

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent ~ December 1<sup>st</sup>, 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

## ADVENT ANGEL TREE

An Angel tree will be set up by the Sanctuary on the First Sunday of Advent. You are invited to be an "Angel" and purchase a gift for an adult or child resident at Chez Marie Refugee Shelter. These families have no relatives or friends here in Canada, so we hope to make their Christmas special and a little brighter. So please "BE AN ANGEL" simply take a little angel off the tree, complete with information as to age, gender and size, purchase your gift and drop at the Parish office by December 20th.

If you require any further information, please contact Gerarda at 289-687-6472

## Religious Goods Store

Advent has arrived! Come in the St. Alfred's Book and Gift store and discover lovely Advent and Christmas books and gifts. From Advent Candles to Christmas ornaments. New this year is some snow globes and Holy family statues! Plus some Christmas Wall Art which make lovely Christmas gifts.

## Legion of Mary

Just a reminder that we host a Rosary Circle on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm changed from 7:00 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome! We are blessed to have decades lead in English and Italian. It would be lovely to have other languages, so please come. Plus, if you are interested in having a Statue of Mary in your home for the purpose of increasing prayer time in your family, please give us a call 289-228-9347 Nicola or 289-931-2522 Naomi.

## WE CELEBRATE ADVENT

The seasons of the Church are an extraordinary gift and opportunity. After all, human beings are going to mark time. We will mark it either with the ordinary stuff of ordinary life or we will fill it as well with the things of God, thereby sanctifying it and transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary.

## 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.

**The St. Alfred Holy Name Society monthly meeting will be held Tuesday December 3, 2024 at 7:00pm in the church. Please join us; all men are invited.**

## 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**

**Mon Dec 2- Sun Dec 10**

Mon Dec 02 ~ 8:00 a.m. . . . . DeYoung Family/ Larry McClean/  
Deceased members of the McClean family  
Tue Dec 03 ~ 8:00 a.m. . . . . Rosalina Miciano/Stella Torelli/  
Rod North  
Wed Dec 04 ~ 9:00 a.m. . . . . Franco Carboni/  
Carmelina Scarpa/  
School Mass ~ 10:30 a.m. . . . . Fr. Rheel LeBlanc  
Thur Dec 05 ~ 8:00 a.m. . . . . Martin Litke/ Maria DiMaria  
School Mass ~ 10:15 a.m. . . . . Fr James Mulligan  
Fri Dec 06 ~ 8:00 a.m. . . . . Quintino Cirone/  
Domenic DiPietro  
Sat Dec 09 ~ 8:30 a.m. . . . . Rosina Fiorucci/ Derrick Perera  
~ 5:00 p.m. . . . . Murray Urquhart/  
Frank DeStefano /Vito Squartecchia  
Sun Dec 10 ~ 7:30 a.m. . . . . Missa Pro Populo  
~ 9:30 a.m. . . . . Iolanda Marino/  
Alessandro Carlesso/Maria Tomasone  
~ 11:30 a.m. . . . . Joseph DeCosta/  
Nicholas Hanysh/ Joe Baia

**Christmas Baskets**

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank is working diligently to prepare for Christmas, to provide 200 food boxes to families and individuals in need. Each food box costs \$100 and comes with a grocery voucher to help purchase essential items. Your generosity can make a significant impact this holiday season. By donating to cover the cost of a food box, you can directly help those facing challenges in our community. The food bank is deeply grateful for any support you can offer. Donations can be conveniently dropped off at the food bank, the parish office, or the collection basket during Mass, using donation-stamped envelopes available at every church entrance. Additionally, we offer an easy way to contribute electronically. Please

visit: [sites.google.com/view/vincentalfred](https://sites.google.com/view/vincentalfred)

**Special Collection for Lebanon**

With the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic bishops and Development and Peace we are launching a Special Collection to support the most urgent needs of people in Lebanon, following the bombardments in the country that have already claimed hundreds of innocent lives.

The funds received will be used towards food, medical supplies, shelter, and other essential goods now and , in the months to come, to meet the basic needs of the affected population. With winter just around the corner, heating assistance will also become important. When the conflict subsides, which they hope will happen as soon as possible, the focus will move to the reconstruction of the buildings and, above all, the healing of all those who are traumatized.

**Coats for Kids.**

The Holy Name Society is collecting slightly used children's winter clothing for those in need in our schools. The box is located in the foyer of the church.

**1ª DOMENICA**

**DI AVVENTO**



**1 Dicembre 2024**

**BUSTE DELLE OFFERTE 2025**

Le buste che usate per l'offerta domenicale li troverete sui tavoli in fondo alla chiesa in ordine alfabetico. Per favore controllate che il vostro nome e indirizzo siano corretti. Se non avete usate le buste gli anni passati ma desiderate averle ora, oppure se avete cambiato indirizzo, telefonate in ufficio. Per favore non usate queste nuove buste prima dell'anno nuovo.

**SVDP Christmas Baskets**

L'SVDP è impegnato nei preparativi per il periodo natalizio. Forniremo 200 scatole di cibo a clienti e famiglie. Il costo di ogni scatola di cibo è di \$ 100, in più viene fornito un buono per acquistare i prodotti alimentari di cui hanno tanto bisogno al supermercato. Prenderesti gentilmente in considerazione la possibilità di fare una donazione per coprire il costo di una scatola di cibo per contribuire a soddisfare il bisogno? La Banca alimentare SVDP è grata per tutta l'assistenza che potrete fornire. Le donazioni possono essere consegnate al banco alimentare, all'ufficio parrocchiale o nel cestino della raccolta durante la messa. Le buste per le donazioni possono essere ritirate all'ingresso principale, allo sportello prima di entrare in chiesa.

**OFFERTA PER I FIORI DI NATALE**

A Natale la chiesa verra` adornata con fiori e piante ornamentali. Chi volesse fare un'offerta per acquistare dei fiori di Natale in memoria dei suoi cari defunti, puo` riempire un modulo che segue e deporlo nel cestino insieme all'offerta settimanale oppure portalo in ufficio durante la settimana. Il prezzo dei fiori va 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)**