

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 20

5:00 p.m. S.I. of Harold & Judy Keelan
by *Rose Gentles*
✠ 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 *Sons/Daughter/ Grandchildren*
S.I. of Marivic Tiu by *Minia Family*

Tuesday, December 23

7:00 p.m. ✠ Babu Thomas by *Manju Mariam Ajai*

Wednesday, December 24 VIGIL:

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

5:00 p.m. S. I. of Father Thomas by *Betty Guest*
9:00 p.m. S.I. of Quilting Angels by *Louise Lucier*

**“GOOD NEWS AND GREAT JOY
TO ALL THE WORLD:
TODAY IS BORN OUR SAVIOUR,
CHRIST THE LORD. ALLELUIA.”**

Thursday, December 25 SOLEMNITY:

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

11:00 a.m. ✠ Rosa Hoswitschka by *Bayer Family*

Friday, December 26 FEAST: ST. STEPHEN

9:00 a.m. S.I. of Casciano Family

Saturday, December 27 FEAST: ST. JOHN

5:00 p.m. ✠ Marie McNulty by *Family*
S.I. of Allan & Audrey Weber by *Barb Gamble*

Sunday, December 28 FEAST:

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9:00 a.m. S.I. of Minerva Colley
by *Virginia Bacon & Rose Bourne*
Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)
11:00 a.m. S.I. for the Finnie Grandchildren
by *Heather & Sam Finnie*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

2025-2026

SUNDAY: YEAR A -Year of Luke

WEEKDAY - YEAR 1

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

First Reading: (*Isaiah 7:10-14*).

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

Responsorial Psalm: “May the Lord come in; he is king of glory.”

Second Reading: (*Romans 1:1-7*).

These opening lines from Paul’s letter to the Romans draw attention to the human and divine ‘roots’ of Jesus.

Gospel: (*Matthew 1:18-24*).

This shows how the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled in Jesus.

CHRISTMAS EVE/MIDNIGHT MASS

First Reading: (*Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7*).

This prophecy about the coming of a saviour-child, who will rescue his people from oppression, is fulfilled in Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm: “Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.”

Second Reading: (*Titus 2.11-14*).

St. Paul reminds us of what is expected of us if we are to enjoy the salvation won for us by Jesus.

Gospel: (*Luke 2.1-16*).

This tells about the birth of Jesus, and how the news of his birth was brought by angels to shepherds.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

First Reading: (*Isaiah 52.7-10*).

This great hymn of exultation at the return of the exiles from Babylon is also poem of joy for our redemption.

Responsorial Psalm: “All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.”

Second Reading: (*Hebrews 1.1-6*).

The whole history of God’s dealings with his people in the past was a preparation for the coming of his Son at a particular moment in history.

Gospel: (*John 1.1-18*).

This is a great hymn to the Word of God, the source of all life, whose coming among us makes us children of God.

JOYFUL HOPE IS OUR GUIDING LIGHT IN LIFE

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

Weak economy, natural calamities, geopolitical and ecological situations may add to the darkness we personally experience today. These factors may put a damper on the kind of festivities we used to celebrate in the past. Thus, there are shades of darkness in the personal, family, and community life situations. It is in this context we read “the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:1). Jesus is the light of the world: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” (John 8.12). “In him was life, and that life was the light of humankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1.4-5)

The Light of Christ is stronger than the darkness that surrounds us. May Emmanuel (God is with us) bring His light to all members of our human family who live in the shades of darkness of disappointment, loneliness, suffering, fear, and anxiety. Our hope must be stronger when challenges seem serious and fear that they devastate life. May those factors not steal from us the true spirit of love, peace, and joy of Christmas.

Jesus was born in Mary when she said a faith-filled, generous and courageous “Yes” to God’s message even amidst fear, anxiety, confusion, and dilemma. Jesus will be born and reborn in each of us with our “Yes” to God’s call, promises and messages that we hear even in the challenging, fearful, difficult, and darkening situations of our life today.

I gratefully and prayerfully remember during this holy season your kind cooperation and generous contributions toward the building up of our parish community.

I wish you and your family the Peace and Joy of Christmas. May the New Year 2026 be the Year of Blessings from God for you and your dear ones.

May God bless us all,
Fr. Thomas Manninezhath, CMI

At this darkest time of the year, “Jesus is born in our midst; He is God with us. He comes to accompany our daily lives, to share with us in all things: our joys and sorrows, our hopes and fears. He comes as a helpless child. He is born in the cold night, poor among the poor. In need of everything, he knocks at the door of our hearts to find warmth and shelter.”

(Pope Francis, Christmas Message 2022)



OFFERTORY December 14, 2025

Envelopes: **\$ 1305.00** Loose Bills & Coins: **\$ 104.25** E-transfer: **\$ 3,060.00**

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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 OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will remain closed for Christmas holidays from Wednesday December 24th, 2025, to Monday January 5th, 2026.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

PLEASE DESTROY all the 2025 envelopes you may still have by the last week of December and start using only 2026 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.

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. Signup sheets in the Narthex. Free will donation.

SUNDAY MISSALS - 2025-2026

Please use them for active participation in the Holy Mass. The missals with our parish stamps on them **MUST REMAIN HERE**.

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 21st.

***WE WISH YOU ALL A
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS***



*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."