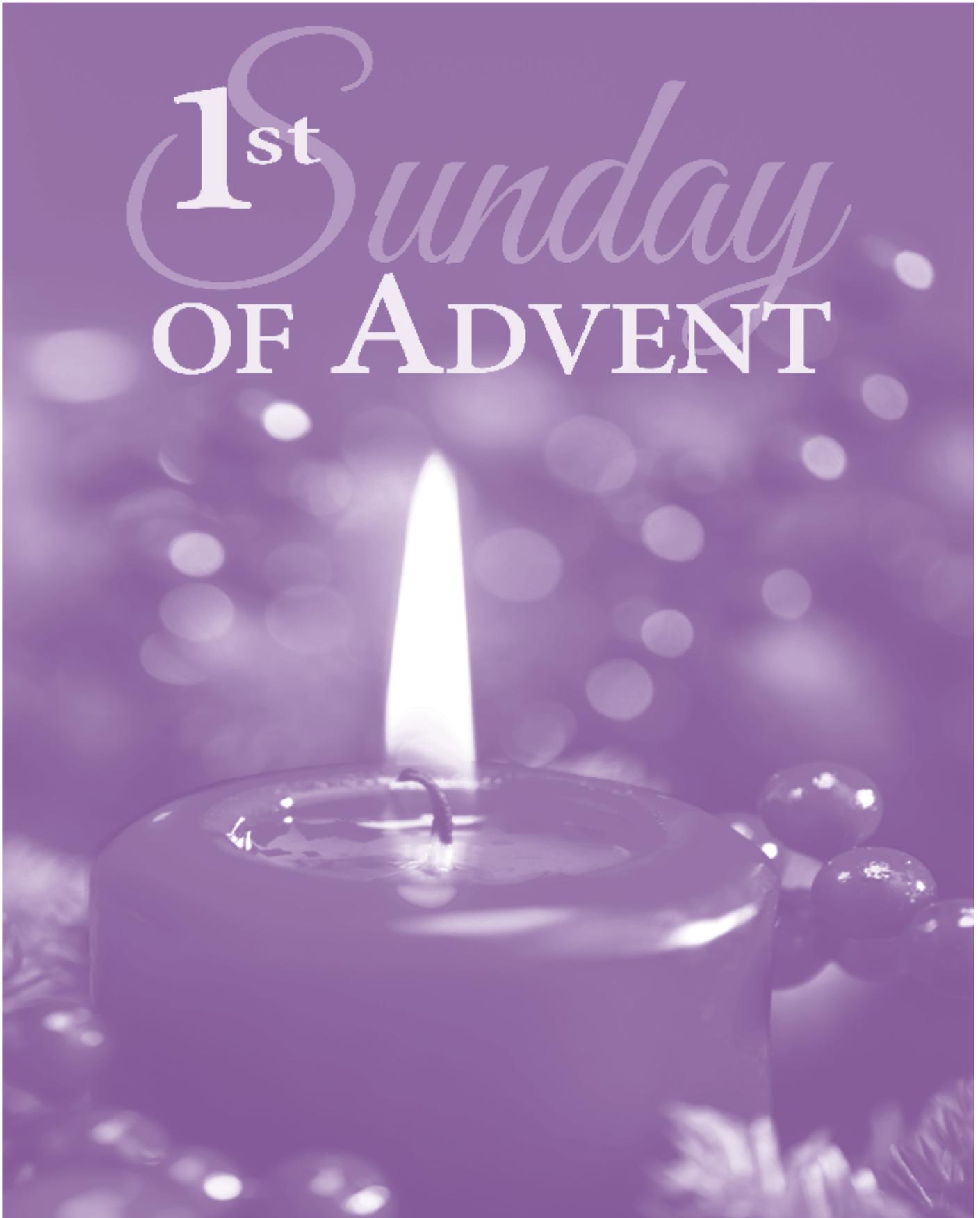


St. Joseph's Church
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November 28th, 2021

1st Sunday OF ADVENT





Saturday, November 27th-4:00pm

Dwight Gorham by the Lacque & Roberts Families

Sunday, November 28th-10:00am

Elsie Etu by Bob & Gayle Smith

Monday, November 29th

No Mass

Tuesday, November 30th

No Mass

Wednesday, December 1st

No Mass

Thursday, December 2nd

No Mass

Friday, December 3rd

No Mass

Saturday, December 4th-4:00pm

Patricia Haley by Sally Trainor & Family

Sunday, December 5th-10:00am

Jennifer Ruffing from Mom & Dad



“People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” — LUKE 21:26-28

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Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary “shot in the arm” to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, “Be vigilant at all times.” Even Jesus knew what “the anxieties of daily life” can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much “stuff” to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of “must and have to dos” and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an “eternity” of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. “That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap.” If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, “We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another.” Getting to this place doesn't “just happen.” It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.



Memorials are given in memory of loved ones who have died, to remember to keep them in our prayers and help the needs of our church. This week we are asked to remember:

Dorothy Gordon by Shirley Caruso & Dorothy Sottile

Maj. Louis Sottile by his wife Dorothy & Family

If you or anyone else you know would like to be on our prayer list, please contact Pat Turner at 518-747-4994



LIVESTREAMING MASS

St. Joseph's is live streaming the 10:00am Sunday Mass. You may view the mass every week at: www.rcda.org/livemass When you are on the site just scroll down the right side to find St. Joseph's Church in Fort Edward

Liturgical Ministers— November 27 & 28
Saturday-4:00pm

Cantor: Kaaren Evens
Lector: Julie Leonelli,
Communion: Colleen Carpenter & Kathy Huntington

Sunday- 10:00am

Cantor: Pat Frederick
Lector: Gayle Smith
Communion: Larry Konopka & Colleen LaPan

Liturgical Ministers— December 4 & 5
Saturday-4:00pm

Cantor: Kate Lanci
Lector: Pat Goodspeed
Communion: Rick Grant & Julie Leonelli

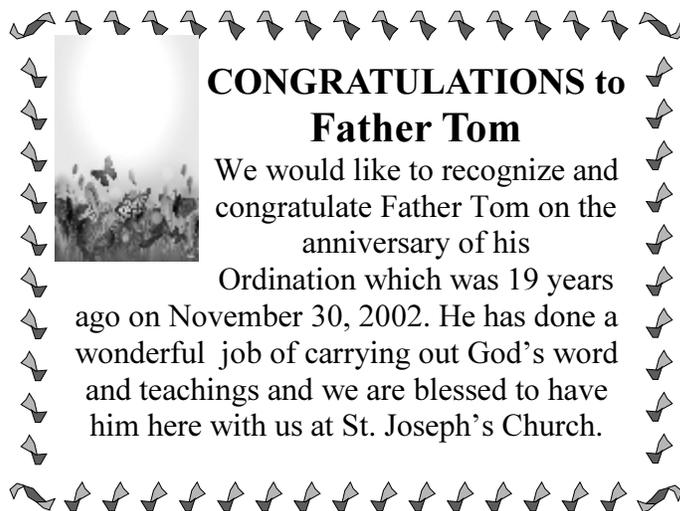
Sunday-10:00am

Cantor: Mary Lou Strode
Lector: Kathy Bryant
Communion: Faye Plisko & Bob Lemieux



Readings for the week of
November 28, 2021

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



CONGRATULATIONS to
Father Tom

We would like to recognize and congratulate Father Tom on the anniversary of his Ordination which was 19 years ago on November 30, 2002. He has done a wonderful job of carrying out God's word and teachings and we are blessed to have him here with us at St. Joseph's Church.



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
Mary will be held on

Wednesday, December 8th
at 9:00am here at St. Joseph's & 12:15pm at
St. Mary's/ St. Paul's Church.

Christmas Masses will be Friday, December 24th at 4:00pm and Saturday December 25th at 10:00am. Our Sunday mass on the 26th will be at 10:00am as usual. Because of Covid we have limited seating capacity and we do require that you make reservations for one of the two Christmas masses you wish to attend. You may fill out the form in the pews or call the church office, 518-747-5117. Please include the number of attendees in your family or group.



COVID GUIDELINES

As of this weekend we have not changed any of our COVID policies. We ask that you wear a mask when entering and exiting the church.. You may take your mask off during services; however, you must wear it during communion. If you are not vaccinated, we ask that you wear your mask at all times, removing it only to receive Communion. With COVID still among us, we want everyone to be as safe as possible. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

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