

SUNDAY OFFERNGS – LAST WEEKEND – Acknowledged with many thanks!

Arnprior – November 27: \$4,373.25
Braeside – November 27: \$ 1,930.50

ATTENDANCE: Arnprior – Saturday November 26th - 130
Sunday November 27th - 258
Braeside – Sunday November 27th - 90

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
-the sick, the dying, their families and caregivers and for all those who have died

CHURCH EXTERIOR RESTORATION COLLECTION: The amount of \$1,925.00 from the month of October was recently sent to the Chancery Office in Pembroke. Thank you for your continued support!

THE EVANGELIZATION PROJECT: Bishop Desrochers has asked that collection for this project be taken up on the Sundays of Advent. There are envelopes on the table at the entrance of the church. We ask for your support.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION ENVELOPES: for the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones can be made with the envelopes provided at the end of each pew. The Masses of Christmas will be offered for your intentions. The deadline to donate (at the parish office) for names to be listed in the Christmas bulletin will be Tuesday, December 20th.



JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents *Journey through Advent* with the Most Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA, Auxiliary Bishop of London, Ontario. Join him as he reflects on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2022. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Bishop Dabrowski provides concrete ways in which we can prepare our lives for Jesus.
In English: [Journey through Advent - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(ccc.ca\)](http://ccc.ca)
In French: [Cheminer ensemble durant l'Avent - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(cecc.ca\)](http://cecc.ca)



2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your box at the church entrance. Please write your full address on the first few envelopes of the year so that tax receipts are mailed to the proper address. Your number may have changed from last year.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ARNPRIOR & BRAESIDE



St. John Chrysostom Parish Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

✠Second Sunday of Advent ✠

December 4, 2022

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Liturgical Appointments: December 10/11

Next Weekend	4:30 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Reader	Carol	St. Joseph's School	Ellie Hrkach
Ministers of Communion	Clare/Doreen	Savio	Marilyn Robertson
Greeter/Usher	Linda, Denis, Clare +1	St. Joseph's School	Charlie Dagg
Music	Deacon Chris	St. Joseph's School	James

St. John Chrysostom Parish is the Home
of the Arnprior & District Food Bank 613-668-4462, Al-Anon & A.A.

REFLECTION ON TODAY’S GOSPEL: In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century. John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (Matthew 3:11). In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: “. . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals” (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.



A PRAYER FOR FAITH ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Father, prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth joyfully! We thank you for faithfully doing what you promised long ago when you sent your Son to earth so that we might have the chance to become part of your family. Let the promise of your second coming inspire us to live with hope and purpose. As we wait for your plan to unfold, give us the patience we need. Remind us of the peace we can access when we take time to still ourselves before you and remember that you are God. We thank you that you are both sovereign and gracious. Help us to find in the midst of what feels like chaos in our world. Amem

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK, Dec 7 - 11, 2022

Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Braeside	Jack & Helene McGade <i>by The Estate</i>
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior	Frank Schnob <i>by the Estate</i>
First Friday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior	For Donors to the Memorial Fund & Those Named in Memoriam
Saturday	4:30 p.m. Arnprior	Jerry & Harriet Nicholas <i>by The Family</i> Nick, Hazel, Lorne, Sharron, Pearce <i>by Family</i>
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
	10:30 a.m. Braeside	Deceased Family Members <i>by Cindy Colotelo</i>

RECONCILIATION: 20 minutes before weekend Masses and upon request.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Saturday, December 24 @ 4:30 p.m. - Arnprior
 6:00 p.m. - Braeside
 7:30 p.m. - Arnprior
 Sunday, December 25 @ 10:00 a.m. - Arnprior
 10:00 a.m. - Braeside

The Christmas mass schedule this year may not reflect last year's or next year's. Please be patient as we try to blend the two parishes and come up with a schedule that works best for the majority of our parishioners. Thanks for your understanding.



NOVENA OF TALKS FOR OUR LADY
 St. Michael's Church in Douglas is hosting a novena of talks for the Immaculate Conception. Evenings of the novena include a reflection on Our Lady from one of our priests, sacred music, and prayers. Join us for one night...join us for all!

Wed. Nov. 30, 6:30-7:30pm with Fr. Pawel Ratajczak, O.M.I.
 Thurs. Dec. 1, 6:30-7:30pm with Fr. Bill Kenney
 Fri. Dec. 2, 6:30-7:30pm with Fr. Mitchell Beachey
 Sat. Dec. 3, 6:30-7:30pm with Fr. Zachary Romanowski of Madonna House

Regularly scheduled 9:00am Holy Mass on Sun. Dec. 4 with Fr. Michael Lund

Mon. Dec. 5, 6:30-7:30pm with Fr. Jim Beanish
 Tues. Dec. 6, 6:30-7:30pm with Fr. Peter Do
 Wed. Dec. 7, 6:30-7:30pm with Fr. Scott Murray

The novena culminates with the celebration of Lessons and Carols on Thurs. Dec. 8 at 7:00pm, followed by refreshments and visiting.