

# WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH DEC. 3RD, 2023—FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT —YEAR B



Today the church celebrates its new year. As you embrace the new beginning of Advent, know that you are safe, ever in God's care. Soon Jesus, the fulfillment of God's promise, will come bringing justice and peace to the Earth. May we be vigilant, standing with intention and purpose in readiness to welcome our Saviour!

The first purple candle on the Advent wreath represents HOPE! Sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle," the first candle brings us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus.

**Lord our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus! He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples.  
He is the Wisdom, that teaches and guides us. He is the Saviour of every nation.  
Lord God, let Your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.  
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. Amen.**

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## November 26th

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1405.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 383.20
Building Fund	\$ 290.00
Canadian Missions	\$ 185.00
Candles	\$ 57.85
Christmas Flowers	\$ 175.00
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Total:	\$ 2496.05

# Thank You

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## PADP—Weekly for the month of November 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 604.50
Building fund	\$ 115.00
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Total	\$ 719.50

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**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Tuesday to Friday at 12 Noon

**WEEKEND MASSES:** Saturday at 4:30pm and Sunday at 10:00am

**CONFESSION:** Saturday at 3:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am

**HOLY ROSARY:** Every Thursday after 12 Noon Mass

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Fr.Denis Vaiz - Parish Priest

Sydney Hutchins - Office Administrator

John Noble - Deacon Emeritus

Carol Noble - D.O.S

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## MASS SCHEDULE WITH INTENTIONS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**Tuesday, 5th December** - **St. Sabas**

**Martin Rupnik** by Ivanka Rupnik

**Wednesday, 6th December** - **Saint Nicholas**

**Intentions of Cheryl McCulligh** by Gerry and Pat Dionne

**Thursday, 7th December** - **St. Ambrose**

**Lorenzo Rovinelli** by Nada and Robert Rovinelli

**Friday, 8th December**- **Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Fedele Creatura** by Maria and Vittorio Petrin

**Saturday, 9th December** - **Saint Juan Diego**

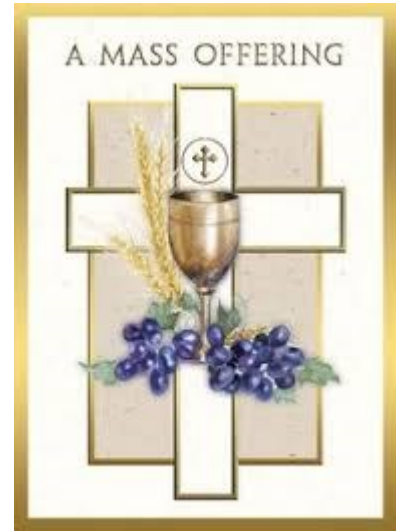
**Anita Verrilli** by Carla and Freddy Riccio

**Intentions of the parishioners** by Fr Denis Vaiz

**Sunday, 10th December** - **Blessed Adolph Kolping**

**Nadia Amadio** by Ivanka Rupnik

**Jasmine Gregorini** by Antonella Gregorini



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### MASS READINGS FOR THIS WEEK: Dec. 4th to Dec. 10th



Monday Dec 4th	Isaiah 2: 1-5   Matthew 8: 5-11	Psalm 122
Tuesday Dec. 5th	Isaiah 11: 1-10   Luke. 10: 212-24	Psalm 72
Wednesday Dec. 6th	Isaiah 25: 6-10a   Matthew 15: 29-37	Psalm 23
Thursday Dec. 7th	Isaiah 26: 1-6   Matthew 7: 21, 24-27	Psalm 118
Friday Dec. 8th	Genesis 3: 9-15, 20   Ephesians:1: 3-6, 11-12 / Luke. 1: 26-38	Psalm 98
Saturday Dec. 9th	Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26   Matthew 9: 35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	Psalm 147
Sunday Dec. 10th	Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11   2 Peter 3: 8-14   Mark. 1: 1-8	Psalm 85

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### **How do we watch and wait for the Lord's coming?**

How does the Lord want us to be watchful and vigilant for His return? The kind of watching the Lord has in mind is not a passive "wait and see what happens" approach to life. The Lord urges us to be vigilant and to active prayer that His "kingdom may come" and His "will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

We are not only to watch for Christ, but to watch with Christ. The Lord wants us to have our hearts and minds fixed on Him and His word. He wants us to be ready for His action and work of grace in our lives and in our world. Those who "wait" for the Lord will not be disappointed. He will surely come with His grace and saving help. Do we watch the Lord's action in our lives with expectant faith and with joyful hope?

The season of Advent is a time for rousing our minds and hearts for the Lord's coming. As His servants, we watch for His will - continually seeking Him. We watch for His word and His power - that He may act now to save and to deliver. And we watch for His visitation - He will surely come again! Servants of the Lord rouse yourselves! Be vigilant, be alert, be "watchmen" for the Lord pointing the way for His coming.

**Fr Denis Vaiz**

Dear Parishioners, 2024 envelopes are ready for pick up in the lobby. Please note that some of your old envelope numbers may have changed. **Do not use the new envelopes until January 1, 2024.** Complete the information on the front of your new envelope for the first two weeks of the New Year.

**2023 envelopes must be handed in prior to Jan.1st** to ensure they are added to your 2023 income tax receipt.



**New parishioners of St. Andrew the Apostle** may find a parish registration form on the lobby table. Please take one home, complete the information required and place your completed form in the collection. Thank you!

### Upcoming events of this week

**Dec. 7th:** Small Christian community & Rosary after Mass

**Dec. 8th:** Craft work by ladies

**Dec. 9th:** Baptism of Craig William Petrie

**Dec. 10th:** K of C dinner



### Ladies of the Parish

Our **Christmas party** will be held on **Tuesday, December 12th** following the noon Mass and Advent service. Please bring an appetizer or dessert. See you there!

### Job posting—Administrator in our Parish

We are looking for  
a new parish office administrator.

Please send a resume to:

**[standrewsudbury@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsudbury@gmail.com)**



If you are planning to attend the 4:30pm Christmas mass at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, your child can participate in the pageant and choir practices held **Sun. Dec. 3 and Sun. Dec. 10 @ 1:00 pm** at the church. Families are encouraged.

If you would like to remember a loved one through a donation to our Christmas flower fund, please take an envelope from the basket at the back of the church; complete the information on the front and put your loved one's name on the back. Parishioners who have **regular envelopes** have the Christmas flower fund envelope in their box.



On the **1st week of this month**, we celebrate the birthdays of those who were born in the month of November. Let us congratulate and pray for them. Heavenly Father! We thank You for the gift of life You have given to our celebrants. Kindly keep showing them Your grace, and we ask that You continue to bless them. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Sudbury Singers** will be presenting a **concert on Sun. Dec. 10 @ 1pm at Our Lady of Hope Church, Brennan Road.** Free will donations. Funds will go to support McCulloch Hospice. Come and enjoy an afternoon of music!





# Christmas Season Mass Schedule-2023-24

## Christmas Eve

December 24th, Sunday at 4:30pm  
(Mass with Children's pageant)

December 24th, Sunday at 8:00pm  
(Christmas Solemnity Mass)

## Christmas Day

December 25th, Monday at 10:00am  
(Christmas Solemnity Mass)

(No weekday masses this week)



## Feast of the Holy Family

December 30th, Saturday at 4:30pm

December 31st, Sunday at 10:00am



## Mary the Mother of God (New Year)

December 31st, Sunday at 4:30pm

January 1st, Monday at 10:00am

## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6th, Saturday at 4:30pm

January 7th, Sunday at 10:00am





Best Wishes from

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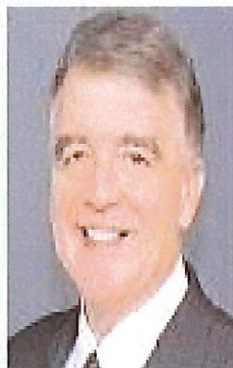
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<https://www.facebook.com/Knightsofcolumbus6074/>

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### **Prayer of St. Gertrude**

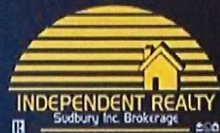
Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious  
Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with  
the Masses said throughout the world today,  
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners  
every where, for sinners in the universal  
church, those in my own home and within my  
family.

Amen.



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