

3rd Sunday of Advent ~ December 14th, 2025

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 Peplinski, 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, 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, George Legal, Matthew McLean, Kyle Grundy, Christine Costantini, A. Florence D'Mello, Tina Coleman, Gladys Bruce, Anne Jones, Christopher Chin Yet, Paz Diaz, Don Mikulinski, Tessa Ranzelman, Purificacion Dizon, Martin Korsmit, Jagoda Ejupovic, Kayla, Kayla Brennan, Diane Sassi, Kelli Cuppolo



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be plenty of opportunities to join in the sacrament of Reconciliation this Christmas season.

Join us:

Saturday Dec 20th 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday Dec 22nd 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday Dec 24th 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon)

Mass of the Sick with Rite of Anointing

Join us on Saturday December 20th at 2:00 p.m.
for Mass and the Anointing of the Sick

Bishops Light the Way Gala

On behalf of Bishop Bergie and the Office of Development, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your support leading up to our inaugural *Light the Way* Bishop's Gala. Whether you promoted the event, purchased a table, donated an auction item, prayed for its success, or encouraged parishioners to take part—you played a meaningful role in what became a truly historic evening for our Diocese.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of clergy, parish communities, families, businesses, and supporters across Niagara and Haldimand, the gala **sold out at 340 guests** and raised **over \$120,000** in support of evangelization and faith formation initiatives. It was a beautiful night of unity and hope, bringing together the entire diocese as we prepare to launch Bishop Bergie's new diocesan vision to *Set Hearts on Fire* and the Bishop's Annual Appeal in 2026.

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 in 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 15 – Sunday Dec 21

Mon Dec 15 ~ 8:00 a.m.....Carmine Cataldo/ Maureen Inwood
Tue Dec 16 ~ 8:00 a.m..... Giovanni Fiorino/ Iolanda Florino
Wed Dec 17 ~ 9:00 a.m.....Maria Sorrento/ Franco Carboni
Thur Dec 18 ~ 8:00 a.m.....Doug French/ Greg Chris
Fri Dec 19 ~ 8:00 a.m..... Antonio Lagrotteria/ Eric Didemus
Sat Dec 20 ~ 8:30 a.mJoseph Borg/ Monica Scicluna
5:00 p.m Evelyn Kowalik/ Peter Kowalik
Sun Dec 21 ~ 7:30 a.m..... Missa Pro Popolo
~9:30 a.mIda Fratangelo/ Mario DelPriore
~ 11:30 a.m.....Richard Moore/ Margaret William

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.

Filipino Choir Christmas Concert

Come and experience the joy of faith through the Christmas music at our upcoming Parish Christmas concert featuring the Filipino Mass Community at St. Alfred and two Filipino guest choirs from Mississauga and Hamilton. The concert will be held on December 14 (today) at 1 pm at the main Church. We are collecting a "love offering" to support the Parish Youth Ministry and the Filipino community Evangelization efforts. We ask you to give generously from the abundance of your heart. You can place your love offering in the wooden box located in the foyer. Thank you.

St Alfred Christmas Breakfast

Join us Sunday December 21st from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Serving- Pancakes, bacon, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, dessert, hot chocolate.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids

We will also be looking for donations for St. Vincent de Paul including peanut butter, jams, cereal, cheese wiz, and kraft dinner and

Niagara Peninsula Foundation for Children including clothing for school age children, toiletries (toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo)



3^a DOMENICA

DI AVVENTO

14 Dicembre 2025

Sacramento Riconciliazione

Sabato 21 dicembre alle 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Lunedì, 22 dicembre alle 6:00 p.m-8:00 p.m.

Buste Delle Offerte 2026

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)