

**Welcome to
St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church**
December 21st 2025 – 4th Sunday of Advent - Year - A
December 25th 2025 – The Nativity of the Lord - Year - A



Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. (Luke.1:42)

All-powerful God, Your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of Your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces His glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for His coming. May the light of Your love always shine in our hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Your child and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven for Jesus' sake. Amen.



December 14th

Sunday Offering	\$ 1,919.00
Loose Offering	\$ 456.55
Building Fund	\$ 2,350.00
Snow Removal	\$ 295.00
Candles	\$ 69.15
Christmas Flower Fund	\$ 35.00
Christmas Envelopes	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 5,149.70



PADP—Weekly for the month of Dec. 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 275.00
Building fund	\$ 677.50
Total	\$ 952.50



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: Recited after Noon mass on Thursdays



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May God's blessings be yours this Christmas



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Carol Noble - D.O.S



MASS SCHEDULE WITH INTENTIONS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 23rd December at 12:00pm: *St. John of Kenty*

Onorio Copetti by Copetti Family

Wednesday, 24th December at 4:30pm: *Christmas at Greccio*

Giuliana and Otello Sbrega by Tania Sbrega

Gina & Butch Tosato by Laura & Wayne Lepage & families

Wednesday, 24th December at 7:30pm : *Christmas at Greccio*

Genesio Gregorini by Antonella Gregorini

The Noble & Blaney Deceased family Members by John & Carol Noble

Thursday, 25th December at 10:00am: *Nativity of the Lord*

Edward, Darryl, Corey Bednis by Arleen Bednis

Kenneth & Donald Longlade by Barbara Longlade & Family

Saturday, 27th December at 4:30pm: *St. John the Evangelist*

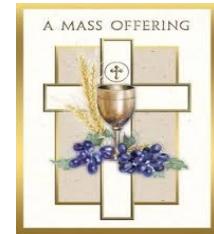
Mehes Family by Robert & Nada Rovinelli

Paul Kennedy by Colette Kennedy

Sunday, 28th December at 10:00am: *Holy Innocents*

Deceased Members of our Italian Danforth group by Antonia Copetti

Nicolino Sala by Maria & Vittorio Petrin



MASS READINGS FOR THIS WEEK: December 22nd to 28th



Monday Dec. 22nd	1st Samuel 1: 24-28 Luke 1 : 46-56	1st Samuel 2
Tuesday Dec. 23rd	Malachi 3: 1-4, 4: 5-6 Luke 1: 57-66	Psalm 25
Wednesday Dec. 24th	2nd Samuel 7: 1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Luke 1: 67-79	Psalm 89
Thursday Dec. 25th	Isaiah 52: 7-10 Hebrew 1: 1-6 John 1: 1-18	Psalm 98
Friday Dec. 26th	Acts 6: 8-10: 7:54-59 Matthew 10: 17- 22	Psalm 31
Saturday Dec. 27th	1st John 1: 1- 4 John 20: 1a and 2-8	Psalm 97
Sunday Dec. 28th	Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Matt.2:13-15, 19-23	Psalm 128

God gives us supernatural joy with hope in His promises:

Do we recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord Jesus in our lives? Blessed are we if we see and recognize the Lord with the "eyes of faith". The word "blessed" [*makarios* in Greek] literally means "happiness" or "beatitudo". It describes a kind of joy which is serene and untouchable, self-contained and independent from chance and changing circumstances of life.

There is a certain paradox for those "blessed" by the Lord. Mary was given the "blessedness" of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. Anselm, a great teacher and Archbishop of Canterbury (1033-1109), spoke these words in a homily: "Without God's Son nothing could exist; without Mary's Son, nothing could be redeemed." To be chosen by God is an awesome privilege and responsibility. Mary received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. Her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope and trust in God and His promises.

Jesus promised His disciples that "no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away. Do we know the joy of a life given over to God in faith and trust?

Fr Denis Vaiz

Christmas Season Mass Schedule 2025-26



Christmas Eve

December 24th, Wednesday at 4.30pm

(Mass with L'Arche's pageant)

(Christmas Carols by our children prior to Mass)

December 24th, Wednesday at 7.30pm

(Christmas Solemnity Mass)

(Christmas Carols by our Choir prior to Mass)



Christmas Day

December 25th, Thursday at 10.00am

(Christmas Solemnity Mass)



Feast of the Holy Family

December 27th, Saturday at 4.30pm

December 28th, Sunday at 10.00am



Mary the Mother of God (New Year)

December 31st, Wednesday at 4.30pm

January 1st, Thursday at 10.00am



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3rd, Saturday at 4.30pm

January 4th, Sunday at 10.00am

(Please note: No masses on 26th Dec. Friday & 30th Dec. Tuesday)





This 3rd Weekend

We remember the sick people who are admitted in hospitals and at home.

Let us pray for them.

Almighty ever living God, healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness. Relieve the worry and sorrow of the sick persons among us with Your gentle love and grant them the grace and strength to accept this burden.

We place them under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to good health again. Amen.

There will be **no Children's Liturgy**
on **Sunday December 28, 2025.**

It will resume Sunday January 11th, 2026.

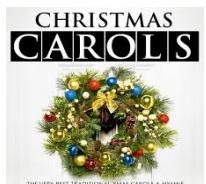
Also, one of our instructors is retiring at the end of June 2026, therefore we will need additional volunteers to continue Children Liturgy.

If you are interested please contact
Luciana Buchy at 705-566-1448.



Our Parish Choir presents
The Carols of Christmas
December 24th at 7:00 pm.

Join us for the Carols followed by Solemn Christmas Mass.



Dear Parishioners, 2026 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, 2026.

Complete the information on the front of your new envelope for the first two weeks of the New Year. Thank you!

2025 envelopes must be handed in prior to Jan.1st 2026 to ensure they are added to your **2025 income tax receipt.**



December 2025 – Pope's Intention For Christians in areas of conflict



Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, so they might become seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Interesting facts about Christmas

- The name 'Christmas' comes from the old English phrase *Cristes mæsse*, which means 'Christ's mass'. But what about 'Xmas'? The 'X' is said to represent the Greek letter 'Chi' – the first letter in the Greek word for Christ, *Χριστός* (pronounced 'Christos').
- Christmas trees** also became popular in Victorian Britain. But these were first seen in **16th Century Germany** where, at Christmas time, people decorated fir trees with **fruit and nuts** – and later sweets, paper shapes and candles. Amazingly, historians think the origins of this festive tradition may date back to the **Romans** and **Ancient Egyptians**, who used evergreen plants and garlands as **symbols of everlasting life**. Wow!
- We can't talk about Christmas without a mention to the big bearded, rosy-cheeked jolly man... **Father Christmas**! But have you wondered how he got the name **Santa Claus**? It's from **Sinterklaas**, which means **Saint Nicholas** in Dutch, the language of the **Netherlands**. St. Nicholas was a Christian bishop who lived in the 4th century – known for being kind and generous, he later became the **patron saint of children**.
- Have you ever noticed that the song **Jingle Bells** doesn't have the word Christmas in it? Or Jesus or Santa Claus? That's because it wasn't originally a Christmas song! In fact, the jolly anthem was written in 1850, entitled **One Horse Open Sleigh**, for the **American** holiday, **Thanksgiving!**



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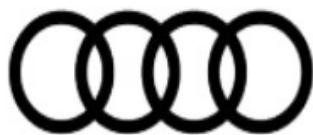
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