25th
9:00 am and 11:00 am

New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31st 5:00 pm

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1, 2023
9:00 am and 11:00 am

We would like to restart our **Bereavement Ministry** and our **Funeral Lunch Committee**.

Our **Bereavement ministry**, under the guidance of Fr. Paul, provides comfort and support to those who are experiencing the painful loss of a loved one. Members of the committee could be asked to serve as a greeter, lector or Eucharist Minister at the funeral liturgy.

Our **Funeral Lunch Committee** works as a team to provide a light lunch of sandwiches, coffee and tea in our hospitality room after the funeral; if requested by the family.

If you have been part of these important ministries or would like to become a member please contact the parish office. We will be having a meeting on Tuesday, December 14th.

Parish Notes

The **2023 offertory boxes** are available in the foyer. To help us update our database please check the address we have on your box and contact the parish office if a correction needs to be made.

This weekend we will return to our post covid practice of passing the **collection baskets** in the pews. Thank you to Pelham Funeral Home for supplying our **2023 calendars**. Please be sure to pick one up in the foyer.

E-transfers Available

E-transfers to St. Alexander Parish are now possible using the email address: donatestalexander@bellnet.ca Please make sure to put what your transfer is for in the message section i.e.: Offertory, Building Fund, etc..

Trip to the Holy Land

Fr. Paul MacNeil will be leading a group to the Holy Land from April 13th - 21st 2023, you are welcome to join him. For more information, please contact Ray Karborani at Biblical Journeys Canada, he can be reached at 289 990 9841 or by email at biblicajourneyscanada@yahoo.com You can contact Fr. Paul directly at macneil65@gmail.com