

Mass Intentions

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 Riggin*

Monday December 15

6:30 p.m. **Parish Community Advent Retreat**

Tuesday, December 16

7:00 p.m. † Jeannine & Ian Ladd
by Jean & Madonna Fredette

Wednesday, December 17

9:00 a.m. † Bonnie Stark *by Ginny & Bruce Ross*
S.I. of MaryEllen Ferguson *by Elaine Thacker*

Thursday, December 18

7:00 p.m. For the worlds youth

Friday, December 19

9:00 a.m. † Lorraine Weber *by Allan & Audrey Weber*

Saturday, December 20

5:00 p.m. † Jeannine & Ian Ladd
by Stella Drolet
† Eldon Thacker *by Elaine Thacker*

Sunday, December 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)
11:00 a.m. † Mike Dalton *by Son/Daughter & Grandchildren*
S.I. of Marivic Tiu
by Emma & Armando Minia & Family

LITURGY OF THE WORD 2025-2026

SUNDAY: YEAR A -Year of Luke

WEEKDAY - YEAR 1

First Reading: (*Is 35:1-6.10*).

This reading foretells the birth of a very special child – a child who will be called Emmanuel, that is, God-with-us.

Responsorial Psalm:

“Lord, come and save us.”

Second Reading: (*Jam 5:7-10*).

St. James urges us to be patient with one another and patient regarding the Lord’s final coming.

Gospel: (*Mt 11:2-11*).

We see Jesus at work and hear his words of praise for his imprisoned cousin, John.



BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally, called **Bambinelli Sunday, 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.

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS AND EXPERIENCE PEACE AND JOY

Isaiah 35:1- 10; Psalm 146:6-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Third Sunday of Advent is *Gaudete* Sunday – Rejoicing Sunday - because today’s Mass begins with the opening antiphon: “*Gaudete in Domino semper*” (Rejoice in the Lord always) and we are closer to the Nativity of the Lord.

The prophet Isaiah (*35:1-10*) encouraged the exiled Jews in Babylon to rejoice because their God was going to liberate them from slavery and lead them safely to their homeland. James the Apostle (*James 5:7-10*) encouraged the early Christians to rejoice and wait with patience for the imminent second coming of Jesus. Our waiting for something greater and better will always make us hopeful and then joyful. As St. James wrote that such a joy is worth waiting for like the farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth (*Jas:5.7-10*).

John the Baptist, the prophet who prepared the way for the Messiah, was arrested and imprisoned by Herod Antipas. While he was in prison, he heard about the deeds of Jesus and was anxious to know whether this Jesus was the Messiah people longed for. John sent his disciples for the mission of knowing about it. Jesus gave an indirect answer asking the messengers to tell John what they “have heard and seen” (*Mt.11.2-6*). John was joyful as he realized that it was Jesus, the longed-for Messiah, the Saviour of the world. The conviction of the living presence of Jesus, the fulfilment of all prophesies made John the Baptist joyful.

We are still in Advent, the season of waiting and preparing in joyful anticipation. We shall be joyful and rejoicing that we live in the presence of God by seeing, hearing, speaking, and moving closer to one another and towards the glorious celebration of the coming of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Let our presence bring joy to the world around us, peace to our brothers and sisters who may be living in darkness of some sort. Our loving presence can dispel the darkness from their life situations. How can we help someone towards that transition from darkness to light, absence of necessities of life to the presence of what makes life worthwhile, joyful, and peaceful?

May God bless all of us
Father Thomas Manninezhath, CMI

A BEAUTIFUL ADVENT TRADITION: BAMBINELLI SUNDAY, THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT: BLESSING THE CHRIST CHILD.

“The blessing of the “Bambinelli” [Baby Jesus figurines] as they are called in Rome, reminds us that the crib is a school of life where we can learn the secret of true joy. This does not consist in having many things but in feeling loved by the Lord, in giving oneself as a gift for others and in loving one another. Let us look at the crib. Our Lady and St Joseph do not seem to be a very fortunate family; their first child was born in the midst of great hardship; yet they are full of deep joy, because they love each other, they help each other and, especially, they are certain that God, who made himself present in the little Jesus, is at work in their story. And the shepherds? What did they have to rejoice about? That Newborn Infant was not to change their condition of poverty and marginalization. But faith helped them recognize the “babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger” as a “sign” of the fulfilment of God’s promises for all human beings, “with whom he is pleased” (*Lk 2: 12, 14*.)” (Pope Benedict, 2009)



OFFERTORY December 7, 2025

Envelopes: \$ 2,242.00, Loose Coins & Bills: \$ 160.00 E-transfer: \$ 315.00 U.S.: \$ 100.00

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 **OR** You may consider **pre-authorized giving**. Authorization Form is available on our website: www.stanthonykincardine.com

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.

PARISH COMMUNITY ADVENT RETREAT

Our Parish Advent Retreat will take place on **Monday, December 15th** 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

Registration for First Reconciliation/ First Communion is underway. 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.

SCHEDULES FOR ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY 2025-2026

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany schedules are available in the Narthex. Please feel free to pick one up. Please note that Mass times on **Christmas Eve** are at **5 p.m. and 9 p.m.**, there is **NO MIDNIGHT MASS**.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Collection Boxes are always out in the Narthex. Members will be available to speak with this weekend following the masses.

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.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The collection envelopes for 2026 will be distributed soon. **PLEASE DESTROY** all the 2025 you may still have by the last week of December as there will be a few changes in place for the 2026 collection envelopes. Also, if you are contributing by E-transfer and if you have an envelope number or a reference number kindly add that as well when you send money to our bank. Please take note of the change of your envelope number. Some are changed. If you miss your envelope box, kindly contact the office.

CWL CHALICE CANADA FUNDRAISER

The CWL will be offering hand-painted rocks to raise donations for Chalice Canada after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday December 14th. Last year, the CWL raised \$500 which was donated for making repairs to classrooms in poor countries around the world. This year, we aim to raise \$500 to donate to Chalice for the same purpose. Painted rocks make great stocking stuffers!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

St. Anthony of Padua's parish hall on Thursday December 25th, 2025. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Dinner at 1:00 p.m. Sign up sheets in the Narthex. Free will donation.

*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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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

Knights of Columbus

Email: 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."