



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For the week of Sunday 8 December 2024*

PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME

*The Advent Wreath has been given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Marlene McCaskill*

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the repose of the soul of Susan Johnson.*

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

**FATHER HANNAM** *requests that all cases of sorrow or suffering be reported to him.*

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR** following the 11 o'clock service! We meet in the Parish Hall, down the front stairs and to the right.

**THE RORATE MASSES:** As the sun rises on three Saturdays in Advents, we will offer Votive Masses of Our Lady at S. Bart's. Illuminated by candlelight, and accompanied by Gregorian chant and medieval polyphony, this mass offers us an hour of devotion, contemplation and beauty, as we prepare for the coming of the Light that is our Saviour, our Emmanuel. The tradition of the Rorate Mass stretches back to at least the eighth century (and possibly earlier), and its name is taken from the first words of the Introit: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness (*Rorate caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum*). December 7, 14, and 21 at 7:30 a.m.

**THE BREAKFAST PROGRAMME** is open each Thursday. Doors open at 5:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m., and hot food is served beginning at 6:00 a.m. *The Breakfast Programme will be closed for the holiday on Thursday, 26 December, 2024, but will be open as usual on Thursday, 2 January, 2025.*



# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

## **RORATE MASSES OF OUR LADY**

**7:30 a.m. on Saturdays in Advent (December 7, 14, 21)**

*Greet the dawn in contemplation by candlelight.*

## **SUNDAYS IN ADVENT**

**December 1, 8, 15, 22**

*9:00 a.m. Low Mass | 11:00 a.m. Sung Mass*

## **FEAST OF S. LUCY**

**Friday, 13 December at 6:30 p.m.**

## **CHRISTMAS**

**Tuesday, 24 December**

*10:30 a.m. Gallery Carols*

*11 p.m. Procession & Solemn First Mass of Christmas.*

**Wednesday, 25 December**

*8:30 a.m. Low Mass (at Dawn)*

*11 a.m. Sung Mass (in the Day)*

**“IN LIGHT OF GOD’S MERCY: THE RESPONSE OF CLASSICAL ANGLICANISM TO THE COLLAPSE OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA”:** On Saturday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m. ET, *Communion Partners Canada* is offering an Advent webinar with The Rev’d Dr. Gary Thorne. For further details and tickets, visit: [canadahelps.org/en/charities/communionpartnerscanada/events/advent-webinar-with-dr-gary-thorne](https://canadahelps.org/en/charities/communionpartnerscanada/events/advent-webinar-with-dr-gary-thorne)

**THE ALTAR GUILD** is currently collecting flower donations for the Christmas Altars. Please use the white Altar Guild envelopes provided to direct your donation and indicate in whose memory you wish flowers to be placed.

**THE S. BART’S FOOD BANK** is open Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. *The Food Bank will be open as usual on Monday, 23 December, 2024, Monday, 30 December, 2024, and Thursday, 2 January, 2025. However, it will be closed for the holiday on Thursday, 26 December, 2024.*

## ✠ PARISH GIVINGS ✠

2024 Actual to 30 November: \$138,717  
2024 Budget to 30 November: \$151,250  
(2023 Actual to 30 November: \$123,322)

*To date for 2024, we have a shortfall of \$12,553.  
Please keep in mind that the financial health of our parish  
relies not only on generous giving, but on regular giving.*

# ✠ INTERCESSIONS ✠

## ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

- **TODAY: Sunday, 8 December:** *Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan*
- **Monday, 9 December:** *The Diocese of Kobe – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai*
- **Tuesday, 10 December:** *The Diocese of Koforidua – The Church of the Province of West Africa*
- **Wednesday, 11 December:** *The Diocese of Kolhapur – The Church of North India (United)*
- **Thursday, 12 December:** *The Diocese of Kollam – Kottarakkara – The Church of South India (United)*
- **Friday, 13 December:** *The Diocese of Kondoa – The Anglican Church of Tanzania*
- **Saturday, 14 December:** *The Diocese of Kongor – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

**INDIGENOUS CHURCH:** For +Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop: for our shared Indigenous ministries and leadership. Particularly, for retiring Indigenous Clergy and Bishops: for rest and rebuilding of life and relationships; for Reconciliation, that it be a shared verb and not just a noun; for open ears and hearts, and for the willingness to humble ourselves enough truly to hear the lament of the other voice before us, and to acknowledge that pain and brokenness can be deeper than ever delved or perceived; and +Adam, Bishop of Missinippi: for a fair and equitable financial remuneration for the Bishop of Missinippi and his clergy, and for financial resources to support the ministry of the Church in Northern Saskatchewan.

## DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

- **TODAY: Sunday, 8 December:** *Peterborough Deanery*
- **Monday, 9 December:** *S. George, Hastings*
- **Tuesday, 10 December:** *Diversity Officer and Diversity Manager of the Diocese of Toronto*

- **Wednesday, 11 December:** *S. James, Emily*
- **Thursday, 12 December:** *S. James, Roseneath*
- **Friday, 13 December:** *S. John the Baptist, Lakefield*
- **Saturday, 14 December:** *S. John the Evangelist, Havelock*

**THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED: WED:** Alison, Amanda, Andy, Angela, Antonio, George Barkhouse, Ronald Bentley, Beth; | **FRI:** The Carlén Family, Kimberley Curtis, Demetra, Robert Hegele, Scott Hunter, Isabel, James; | **SAT:** Jenni, Catherine LaFond, Laura, Marlyn, Patrick, Patricia Ritacca, Tina, Todd

**DAILY INTERCESSIONS:** Clifton Aaron, Alan, Andrea, Andrea, Marjorie Austin, Sr Barbara SLSM, Trevon Beckford, Ben, Judy Brake, Bruce, Carl, Ralph Carter, Sr Christine SLG, Christopher, David Conatser, David, Keastner Dawkins, Douglas, Georgia, Grace, Guillaume, Debbie Hartley, Sydney Hegele, Lorna Heron, Lisa Hufana, Jakob, Jane, John, Katherine, Pat Kennedy, Paul Kent, Audrey Kern, Samantha Lanz, Larry, Margaret McQuillan, Michael, Harold Nahabedian (*priest*), Nickson; Peter; Rebecca; Heekyung Song, John & Donna Starkey, Stephen, Stuart, Tegan, Katherine Walmsley, Mark Weymouth, Jun Wu

## ✠ DEVOTIONAL VIGNETTE ✠

**T**HE POINT IS THIS: For all of us, and for each one of us individually, this world, and the things of this world must pass away, not just in some vague, remote and unimaginable future, but right now. They are passing things; that is their very nature. They are passing things, and they are passing away even as we grasp them in our hands. No cleverness, no wishful thinking, no advanced technology can make them anything other than transitory things. What folly it is to focus our hopes and expectations upon such things! What foolishness to set our hearts upon them!

I think we all know that; and yet, how seductive, and how subtle, are the claims

of worldliness, and how easily, how thoughtlessly are we taken in. Worldliness confidently invades the very Church of God, urging us to conform to the methods, the ideals, the manners and the morals of the present age, lest we be irrelevant. The peril is that the worldly Church becomes irrelevant to heaven.

Today's Gospel lesson is telling us that worldliness is folly, and that only when we can see the folly of it can we lift up our heads and see our redemption drawing nigh.

*Behold the fig-tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.*

The signs are everywhere around us every day, if we have the eyes to see them.

The Advent hope is an other-worldly hope. It looks towards a Saviour who has no worldly power, no worldly recommendation of any sort. It finds in the poor and helpless Infant of Bethlehem the eternal Word of God. It is the contradiction of all worldly hopes and expectations. The heavens and the earth pass away, they are passing away at every moment, but the Word of God does not pass away, and, as today's Collect expresses it, in that Word we have the blessed hope of everlasting life. Amen.

- An excerpt from Dr. Robert Crouse's *Sermon for the Second Sunday in Advent*

## ✦ POETRY CORNER ✦

### **LET THIS DARKNESS BE A BELL TOWER**

*by Rainer Maria Rilke*

Quiet friend who has come so far,  
feel how your breathing makes more space around you.  
Let this darkness be a bell tower  
and you the bell. As you ring,  
what batters you becomes your strength.  
Move back and forth into the change.  
What is it like, such intensity of pain?  
If the drink is bitter, turn yourself to wine.  
In this uncontainable night,  
be the mystery at the crossroads of your senses,  
the meaning discovered there.  
And if the world has ceased to hear you,  
say to the silent earth: I flow.  
To the rushing water, speak: I am.

# ✠ THROUGH THE WEEK ✠

*Please check the website and subscribe to our enews list to stay informed of scheduling changes.*

<b>Sunday, 8 December</b>	<i>THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</i>	
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Low Mass	<b>11:00 a.m.</b> Sung Mass
<b>Monday, 9 December</b>	<i>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM (trans.; com. Feria)</i>	
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Food Bank (until 11:30 a.m.)	
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b> Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †	
<b>Tuesday, 10 December</b>	<i>In the Octave of the Immaculate Conception (com. Feria)</i>	
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b> Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †	
<b>Wednesday, 11 December</b>	<i>In the Octave of the Immaculate Conception (com. Feria)</i>	
	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> Low Mass	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Morning Prayer
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b> Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †	
<b>Thursday, 12 December</b>	<i>In the Octave of the Immaculate Conception (com. Feria)</i>	
	<b>6:00 a.m.</b> Breakfast Ministry (Doors open at 5:30 a.m., till 8:00 a.m.)	
	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> Low Mass	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Morning Prayer
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Food Bank (until 11:30 a.m.)	
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b> Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †	
<b>Friday, 13 December</b>	<i>S. Lucy, Virgin &amp; Martyr (com. Octave of the Immaculate Conception &amp; Feria)</i>	
	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Morning Prayer	
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b> Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †	
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Sung Mass	
<b>Saturday, 14 December</b>	<i>In the Octave of the Immaculate Conception (com. Feria)</i>	
	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> Rorate Mass	
<b>Sunday, 15 December</b>	<i>THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (com. Octave Day of the Immaculate Conception)</i>	
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Low Mass	<b>11:00 a.m.</b> Sung Mass

† indicates Eucharistic celebrations of the Anglocatholic Church, a worldwide church within the Old Catholic succession.