ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND
Second Sunday of Advent – December 8, 2024

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Mass Schedule & Intentions: December 7 - 15, 2024

SATURDAY December 7th - 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 8th - 9.00am – 2nd Sunday of Advent
Roberto & Teresa DiGioia by Teresa DiGioia
Concezio & Fidalma DiPirro by Family
Michael & Annunizata Mammoliti by Grandchildren
Immacolata & Salvatore Giovinazzo by Tina, Nancy & Rosa
11.00am - for all your intentions

MONDAY December 9th - 6:30pm
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass in Honour of our Blessed Mother

TUESDAY December 10th - 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration
Deceased of Fazzalari & Albanese Families by Maria Fazzlari

WEDNESDAY December 11th - 9:00am
Zvoni Nenadovic by Steve & Rosemary Lastovic

THURSDAY December 12th - 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration
Alba Nobile by Fiora Lalama

FRIDAY December 13th - 9:45am
Chris Cook by David fox

SATURDAY December 14th - 5:00 pm
Conrad & Jean-Luc Lemelin by Bovine Family
Angela & Dionisio Riolino by Family
Filomena Ventresca by Maria Fazzalari
Kevin Kiss by Monique & Greg Shinton

JOY

SUNDAY December 15th - 9.00am - 3rd Sunday of Advent
Franco Sdao by Franca Sdao
Steven, Raymond & Teresa Horvat by Mom Teresa
11.00am - for all your intentions

Prayer for the Second Week of Advent
Heavenly Father, You are the God who gives peace. This second week of Advent, cause us to remember that because of Jesus we can experience a Christmas free from turmoil and chaos. Regardless of our circumstances or our situations, you offer us peace that passes understanding

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O Virgin, by whose blessing all nature is blessed! by St. Anselm

Blessed Lady, sky and stars, earth and rivers, day and night – everything that is subject to the power or use of man – rejoice that through you they are in some sense restored to their lost beauty and are endowed with inexpressible new grace. All creatures were dead, as it were, useless for men or for the praise of God, who made them. The world, contrary to its true destiny, was corrupted and tainted by the acts of men who served idols. Now all creation has been restored to life and rejoices that it is controlled and given splendor by men who believe in God.

The universe rejoices with new and indefinable loveliness. Not only does it feel the unseen presence of God himself, its Creator, it sees him openly, working and making it holy. These great blessings spring from the blessed fruit of Mary's womb.

Through the fullness of the grace that was given you, dead things rejoice in their freedom, and those in heaven are glad to be made new. Through the Son who was the glorious fruit of your virgin womb, just souls who died before his life-giving death rejoice as they are freed from captivity, and the angels are glad at the restoration of their shattered domain.

Lady, full and overflowing with grace, all creation receives new life from your abundance. Virgin, blessed above all creatures, through your blessing all creation is blessed, not only creation from its Creator, but the Creator himself has been blessed by creation.

To Mary God gave his only-begotten Son, whom he loved as himself. Through Mary God made himself a Son, not different but the same, by nature Son of God and Son of Mary. The whole universe was created by God, and God was born of Mary. God created all things, and Mary gave birth to God. The God who made all things gave himself form through Mary, and thus he made his own creation. He who could create all things from nothing would not remake his ruined creation without Mary.

God, then, is the Father of the created world and Mary the mother of the re-created world. God is the Father by whom all things were given life, and Mary the mother through whom all things were given new life. For God begot the Son, through whom all things were made, and Mary gave birth to him as the Saviour of the world. Without God's Son, nothing could exist; without Mary's Son, nothing could be redeemed.

Truly the Lord is with you, to whom the Lord granted that all nature should owe as much to you as to himself.

***The CWL** of our parish plan to assemble **Blessing Bags** for the un-housed who will be accommodated at the new shelters in Welland. Parishioners are welcome to help if they wish by providing $10 Tim Horton's gift cards to include in the packages. Cards may be given to Shelley Tamas or Father Paul. Thank you for your generosity to help the less fortunate.*