



DECEMBER 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT 2023

STAY AWAKE  
DO NOT GET DISTRACTED  
ADVANCE THIS ADVENT

### THANK YOU

- + Members of another parish who donated our new Outdoor Manger
- + Parishioners who built the new Manger
- + Parishioners who made the new blinds near the statue of Mary – so that we are not blinded by the morning sun
- + Thank you to parishioners who changed lights for us
- + Food donations to Operation Scugog and to those who stood outdoors collecting the food - 5,200 pounds of food and \$3,300  
“ *Whatsoever you did to the least of these .....* ”

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS GATHERING

Sunday December 10 @ 12:30 If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister please speak to Fr Keith

### SCHOOL CORNER

#### + ENROLLMENT MASSES

Congratulations to our parish's First Communion families whose children were enrolled and blessed at all Masses today. FAMILY – SCHOOL – PARISH

#### + EVENING SCHOOL MASS

Last year our Advent School Mass



was celebrated in the evening. It was a great success!  
**THIS YEAR - DECEMBER 6 @ 7:00 p.m.**  
Evening school Mass for Advent 2023  
ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME!

#### + ROSARY GROUP

If you can help to teach and pray with our students, contact Fr Keith  
December visit: Wednesday 13 @ 10:00 with our Grade 6 / 7 s Fortier Classroom

#### + CONFIRMATION (Grade 7 - 8 +)

Fr Keith has been preparing our students for an informed faith decision through weekly classes  
**Parent - Student Meeting is**  
**WEDNESDAY 13 @ 7:00 P.M.**

### ADVENT 2023- PRAYER

#### + ADVENT DAILY MASS

#### + SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9:30 -10:30 a.m. or by appointment or

**Christmas Confessions: Tuesday 19 @ 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday 20 @ 9:30 – noon**

No Confessions on Saturday 23

#### + ADVENT BOOKLETS FOR ADULTS, TEENS AND CHILDREN - \$ 2 each – in the church vestibule

#### + PRIVATE PRAYER

The church is open Monday / Wednesday / Thursday  
Friday / Saturday 9:00 – 3:00 for private prayer

#### + ADVENT Friday Morning Prayer Group

#### + ADVENT HOLY HOUR Fridays 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet and Personal Adoration

#### + PARISH ADVENT WREATH

Various Groups and Ministries of the Parish shall light the Advent Wreath on weekends – thank you.

#### + EVENING SCHOOL MASS

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6 @ 7:00 p.m.**

As parents and grandparents usually cannot attend School Masses we invite all to this evening Mass.

#### + PARISH FEAST DAY

**EVENING MASS AND PROCESSION  
FRIDAY 8 @ 7:00**

Band of Christian Brothers – Procession  
Knights of Columbus – Honour Guard  
Catholic Women's League - Lector  
9:00 Choir - Music Ministry  
Ministry of Maturing Adults – Coffee social after Mass

#### + TAIZE HOLY HOUR

Evening of music, prayers, silence, candles  
**Friday December 15 @ 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Is your wedding anniversary in December?  
Please sign your name on the bulletin board.  
The December Anniversary Mass is  
Saturday, December 30 @ 9:00 a.m.

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please pick up your box of Offering Envelopes in the vestibule of the church. THANK YOU for your financial support of your parish.

Please put your full name of your envelopes in January!

## ADVENT 2023 – COMMUNITY OF FAITH

### + **MINISTRY OF MATURING ADULTS** **THURSDAY DECEMBER 14**

ADVENT 2023: JUST ANOTHER ADVENT?  
Advent Day of Reflection. Led by Sister Ursula.  
9:00 Mass 9:30 coffee 10:00 – 11:30 Session  
11:30 – 12:00 Lunch and 12:00 – 1:00 Session

### + **R.O.C.K. (Reaching out to Christ's Kids)** **SATURDAY DECEMBER 16 @ 2:00 – 4:00**

Grade 1 – 5 in parish hall  
Advent Gathering – Preparing for Christmas  
Faith, Fun, Music, Crafting, Learning, Growing

### + **COMMUNITY MEAL**

Our first Community Meal **MONDAY 18 @ 6:00 pm**  
\*\* Free \*\* Complete Meal \*\* Contact Parish for 'tickets'  
as we must know how many will attend this first meal.  
For you? YES, in building and re-building relationships,  
joys and struggles ALL ARE WELCOME

### + **STREET PATROL FOR HOMELESS** **WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20 @ 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.,**

Walking Talking Sharing – 3 hours on the streets.  
PROJECT WARMTH – please donate gloves, hats,  
scarves on the tree in vestibule and \$10 Tim Cards  
to the parish office, collection basket or to Fr Keith  
Thank you, school, for the handmade Christmas cards.

### + **OPERATION SCUGOG**

Thank you for your food donations and gift cards.  
You may hand them to K of C member or parish office.  
Thank you in a very difficult year for many families.

### + **SALE OF 2024 MISSALS / CHRISTMAS CARDS**

2024 Missals - \$ 7 each  
Christmas cards - \$ 15 per box of 12 cards

### + **CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR ARMED FORCES**

When mailing your Christmas cards please  
also remember our troops by sending a card  
to the following address:

Any Canadian Forces Member  
PO Box 5140 Stn Forces  
Belleville K8N 5W6 Thank you !

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Autumn Rogers, Emelda Jackson, Les Keefer,  
Patti Reilly, Marj Kelly, Brooklyn, Mavis,  
Ruth Kenny, Lily Cosette Lillian Partington,  
Paul McDonald, Michele Baptiste, Nikki Edge,  
Barbara Thompson, Dharen Dieterich, Sarah Rose,  
Veronica Kirk, Mary Theresa Rutledge, Kim Smith,  
Paul McLean, Shirley Harvey, Jose Chavez,  
Lucy Salvador, Anna Zambito, Veronica Kingston  
Wanda McGill, Loretta Escote, Michael McKernan



## THIS WEEK AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

### Monday 4

St. John Damascene  
Office is open 9:00- 3:00

### Tuesday 5

7:00 p.m. – Intentions of Mary Theresa Rutledge  
Req. by Mary Lou Elliott

### Wednesday 6

St. Nicholas  
9:00 a.m. Mass – Intentions of  
Deacon Joseph De Caria  
Req. by Mary Lou and Richard Elliott  
**7:00 p.m. Good Shepherd School Mass**

### Thursday 7 – First Thursday

St Ambrose  
9:00 a.m. Mass – Intentions of all priests  
both living and deceased  
11:15 a.m. Pre-Confirmation Class with Grade 7s

### Friday 8 Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 a.m. Mass – For the parishioners and schools  
of Immaculate Conception Parish  
9:30 a.m. Friday Prayer Group  
2:30 p.m. Tai Chi (Hall)  
**7:00 p.m. Parish Feast Day Mass**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**



### Saturday 9

9:00 a.m. Mass + Patrick Kistulenic  
Requested by Mary Lou Elliott  
Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:00 p.m. Mass – +Geraldine Craigen  
Req. by Don & Suzanne Farquharson

### Sunday December 10

#### Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 Mass - Intentions of the parishioners of  
Immaculate Conception Parish  
11:00 a.m. Mass- Intentions of Marjory Smith  
Req. by Mary Lou Elliott

### BLESSING OF A HOME ADVENT WREATH

Lord God, may Your blessing come upon us  
as we light the candles of this wreath.  
May the wreath and its light be a sign of  
Christ's promise to bring us salvation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.