

SUNDAY OFFERINGS – LAST WEEKEND – Acknowledged with many thanks!

Arnprior – December 4: \$ 5,481.05
 Braeside – December 4: \$ 2,302.09

ATTENDANCE: Arnprior – Saturday December 3rd 110
 Sunday - December 4th 131
 Braeside – Sunday - December 4th 101

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 \(ccb.ca\)](http://www.cccb.ca)

In French: [Cheminer ensemble durant l'Avent - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(cecc.ca\)](http://www.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.



St. John Chrysostom Parish Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

✠Third Sunday of Advent ✠

December 11, 2022

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Liturgical Appointments: December 17/18

Next Weekend	4:30 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Reader	Christine	Joan K.	Ellie Hrkach
Ministers of Communion	Joan A/Clare	Christine/Joan W.	Marilyn Robertson
Greeter/Usher	Linda, Denis, Clare +1	Lynn, Golda Rich, Cheryl	Charlie Dagg
Music	Stephanie	KofC	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: The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near. This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God. The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter [14:3-12](#). In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater. Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT MEANING AND SYMBOLISM

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word for rejoice, and this Sunday is the time for us to rejoice because Jesus came and died so that we may live forever with him! The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming." Advent in the 4th and 5th century was a time of preparation for the baptism of new Christians. Christians would spend 40 days in prayer and fasting to prepare for the celebration that accompanied the baptism of new believers. Over time, advent was connected to the coming of Christ. Originally, Christians used this term to reference Christ's second coming, but by the Middle Ages, Advent was connected to Christ's first coming that we celebrate at Christmas. Today, we celebrate Advent over the four weeks leading up to Christmas each year

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK, Dec 14 - 18, 2022

Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Braeside	Deceased Family Members <i>by Gerry & Jane Whalen</i>
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior	Joseph & Michael McGonigal <i>by Grace McGonigal</i>
Friday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior	Helen Cote <i>by The Cote Family</i> Viviane Gauthier & Germain Ruel <i>by Elaine & Family</i>
Saturday	4:30 p.m. Arnprior	For the Intentions of Father Mervin Coulas <i>by Blaine & Family</i>
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior 10:30 a.m. Braeside	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> Tommy Haitte & Donna Smith <i>by Val & Enis Poirier</i>

RECONCILIATION: 20 minutes before weekend Masses and upon request.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS: next Sunday, December 18th from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. during a Holy Hour with **Visiting Priests-Confessors**. Whether you go to confession frequently, or haven't been for a long time, please take advantage of this grace filled moment to receive God's mercy as we prepare for Christmas. Let us pray for one another.

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.

Funny in a GOoD Way! Presents an evening of comedy and worship on **January 21st at 7 p.m.** at Festival Hall, Pembroke. Featuring Andy Beningo and Gate 47. Ticket details available online at www.funnyinagoodway.ca. Net proceeds go to The Grind Pembroke.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2022: For volunteer not-for-profit organisations – We pray for volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development; may they find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.