

3rd Sunday of Advent ~ December 15th, 2024

Prayers for the Sick:

Please keep the following members in our parish in your prayers who are sick or unwell:
Marian Kelly, Richard D'Souza, Jane Cocco, Mel Cervantes, Michaela Gebhart, Anna Chorozy, Lisa Wong, Ron Harris, Bryan Peplinskie, Nicole Dirickx, Terry Small, Paige Johnston, Patti Matheson, Frances Van Esch, Richard, Cherish Reece, Marina Subic, Marie Harris, Teri Carmichael, Joe McGean, Vince Evangelista, Romulo Mercado, Basil Bruce, Roxanne, Alfred Hall, David Dewar, Hubert Pereira, Loretta Pereira, Egidio Passero, Marcia Panter, Don Langlois, Giles Cote, Madeline Hayes, Anna Carboni, Paul Stone, Elaine Beehler, Janet Beattie, Manuel Borges, Gilles Ethier, Ron Paskie, Juliann Sliwa, Fr. Brian Bevan, Alan Disik, Anne Camus, John Paul Korsmit, Christine Costantini



What is Gaudete Sunday?

Certain Sundays throughout the liturgical year have taken their names from the first word in Latin of the Introit, the entrance antiphon at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is one of these. Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The Introit for Gaudete

Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo, is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Gaudete in Domino semper" "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice, indeed, the Lord is near." The third candle of the Advent wreath, first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored

~~~~~ Chez Marie Open House

You are cordially invited to our Open House at 16 Pelham Rd on Wednesday December 18th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. We look forward to you enjoying a visit with our Refugee Shelter and residents. Light refreshments will be served. Enjoy good fellowship.

Church Envelopes 2025

Church envelopes are available in alphabetical order on the tables against the walls of the Church. Please check that your name and address are correct. If you did not use envelopes last year and wish to begin this year or if you have changed your address, please come to the office during the week. We ask you not to use old Church envelopes from previous years. If you have not used envelopes for a few years your number may have been assigned to someone else. Envelope users will receive a receipt for income tax purpose.

~~~~~ SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

There are numerous opportunities to go to confession before Christmas. Please check the schedule below for upcoming dates:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Monday, DECEMBER 23rd
6:00pm to 8:00pm

Angel Tree

A big thank you to all who participated in "Being an Angel" with our Angel tree for residents at Chez Marie Refugee Shelter! As usual the generosity of St Alfred's Parish is overwhelming! Please bring your unwrapped gift and Angel to the office before December 20th. If anyone needs information please contact Gerarda @ 289-687-6472. God bless you all!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

During the Christmas season the Church will be decorated with flowers. If you wish to make a contribution of a potted Christmas flower in memory of a loved one you can do so. Please complete the following information slip and bring it with your donation to the office or put it the basket with the Sunday collection. Some of the potted flowers will cost up to \$25.00 and others \$15.00. We have to place our order as soon as possible for the flowers to be delivered on time. The person/s in whose memory the flowers are offered, will be listed in the bulletin and they will be remembered and prayed for in our Christmas and New Year's celebrations.

CONTRIBUTION TO ST. ALFRED CHURCH

Name: _____

Envelope#: _____ Amount:\$ _____

In Memory of: _____

Kindly include this slip with your donation.
Please print clearly.

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday Dec 16 – Sunday Dec 22

Mon Dec 16 ~ 8:00 a.m. Claire McGhee/ Giovanna Gentile
Tue Dec 17 ~ 8:00 a.m. Maria Sorrento/ Ernest Roussele
Mr. & Mrs. Carmine Naccarato
Wed Dec 18 ~ 9:00 a.m. Tom Hamilton
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Afonso
Thur Dec 19 ~ 8:00 a.m. Antonio Lagrotteria/ Eric Didemus/
Deceased Members of the Bozza Family
Fri Dec 20 ~ 8:00 a.m. Franco Carboni/ Giovanni Carbone/
Noreen Smith
Sat Dec 21 ~ 8:30 a.m. Richard Moore/ Carolyn Tytler/
Emelita Lacsamana
~ 5:00 p.m. Maria Celetti/ Ivan Gulic/
Maria Nunzia Damiano
Sun Dec 22 ~ 7:30 a.m. Missa Pro Populo
~9:30 a.m. Mario DelPriore/ Carmine Cataldo/
Aldo Morlacchetti
~ 11:30 a.m. Primo Biagi/ Filomena Biagi/
Filomena Tota

Blessing for the Christmas Tree

God who created the birds in the air,
the fish in the sea ,
the stars in the sky, and the trees in the ground,
bless this tree as we decorate it
and make it joyful symbol in our home.
May its branches remind us of the shade and shelter you provide
for us and for many creatures.
May its trunk remind us of your strength.
May its lights bring us peace.
May we remember your gift to us this season,
the gift of the baby Jesus.
Amen.

Eucharistic Ministers Christmas Schedule

Ministers of the Eucharist are needed
for the Liturgical Celebrations during the Christmas Season.
Please see the sheets in the Ministers’ room and sign up for the
Mass that is most convenient for you. Everyone’s help is needed!
Please choose a date and time by Dec 22. Thank you

We need your help

The need for blood products is rising, but there are not enough
donors to keep up with the rising patient need. Canadian Blood
Services needs **450 new donors across the country every day this
winter**. Thank you so much for everything. The need for plasma is
growing and won’t stop during the holidays. In fact, significantly
more plasma donations are needed to make lifesaving treatments
for patients in Canada. Please share with colleagues or Please adopt
a day or come as a team group donation at the plasma donor centre
in December. **For some patients, plasma is the only treatment
available**. Imagine the meaningful impact your entire organization
can have when you donate plasma as a team through our *Partners
for Life* program. Together with your colleagues, friends and family,
you can make a lifesaving difference for patients in your community
and beyond. **When you donate plasma, you don’t just make a
difference, you make all the difference.**



**3ª DOMENICA
DI AVVENTO**
15 Dicembre 2024

Sacramento Riconciliazione

Sabato 21 dicembre alle 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Lunedì, 23 dicembre alle 6:00 p.m-8:00 p.m.

Buste Delle Offerte 2025

Le buste che usate per l'offerta domenicale li troverete
sui tavoli in fondo alla chiesa in ordine alfabetico.

APRI I NOSTRI OCCHI

*Signore, apri i nostri occhi perché possiamo
vedere te nei nostri fratelli e sorelle.
Apri le nostre orecchie, Signore, perché possiamo
udire le invocazioni di chi ha fame, freddo,
paura, e di chi è oppresso.
Apri il nostro cuore, Signore, perché impariamo
ad amarci gli uni gli altri come tu ci ami.
Donaci di nuovo il tuo Spirito, Signore, perché
diventiamo un cuor solo ed un'anima sola, nel
tuo nome.
Amen*

Offerta per i fiori di Natale

A Natale la chiesa verrà adornata con fiori e
piante ornamentali. Chi volesse fare un’offerta
per acquistare dei fiori di Natale in memoria dei
suoi cari defunti, può riempire un modulo che
segue e deporlo nel cestino insieme all’offerta
settimanale oppure portalo in ufficio durante la
settimana. I prezzi dei fiori vanno da \$15.00 a
\$25.00. Le anime dei defunti verranno ricordati
nelle Messe durante Natale e l’Anno Nuovo.

Fiori di Natale Contributo alla Chiesa di

S.Alfredo

Nome: _____

Numero della busta: _____ \$ _____

In suffragio di: _____

Per favore mettete questo modulo insieme alla vostra
offerta. (Scrivete in stampatello)