

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH – December 15-21, 2025

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Dec 18	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	H.M. Mathai Vincent, Frances & Elden St Croix William J O'Reilly	Alex Mathai Fintan & Bernadette St Croix Jackie O'Reilly & family
Dec 19	Friday	10:00 p.m.	Jim & Sarah Philpott David Thompson (A & B) Howard & Martha Kelly	Terry & Marina Tibbs Joan & Kevin Kieley Jackie O'Reilly & family

### SUNDAY LITURGY - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec 20	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Art (B) & Martha Furlong Kathryn Furlong (B)	Maxine Dunn & family
			Michael & Ellen (A) Samson	Maxine Dunn & family
<b>Dec 21</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Anne's Church, Glenwood</b>	<b>Mike &amp; April Samson</b>
Dec 21	Sunday	11:00 a.m.	MISSA PRO POPULO - For the People of the Parish	

**Collection Totals - Thank you to all our parishioners for your continued generosity!**

December 7, 2025	St. Joseph's	St. Anne's	HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION
<b>Sunday Offering</b>	1887.00	110.00	
<b>Loose</b>	76.90		
<b>Maintenance</b>	20.00	15.00	
<b>Heat</b>	540.00		
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	5.00		
<b>Flowers</b>	160.00		
<b>Advent Offering</b>	15.00		
<b>Christmas Offering</b>	45.00		
<b>World Mission Sunday</b>	5.00		
<b>Holy Childhood Assoc.</b>	10.00		
<b>Canadian Church</b>	5.00		
<b>Candles</b>		14.50	
<b>E-Transfers</b>			
<b>Direct Deposit</b>	455.00		
<b>Total Deposit</b>	3223.90	139.50	

### MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 20-21, 2025

Ministry:	Saturday at 5 p.m.	Sunday at 11 a.m.
<b>Advent Candle:</b>	Volunteers	Mary Rose Suyat
<b>Readers:</b>	Pat Gonzales & Maureen Saunders	Vince Hibbs & Gwyn Burke
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Betty Blackmore & Cheryl Dwyer	Rita Pearce & Joan Kieley
<b>Presenters of Gifts:</b>	Des & Jeanne Dillon	Tom & Generous Bocola
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Dan Mahoney	Evan Burke
<b>Candle Bearers:</b>	Jeanne Dillon & Barbara Fowler	Gwyn Burke & Don Sejin
<b>Hospitality (Ushers):</b>	Ed & Betty Blackmore	Rene & Edwin Cashin
<b>Music:</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Sacristans:</b>	Doris Scharpegge, Kay MacArthur	Rita Pearce, Kelly Dumais
<b>Treasury:</b>	Team 2: Margie Beaton, Elizabeth Blake	
	Mike English, Mary Goulding, Shirley O'Donnell	

## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BULLETIN



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### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

#### ADVENT SEASON

The season of Advent has a twofold nature: it is a time to prepare for Christmas, when we "recall Christ's First Coming among us, and it is a time when we look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of the ages. In this way Advent is a period of devout and joyful expectation" (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year*, 39). During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of the season.



Today we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday, so called because of the first word in Latin of the entrance antiphon, *Gaudete* (*Rejoice*). The Entrance Antiphon reads, *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near*. This joyful aspect orients our prayer and Mass today and we realize that the Lord is indeed near. As Catholics, we are called to be people of joy today and every day of our existence. The Lord is always present in our midst: in the Eucharist, in Sacred Scripture, in our hearts, and in our community. We have every reason to rejoice!

#### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The lighting of Advent candles is a tradition that marks the progression of the four weeks of Advent toward the birth of Christ: A candle is lit each Sunday of Advent, beginning on the first Sunday. Families or individuals wishing to light the advent wreath are asked to call the Parish Office at 256-3151.



## WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near."

### ROMAN CATHOLIC WOMEN



Next Meeting  
January 12<sup>th</sup>  
Next Card Game  
January 17<sup>th</sup>

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Fr. McCormack Council)

The Knights of Columbus offers high-quality products and programs that people value, supporting their spiritual, insurance, financial and charitable needs. For membership information please contact Grand Knight Alex Bracci at [bracci.alessandro35@gmail.com](mailto:bracci.alessandro35@gmail.com).



### PARISH FINANCES - Fuel for Faith

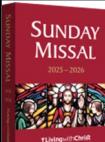
Envelopes have been placed in the church for our annual 'Fuel for Faith' campaign which will continue throughout the winter. Please put the special offering envelope in the collection basket at the church entrance. You may also contribute by e-transfer. Thank you for your financial support!

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Phyllis Francis**, Aubrey Holmstead, Dana Sampson, Allison Bursey, Glen Gillingham, Brian Maloney, Matthew Puddicombe, Peggy Dicks, Nash Vey, Jocelyn Downer, K.T. Chacko, Stephanie Broderick, Mary Harrison, Joey Manuel, Carey Leigh Sheppard, David Brown, Margie Keating, Maureen O'Rielly, Jackie Beresford, Jamie Cokes, Johanna Hogan, Fran Gilbert, Denise Crant, Betty LeBlanc, Loretta Dwyer, Beth McGrath, Lawrence Clowe, Wayne Coady, Mary Pickett, Marie Lawton, Cathy Hogan, Ed Tricco, Nellie Guillemaude, JoAnne Lyver, Judy Lush, Linden Collins, Rowena Zwicker, Toni Marie Rolfe, Renata Oman, Anne Marie Collins, Michael Parsons, Alice Richards, Christopher & Kathy King, Mary Walsh and Jeremiah Campbell. **If a family member or friend is a patient at the hospital or ill at home, and would like a visit from Father Hearn, please call the Parish Office.**

### The JESSE TREE (Advent Tree)

has been placed in the Church and holds food item cards. Each week during Advent we invite you to take a card from the tree and bring that food item to Church the following weekend. All food collected goes to our local Food Banks.



The 2025-26 **Living with Christ Sunday Missal** is available at the Parish Office for \$5.00.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** - for 2026 have been placed in the Church. The parish offers **DIRECT DEPOSIT** for contributions and accepts **E-TRANSFERS**.

**MEMORY TREE OF LIGHTS** - During Christmas a tree will be placed in the Sanctuary of our Church and will be lit with bulbs donated in memory of our loved ones. Mass will be celebrated for those loved ones on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 7 p.m. at which time the names of the deceased as well as the names of those requesting the Mass will be read out. If you would like to light a bulb in memory, please complete this form and with \$5.00 (for one name or one family e.g. John Smith or John & Mary Smith & family or the Smith family) place it in an envelope for collection or pass into the Parish Office. We would like all the names submitted by Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)



### SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS ARE EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

**Madonna Ryan** of our parish who died on Tuesday December 9, 2025. She is the mother of Elizabeth Blake (parish secretary), Brenda (Jim) Power, Father Michael Ryan, Dorothy Woodd, Patrick (Marilyn), Mary Pritchett and the aunt of Marie Coffey of our parish.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### PARISH EVENTS IN ADVENT



**Wednesday, December 17**  
Penitential Service at 7 p.m.

**Friday, December 19**  
Coffee Morning following 10 a.m. Mass

**Sunday, December 21  
(after 11 a.m. Mass)**  
Parish Wreath Making  
(Lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus)

**Monday, December 22 at 10 a.m.**  
Decorating the Church for Christmas

### JOIN US FOR COFFEE MORNING



at the McCarthy Centre after the 10 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Everyone is Welcome!

"Every human being and every religion is called to promote Fraternity. In our time marked by growing conflict and division, we need authentic testimonies of human kindness and charity to remind us that we are all brothers and sisters. Words are not enough. Our love and deepest convictions need to be continually cultivated, and we do so through concrete actions."

Pope Leo XIV @ Pontifex



### ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, GLENWOOD Liturgical & Ministries' Schedule for December 21, 2025



Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Dec 21	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Ervin Richards	Alice Richards
			Frank & Josephine Collins	Linden & AnneMarie Collins
			Martina Knox	Johanna Hogan

### Ministries: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Remi & Rosie Truchon

Readers: Helen Oake & Bridget Doyle

Gifts: Nancy Ballman & Yvonne Steele

Hospitality: Irene Broderick

Names submitted to St. Anne's for the Memory Tree will be read at Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in January (January 11th)