ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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MASS INTENTIONS – November 29 – December 7, 2025

SATURDAY November 29 - 5:00pm
Maria, Nancy & Mike Fazari by Teresa Angi & Angelo Fazari
Antonio & Giuseppina Gallo by Family
For Grandparents by Franca Sdao

"You DO NOT know when the Lord is coming"

Sunday November 30 – 9:00am
1st Sunday of Advent
Diane Gooodbarne by Linda Matchett
Deceased of 3rd Order Franciscans by David Fox
11:00am for all your intentions *Family Luncheon After Mass*
SUNDAY LATE EVENING MASS - 8:15pm
In Honour of St. Valentine by G. Pang

TUESDAY December 2 -5:00pm - *Mass & Adoration*
Tony DeChellis by Maria Fazzalari

WEDNESDAY December 3 - 9:00am
Roberto & Teresa DiGioia by Teresa DiGioia

THURSDAY December 4 - 5:00pm - *Mass & Adoration*
Christine Fixon Owoo by David Fox

FRIDAY December 5 - 9:35am
Birthday Blessing, Chris Bisson by Rosemary & Steve Lastovic

SATURDAY December 6 - 5:00pm
Frank & Maria Agostino by the Family
Connie & Toni Mazzei by Franca Sdao
Conrad Lemelin by Ron & Denise Bovine

Sunday December 7 – 9:00am
2nd *Sunday of Advent*
Immacolata & Salvatore Giovinazzo by Tina, Nancy & Rosa
Conrad & Jean-Luc Lemelin by Wife & Mother
Tony DeChellis by Teresa Digioia
11:00am for all your intentions
SUNDAY LATE EVENING MASS - 8:15pm
In Honour of Blessed Karl of Austria & Zita by G. Pang

*****Additional Mass on Sunday*****
Sunday Late Evening Mass 8:15pm, at St. Andrews
Confession Tuesday to Friday 8:00pm – 9:00pm
No Weekday Confession - Christmas Break - December 16 – January 12

See other Information on the back

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offerings-	$1,152.60
Building Fund/RR -	$140.00
Deo Gratias	$100.00

The Twofold Coming of Christ by St. Cyril of Jerusalem

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom.

In general, whatever relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future.

At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels.

We look then beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.* At the second we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

The Saviour will not come to be judged again, but to judge those by whom he was judged. At his own judgement he was silent; then he will address those who committed the outrages against him when they crucified him and will remind them: *You did these things, and I was silent.*

His first coming was to fulfil his plan of love, to teach men by gentle persuasion. This time, whether men like it or not, they will be subjects of his kingdom by necessity.

The prophet Malachi speaks of the two comings. *And the Lord whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple:* that is one coming.

Again he says of another coming: *Look, the Lord almighty will come, and who will endure the day of his entry, or who will stand in his sight? Because he comes like a refiner's fire, a fuller's herb, and he will sit refining and cleansing.*

These two comings are also referred to by Paul in writing to Titus: *The grace of God the Saviour has appeared to all men, instructing us to put aside impiety and worldly desires and live temperately, uprightly, and religiously in this present age, waiting for the joyful hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

That is why the faith we profess has been handed on to you in these words: *He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ will therefore come from heaven. He will come at the end of the world, in glory, at the last day. For there will be an end to this world, and the created world will be made new.