

# ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND

## First Sunday of Advent – December 1, 2024

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### Mass Schedule & Intentions: November 30 – December 8, 2024

#### SATURDAY November 30<sup>th</sup> - Two Masses

**10:00am - Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle**  
**5:00 pm**

Antonio & Giuseppina Gallo by Family  
Maria, Nancy & Mike Fazari by Teresa & Angelo Fazari  
Mireille Gauthier by Monique & Greg Shinton

#### SUNDAY December 1<sup>st</sup> - 9:00am - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Blessing for Joan Parent by Connie & George Poll  
Julio Lostracco by Maria & Carmelo Mazzei  
Anna Morris by St. Andrew's C.W.L. Parish Council  
Steven, Raymond & Teresa Horvat by Mom Teresa

HOPE

#### TUESDAY December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration

Mrs. Smith by David Fox

#### WEDNESDAY December 4<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am

Deceased of Tummolo & Tedesco Families  
by Maria Fazzalari



#### THURSDAY December 5<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration

Birthday Blessing Christopher Bisson by Rosemary & Steve Lastovic

#### FRIDAY December 6<sup>th</sup> - 9:45am

Filomena Ventresca by Maria Pruno

#### SATURDAY December 7<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm

Conrad & Jean-Luc Lemelin by Bovine Family  
Connie & Toni Mazzei by Franca Sdao  
Concezio & Almerinda DeChellis by Family  
Giulio Lostracco by Franca Sdao & Family

PEACE

#### SUNDAY December 8<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Roberto & Teresa DiGioia by Teresa DiGioia  
Concezio & Fidalma DiPirro by Family  
Michael & Annunziata Mammoliti by Grandchildren  
Immacolata & Salvatore Giovinazzo by Tina, Nancy & Rosa

**11.00am** - for all your intentions

### Prayer for the First Week of Advent

"Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen."



### "We Have Found the Messiah" by John Chrysostom

After Andrew had stayed with Jesus and had learned much from him, he did not keep this treasure to himself, but hastened to share it with his brother. Notice what Andrew said to him: *We have found the Messiah, that is to say, the Christ.* Notice how his words reveal what he has learned in so short a time. They show the power of the master who has convinced them of this truth. They reveal the zeal and concern of men preoccupied with this question from the very beginning. Andrew's words reveal a soul waiting with the utmost longing for the coming of the Messiah, looking forward to his appearing from heaven, rejoicing when he does appear, and hastening to announce so great an event to others. To support one another in the things of the spirit is the true sign of good will between brothers, of loving kinship and sincere affection.

Notice, too, how, even from the beginning, Peter is docile and receptive in spirit. He hastens to Jesus without delay. *He brought him to Jesus*, says the evangelist. But Peter must not be condemned for his readiness to accept Andrew's word without much weighing of it. It is probable that his brother had given him, and many others, a careful account of the event; the evangelists, in the interest of brevity, regularly summarize a lengthy narrative. Saint John does not say that Peter believed immediately, but that *he brought him to Jesus*. Andrew was to hand him over to Jesus, to learn everything for himself. There was also another disciple present, and he hastened with them for the same purpose.

When John the Baptist said: *This is the Lamb, and he baptizes in the Spirit*, he left the deeper understanding of these things to be received from Christ. All the more so would Andrew act in the same way, since he did not think himself able to give a complete explanation. He brought his brother to the very source of light, and Peter was so joyful and eager that he would not delay even for a moment.

*Advent Reflection:* Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to Jesus' second coming at the end of the ages as seen in Isaiah's prophecies.

Special thank-you to Teresa Paonessa and all the volunteers who helped with the First Communion candidates luncheon.

