



PARISH BULLETIN  
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- WEEKEND MASS    SATURDAY 4:00pm            SUNDAY 9:00am & (11:00am) (Livestreamed)
- WEEKDAY MASS -    TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS - 8:30am – All are Welcome!
- EVENING MASS -    THURSDAYS - 7:00pm – All are Welcome!
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(Closed: 12:00pm – 1:00pm) – (No Mass on Mondays)
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**ST. MONICA'S CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL! SATURDAY DECEMBER 14! PARISH HALL! NOON TO 3PM! \$10 TICKETS ARE ON SALE AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES (CHILDREN UNDER FIVE ARE FREE)! INCLUDES CHRISTMAS PANCAKES, HOT COCOA & MARSHMALLOWS, AND A FREE CARNIVAL BOOTH TICKET! EXTRA BOOTH TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE DURING THE EVENT. CASH, CHEQUE AND E-TRANSFER ACCEPTED. FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ALIKE! COME ONE, COME ALL AS ST. MONICA'S TRANSFORMS ITS**

**HALL INTO A CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL SCENE! TRY YOUR LUCK AT THE GAME BOOTHS AND THE ICE FISHING RAFFLE! TAKE A CHANCE WITH A HALF'n'HALF DRAW! ENJOY A VISIT FROM A NORTH POLE FRIEND AND HIS CAROLING SINGALONG ELVES! WEAR YOUR UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER MODELING IT OFF DURIG OUR FASHION SHOW CONTEST COMPLETE WITH APPLAUSE-O-METER! PLENTY OF PRIZES TO BE WON! LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE! IF TICKETS REMAIN, THEY WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR! FOR INQUIRES, PURCHASES DONATIONS, OR TO VOLUNTEER, WRITE TO: [stmonicacarnival2024@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicacarnival2024@gmail.com)**



1 DECEMBER 2024

Access - East Side Entrance



## **THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

The Advent wreath holds profound historical and spiritual significance during the Advent season, symbolizing preparation, hope, and illumination. Originating in 16th-century Germany, Christians created wreaths from evergreen branches to symbolize life and hope during winter. Later, Scandinavian Lutherans added candles to represent Christ's light, and the Catholic Church adopted this tradition, incorporating it into liturgical practices.

The wreath represents preparation for Christ's coming, symbolizing spiritual readiness. Evergreen branches signify eternal life and hope in Christ's promise. The candles represent Christ's light shining in darkness, with each additional candle lit weekly illustrating progression toward Christ's birth. The four candles have specific meanings: the first two represent hope and preparation, the third (rose-colored) represents joy and celebration (Gaudete Sunday), and the fourth represents love and anticipation. The fifth candle, the Christ Candle, is lit on Christmas Eve, representing Jesus' birth. The Advent wreath serves as a powerful reminder of Christ's promise and return. It unifies Christians across denominations, fosters reflection and spiritual growth, and symbolizes hope.

Throughout the Advent season, the wreath invites believers to engage in spiritual practices such as reflection, prayer, and repentance. It encourages contemplation of Christ's coming and one's spiritual journey. As Christians pray for guidance, hope, and illumination, the Advent wreath shines as a beacon of light, guiding us toward the true meaning of Christmas.

Today, the Advent wreath remains a significant symbol of the Christian faith, inspiring believers worldwide. Its historical roots and spiritual significance continue to foster a deeper connection with Christ during the Advent season, reminding us of the transformative power of faith, hope, and love.

## **WARDENS ELECTIONS**

On **Sunday, December 15**, immediately following the **11 a.m. Mass**, our parish will hold an election for three positions on the Board of Wardens. The current three wardens who will be finishing their first three-year term plan to stand for election for their second three-year term. Other interested parishioners can also stand for election for these three positions.

To be eligible for this role, candidates must:

- Be a practicing Roman Catholic
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have been a registered member of our parish for a minimum of one year
- Reside within boundaries of the parish

As a warden, you will serve as a director and administrator of the church corporation, responsible for acquiring, possessing, holding, and administering property for the practice of the Roman Catholic faith. While not mandatory, professional or business experience and the ability to work collaboratively as part of a team are highly valued assets for prospective candidates. We look forward to your participation in this election.

**The Rosary will be prayed for Canada in the church on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 12noon. All are welcome.**

**MASS INTENTIONS – November 30 – December 8, 2024**

**Saturday, 4:00pm – November 30, 2024: 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*

**Sunday, 9:00am – December 1, 2024: 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Maria Meiorin*

*Living – Intentions of Brigitte's Family*

*John Bellini*

*Niece*

*Brigitte*

*Tony & Sylvia Supino*

**Sunday, 11:00am – December 1, 2024 – 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Ettore & Virginia Lanni*

*Ascenzia & Luigi Fiori*

*Don & Elsie Fraleigh*

*Family*

*Daughter, Berardina*

*Faith First*

**Tuesday, 8:30am – December 3, 2024: MEMORIAL – Saint Francis Xavier**

*Living – Personal Intentions of Raymond & Hilary Jack*

*Family*

**Wednesday, 8:30am – December 4, 2024: Saint John Damascene**

*Living – Olivia, Adrian & Children*

*Georgia Bang*

**Thursday – 8:30am – December 5, 2024: Weekday**

*Living – In Thanksgiving for the Peters & Alexander Families*

*Carmen Peters*

**Thursday – 7:00pm – December 5, 2024: Weekday**

*Living – Personal Intentions for Raymond & Hilary Jack*

*Family*

**Friday, 8:30am – December 6, 2024: Saint Nicholas**

*Living – Olivia, Adrian & Children*

*For the Souls in Purgatory*

*Georgia Bang*

*Lara Brinckhaus*

**Saturday, 4:00pm – December 7: 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Lucille Wong*

*Antonio Bei*

*Julie Prillo*

*Domenico Amoruso*

*sister, Pauline Wong*

*Gabriella Bei & Family*

*Family*

*Rosa Maria Amorus & Family*

**Sunday, 9:00am – December 8: 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Antoinetta Pisaturo*

*Olga & Natalino Cappello*

*Paola & Joe Pendenza*

*Maria & Family*

*Anna & Mario*

*Anna & Marco*

**Sunday, 11:00am – December 8: 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Miriam & Emilio Brunelli*

*Loreto & Paolina Ciambella*

*John Bellini*

*Ida Onesi & Family*

*daughter, Gabriela*

*Supino Family*