

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 6

5:00 p.m. S.I. of Harold & Judy Keelan  
by Rose Gentles  
For All Souls by Elaine Thacker

### Sunday, December 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m. † Martina & Oscar Gutcher  
by Bob & Agnus White  
S. I. Thanksgiving by Minia Family

11:00 a.m. S.I. of Sheila Ballares Novelero by Glipo  
Family  
Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)

### Tuesday, December 9

7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased members of the C.W.L.  
S.I. of Elaine Thacker

### Wednesday, December 10

9:00 a.m. † Lawrence & Irene Keough and all Souls in  
Purgatory by Carol & Wayne Brownrigg

### Thursday, December 11

7:00 p.m. † Alison O'Farrell by Bayer Family

### Friday, December 12 FEAST: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

**National Day of Prayer in solidarity with  
Indigenous Peoples**

9:00 a.m. † Jeannine & Ian Ladd by Mary Ellen Ferguson

### Saturday, December 13

5:00 p.m. † Bill Gentles by Family  
S.I. of Noime de Las Armas by Minia Family

### Sunday, December 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETTE SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)  
† Mike Dalton by Bettylou Dalton

11:00 a.m. † Fay Newson by Maria & Rob Riggan

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

2025-2026

### SUNDAY: YEAR A -Year of Luke

### WEEKDAY - YEAR 1

#### **First Reading:** (*Is 11:1-10*).

We hear about the coming of the  
Messiah, and the kind of justice and  
peace he would bring.

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

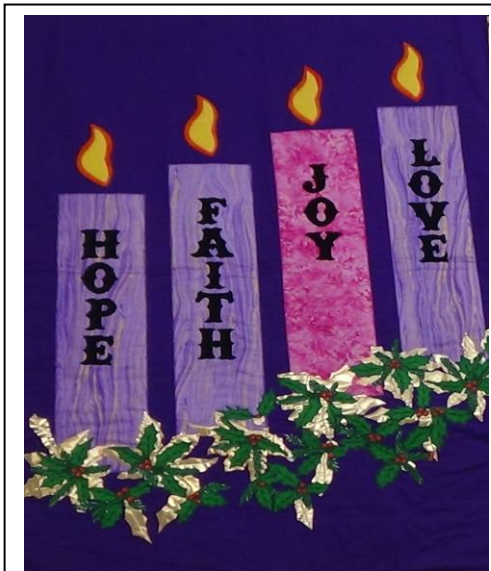
“In His days may righteousness flourish,  
and peace abound forever.”

#### **Second Reading:** (*Rom 15:4-9*).

This talks about the importance of hope,  
and how we should treat others in the  
same friendly way Christ has treated us.

#### **Gospel:** (*Mt 3:1-12*).

We hear once again the voice of John  
the Baptist, saying to us what he said to  
his contemporaries: “Repent, for the  
Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand”.



## A LIFE IN HARMONY WITH GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

*Isaiah 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-, 17; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12*

On this second week of Advent the focus of preparation is a change of life. John the Baptist in today's Gospel tells us the way we must prepare for Christmas. This is the way of repentance for our sins, renewal, and conversion in life. The whole message of John the Baptist can be summed up in the cry: “Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight...Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven has come near...I baptize you with water for repentance....”

Repentance for our shortfalls, omissions and inadequacies shall lead us to a new life. Our Advent preparation shall help us to move in this direction. We call it a harmonious life. Our life in harmony with God, one another, and the whole creation. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans highlights it: “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God... Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” (Rom.15. 5-7). This pleasant and peaceful existence is envisioned in Isaiah: “The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and the little child shall lead them...” (Is.11.6).

Repentance leads to *metanoia* – a conversion, transformation of our attitudes, actions, and behavior. *Metanoia* points to a turning around which involves a change of mind and heart in response to forgiveness to get a radically new view and direction for our onward journey toward the celebration of Christmas.

This may require a shaping up of what we are doing now. Our walking the new paths demands a change in our lifestyle and attitudes. While still in preparation and waiting, we can enjoy the promised fruits of peace and joy if we anchor our life in hope and faith and live a life in tune with the Word of God made flesh and dwelt among us.

May God bless all of us  
Father Thomas Manninezath, CMI

“Every mountain and hill shall be made low” (cf. v. 4), Isaiah again exhorts. The mountains and hills that must be made low are pride, arrogance, insolence. Where there is pride, where there is insolence, where there is arrogance, the Lord cannot enter because that heart is full of pride, of insolence, of arrogance. For this reason, we must allay this pride. We must take on attitudes of meekness and humility, without reproach, to listen, to speak with meekness and thus to prepare for the coming of our Saviour, He who is meek and humble of heart (cf. Mt 11:29). Then we are asked to eliminate all obstacles that we set against our union with the Lord: “the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed” — says Isaiah — “and all flesh shall see it together” (40:4-5). These actions, however, must be performed with joy, because they are designed in preparation for the coming of Jesus. At home, when we await the visit of a dear person, we prepare everything with care and gladness. In the same way, we want to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord: to await him each day attentively, so as to be filled by his grace when he comes. (Pope Francis, December 10, 2017)



### OFFERTORY November 30, 2025

Envelopes: \$ 1,746.25; E-transfer: \$, 825.00; November: Pre-Authorized: \$ 3,124.00

#### **Thank you for your support**

Please continue to support the parish by dropping the collection envelopes in the **PARISH MAILBOX** at the front door of the **Rectory** OR You may use **Online banking (e-transfer)**. The money you transfer will directly go to our BMO parish account. For this purpose, please use our parish email: [stanthonykincardine@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stanthonykincardine@hamiltondiocese.com) OR You may consider **pre-authorized giving**. Authorization Form is available on our website: [www.stanthonykincardine](http://www.stanthonykincardine)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE



#### DECEMBER 2025. HEROES OF HOPE: FOR THOSE WHO MINISTER TO FAMILIES

Heroes of Hope is a monthly newsletter from the Diocese of Hamilton, shining a light on the extraordinary individual and ministries who inspire hope and transform lives in our communities. Consider becoming a Minister of Hope in your Parish Community! Visit [hamiltondiocese.com/jubilee](http://hamiltondiocese.com/jubilee).

#### PARISH COMMUNITY ADVENT RETREAT

Our Parish Advent Retreat will take place on **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6.30 p.m. Father Ignatius Saiki, O.P. Pastor of Mary Immaculate Parish in Chepstow will share with us his reflections on **Our Preparations for the Messiah**. Everyone is encouraged to come for the retreat and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

#### SHARING YOUR GIFTS OF TIME AND TALENTS

If you have missed the presentation, the forms are available in the Narthex. Kindly take one, fill it in and return to the office. We need your support for our Parish.

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION/ FIRST COMMUNION

If you would like your child to participate in the preparation for these sacraments and have not already registered through the school or parish office, please do so as soon as possible.

#### PARISH SUNDAY SOCIAL

We invite everyone to our monthly parish social this Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> following the 11 a.m. Mass. Come, join, socialize and share together the refreshments provided.

#### BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

The tradition, called **Bambinelli Sunday**, was begun by St. Pope John Paul II. It takes place on the **Third Sunday of Advent, or Gaudete Sunday**. It is a blessing of the figurine of Baby Jesus that the children have brought to church from their nativity scene at home. The children then take Baby Jesus back to their homes to be placed under their Christmas tree, waiting for Christmas Eve when the figurine can be placed in the manger to mark His birth. We encourage all the children to participate by bringing their figurine to mass the weekend of **December 13/14** to be blessed.

#### SUNDAY MISSALS - 2025-2026

The missals with our parish stamps on them **MUST REMAIN HERE**. If you would like your own personal copy, please feel free to take an unstamped one. You may leave your free will offering in the brown wooden box by the main door to the church in the Narthex.

#### CWL SOCIAL CHRISTMAS

The C.W.L. will be hosting their Christmas Social on Wednesday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6 -8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. A potluck supper to celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup>. Painted Rock sales money going to Chalice. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or RSVP [kincardineCWL@gmail.com](mailto:kincardineCWL@gmail.com).

#### CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTE

If you wish to donate to our Christmas Floral Tribute in memory of loved ones, please fill out the Christmas Flowers envelope found in the Narthex and return it to the office or place it in the collection basket.

#### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Collection Boxes are always out in the Narthex. Members will be available next weekend to speak with. Your donations help those in need in our community and are greatly appreciated.

*Welcome to all our visitors and guests.  
We wish you fruitful and relaxing days during your stay with us.*

# St. Anthony of Padua Church

**"Sharing Our Faith in God Through Service to Our Neighbour"**

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**December 7, 2025**



**Welcome to St. Anthony's**

#### **Parish Staff**

Fr. Thomas Manninezhath, CMI  
Parish Secretary: Luisa Casciano  
Parish Bookkeeper: Rene Renaud  
Custodian: Mr. Wayne Brownrigg

#### **Sunday Mass**

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

#### **Daily Mass**

Tuesday and Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday - 9:00 a.m.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays - 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Please contact the Parish office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor to make arrangements.

#### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Please contact the Parish office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor to make arrangements **at least 1 year** prior to the proposed celebration as a preparation program is required.

#### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

519-386-2485

#### **Catholic Women's League**

Email: [kincardinecwl@gmail.com](mailto:kincardinecwl@gmail.com)

#### **Knights of Columbus**

Email: [gk7160@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:gk7160@ontariokofc.ca)

#### **Elementary School**

St. Anthony's - 519-396-4330

#### **High School**

Sacred Heart - 519-881-1900



#### **Bequests and Wills**

In your kindness, please remember our St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Kincardine, Ontario in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, please add the following clause: "I give, devise and bequeath the sum of \$... to St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Kincardine, Ontario, to be used for the benefit of the parish and its pastoral activities."