

# ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES of

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA (Hungarian)** 371 Burnell St.  
**OUR LADY OF LOURDES (Slovenian)** 95 MacDonald Ave.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A

December 22, 2019



*May the Lord come in;  
he is king of glory.*

[Psalm 24. 7c+10b]

**Served by: Rev. Diosdado Parrenas, Pastor**  
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*Sacrament of Penance (Confessions):* Before the Weekday or Saturday PM Mass or upon request. *Sacrament of Baptism:* pre-arrangement in time to allow for preparation. *Marriage arrangements:* Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.



*Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph,  
son of David.* [Matthew 1: 18-19]

### Ask for a sign from the Lord of Life.

In the first reading, God tells the king Ahaz to ask Him for a sign, and then gets exasperated he won't ask. [Isaiah 7]. So many people in our world are mad at God for not showing up or for being silent, but how many of us are asking for signs? How many more of us refuse to see them or name them when they are given? God is constantly showing up, in a sunrise or a kind word from a neighbour, in nudges of intuition or unexplainable "*coincidences*" that we write off. Joseph has the most incredible reasons to dismiss Mary, but he believes God who appears as an angel in a dream. This saves Mary and Jesus from being cast out into shame and poverty. [Matthew 1].

What are the signs God has for you? In these last three days before Christmas, be bold enough to ask God for a sign and to believe He will send one. Watch for it with vigilance and do not give up until it comes. If God can send His Son to a manger, angels to the shepherds, a star to the wise magi, He can send you a sign of His abundant life for you now.

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Reading 1: Isaiah 7.10-14; Psalm 24.1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [R.7c+10b]

Reading 2: Romans 1.1-7; Gospel: Matthew 1.18-24

**Prayer:** *God of life, you have offered us all things to be gifts for your glory. Help us to pursue you above all things, and then to use your resources faithfully. May we be good stewards of your gifts, now and for ever. Amen.* [ccb.ca/life\\_and\\_family](http://ccb.ca/life_and_family) CCCB: National Pastoral Initiative for Life & the Family

**Christmas Season Schedule: Our Lady of Lourdes [OL] & St. Anthony of Padua [SA]**

**Tuesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve: SA - 5:00 pm; OL - 8:00 pm.**

**Wednesday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day: OL - 9:30 am; SA - 11:00 am.**

**Tuesday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve: SA - 5:00 pm.**

**Wednesday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day: OL - 9:30 am; SA - 11:00 am.**

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**Events in and around the Archdiocese**

**From the Archdiocesan Council of Priests** [3 December 2019 Meeting]:

**a). Parish Pastoral Council [PPC] Guideline Revision -**

Synod Proposal 17 calls for the revision of our Parish Pastoral Council [PPC] Guidelines. The Archbishop has named a commission to review the current guidelines and to make proposals for their renewal. These new guidelines will hopefully be presented to the Council of Priests at the June 2020 meeting. The members of the Commission are: Reverend John Okusun, Reverend Robert Polz, Pat Gustave and Linda Chiupka.

**b). Sunday of the Word of God -**

Pope Francis has designated the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time as an opportunity to highlight the Word of God. This fits in well with our Synod Proposal 35 that encourages all the baptized to have a greater familiarity with Sacred Scriptures. The Archbishop will issue a Pastoral Letter in early January on this theme.

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**Memorandum:**

**From:** Reverend W. Richard Arsenault

**Date:** December 18, 2019

**Re:** Personnel

The Archbishop is pleased to announce the arrival in the Archdiocese of **Reverend Soosai (Tony) Antonyiar, HGN**. As announced earlier Fr. Tony is the Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Roblin, Ste-Claire in San Clara and St. Margaret's in Grandview. Fr. Tony began his ministry in Roblin on December 6, 2019.

**Thank you for the flowers donated to beautify the sanctuary.  
We appreciate your kindness in enhancing our church celebrations!**

**Our parish bulletin is also available online in the OLL website:  
[ourladyoflourdeswinnipeg.com](http://ourladyoflourdeswinnipeg.com) and click on "Our Community" then "Weekly Bulletin".**

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES:

95 MacDonald Avenue  
P.O. Box 2015 Station Main  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3R3

**Sun 9:30 am** (E)English; (S)Slovenian; (Euc) Eucharist; (PF)Prayers of the Faithful

Dec 22 Sabrina Simonic (E), Kristina Majowski (S)

Alexandra Stegne (PF), Stan Majowski (Euc)

Dec 24 (8pm) Myranda Terry (E), Kristina Majowski (S), Nina Vrsnik (PF), Mary Sobocan (Euc)

Dec 25 Bryen Lebar (E), Lojze Stegne (S, Euc), David Stegne (PF)

Dec 29 Nina Vrsnik (E), Vladka Mohoric (S, Euc), Bores Poredos (PF)

*Thank you also to parishioners who donated through Pre-Authorized Payment [PAP] Program.*

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

**Sat 5:30 pm**

Dec 21 Sherry Catubig (1), Earl Villafuerte (2)

Mayumi Tolentino & Arabella Quezon (PF)

Dec 28 Lulie Concepcion (1), Roan Contreras (2)

D'Andre de Leon & Christianne Blanco (PF)

**Sun 11:00 am** (H) Hungarian, (E) English

Dec 22 Palko Bernatsky (H), Ernie Samiana (E)

Dec 24 (5pm) Elizabeth Premecz (H), Giselle Koncz (E)

Dec 25 Iona Popesnyak (H), Mary Bakos (E)

Dec 29 Palko Bernatsky (H), Carmelita de la Cruz (E)

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# JOSEPH THE JUST

He is never quoted in the script. He is always in the background (where he seems quite content to remain) and only comes center stage when there is trouble. Then he suddenly disappears from the story altogether.

All we know about him is found in one line from today's Gospel: *Joseph, [Mary's] husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly.* [Matthew 1].

Yet that one sentence tells us everything. Joseph was a "righteous" man: a carpenter, he knew what hard work was, he knew what it meant to support a family, to keep a small business going, to pay taxes. He conducted his affairs with "righteousness," Matthew writes, with justice, integrity, and humility.

And Joseph was a man of compassion and decency. When Mary is discovered to be pregnant, he refuses to expose her to the full fury of Jewish Law — which could have meant her death; it certainly would have condemned her to a life of shame, isolation and poverty. Instead, he puts aside whatever anger and hurt he feels and arranges to "divorce her quietly."

As the Gospel story continues on, Joseph is the loving provider and fearless protector of his wife and child. [Matthew 1].

**OL Collections Dec 15, 2019**

36 Env - \$1,585; Loose - \$112

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**SA Collections Dec 15, 2019**

Sat/Sun Env-\$914; Loose-\$165

SGG-\$610; Sun Missals-\$15

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That one sentence from Matthew's Gospel tells us all we need to know about Joseph — **Joseph the Just**.

*Though the traditional language qualifies his relationship with Jesus as that of “foster father,” make no mistake: Jesus must have learned a great deal about integrity and compassion from his “dad.” It’s not hard to imagine that many of Jesus’ teachings and stories in his adult years were inspired in part by the example of his carpenter father. May we embrace the “righteousness” of Joseph the Just in today’s Advent Gospel: inspired by the example of his compassion and decency, may we imitate his humility in putting aside our own hurts and doubts, our fears and anxieties, in order to be loving spouses, protective parents, rocks of stability for our families.*

[<http://connectionsmediaworks.com/newsletter.html>]

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## MASS SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Dec 21 - **5:30 pm SA** - *Sunday Vigil Mass* - RIP Ramona Carganilla & Susan Ponce, req. by family

Sun. Dec 22 – **Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A**

**9:30 am OL** - RIP Marjan Casar, req. by Andrejek family

**11:00 am SA** – RIP Emiliano & Rosenda Villanueva, req. by Antonio & Marites Villanueva

Mon. Dec 23 - NO MASS

### CHRISTMAS - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Tue. Dec 24 - 5:00 pm **SA** - RIP Felicidad & Leo Cruz, req. by Robert & Evelyn Thordarson

8:00 pm **OL** - RIP Ludvik Ficko, req. by CWL

Wed. Dec 25 – 9:30 am **OL** – RIP Milć Mohoric & Ivanka Kvariic, req. by Vladka Mohoric

11:00am **SA**- RIP Frank & Anna Abraham, req. by Liz & Julius Gross & family

Thu. Dec 26 NO MASS

Fri Dec 27 – 10:00 am **OL** - RIP Franc Breznik, req. by Rita Tan

Sat. Dec 28 - **5:30 pm SA** - *Sunday Vigil Mass* - RIP Souls in Purgatory, req. by Tony & Val Campos

Sun. Dec 29 – **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**9:30 am OL** - RIP Vlado Smrekar, req. by Andrej & Albina Kostanjevic

**11:00 am SA** – RIP Selvina & Daniel Sedeno, req. by Gamaliel & Nancy Sedeno

**OL** – *Our Lady of Lourdes Church* **SA** – *Saint Anthony of Padua Church* **RIP - Rest In Peace**

<https://calvarylutheran.ca/new-events/2018/12/23/fourth-sunday-in-advent> ↓

<https://www.4lpi.com/blog/fourth-sunday-of-advent/> ↓



**DAILY**

## ADVENT CHALLENGE

Spend an extra 15 minutes in prayer for all those who will be alone this year. Pray that a good steward will give of themselves to ease the pain of solitude and loneliness.