

Bambinelli Sunday

Sunday, December 12

On the Third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday, you are invited to take part in one of the newer traditions in our Catholic life. Please bring the Baby Jesus statues from your home nativity set(s). The images will be blessed at all of the Masses on “*Bambinelli Sunday*” before you place them in your home’s Nativity.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation During Advent

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be celebrated:

Saturday, December 4	8:00am – 8:30am 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Saturday, December 11	8:00am – 8:30am 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Saturday, December 18	8:00am – 8:30am 11:00am – 12:00noon 3:00pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday, December 22	4:00pm – 6:00pm

There will be no confessions from December 24 to January 2

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament During Advent

All Wednesdays of Advent **8:30am – 12:00pm**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception ***Wednesday, December 8***

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during Morning Prayer at 9:00am and end with Rosary and Benediction at 12:00 noon.

All Saturdays of Advent

A Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 8:00am, ending with Mass at 9:00am. Morning Prayer will be prayed at 8:40am.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I invite you to take part in some of the events happening in our parish this Advent season. We will honour the Lord's coming with music, Scripture, and Prayer. Please take advantage of the extra time for confession, as the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas.

**May God Bless You and Your Families
During The Advent and Christmas Seasons,**

Bishop Ustrzycki, Fr. Ian, Fr. Bill, Deacon Quinto,

Deacon-Elect Carlos, and all the Parish Team

An Advent Scripture Challenge

The Gospel according to St. Luke has twenty-four chapters so if you read a chapter of St. Luke each day from the beginning of December until Christmas Eve you will have finished the Gospel and know Jesus better in time for His birthday!

Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, November 28 at 7:00pm

The weeks before Christmas are usually a hurried time of shopping, preparations, and card writing. For Christians, however, these weeks should be marked by prayerful preparation for the Feast of Christmas. Plan to attend our annual *Advent Service of Lessons and Carols*, as a way to begin this season in prayer and recollection. This service will be a reflection on the Season of Advent through Scripture and Music. Please come and bring a friend!

Holy Hour and Mass on Saturday Mornings

During the Season of Advent Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am on Saturday mornings. Mass will be preceded by a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 8:00am, with Confessions from 8:00-8:30, and the Office of Lauds (*Morning Prayer*) at 8:40am.

Novena of Masses and Feast Day Mass for The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Once again, this year we will celebrate a Novena (nine days) of Masses leading to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, our Parish's Patronal Feast Day. Masses will be held at 7:00pm each evening from November 29 to December 8. The Novena Prayers for the Immaculate Conception will be prayed during each evening's Mass.

We are pleased to welcome the following Celebrants and Homilists:

Monday, November 29	His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger
Tuesday, November 30	His Excellency, Bishop Ustrzycki
Wednesday, December 1	Father Jeff Bergsma
Thursday, December 2	Monsignor Dennis Noon
Friday, December 3	Father Mark Sullivan
Saturday, December 4	Father Bradley Markus
Sunday, December 5	Father Mark Morley
Monday, December 6	Monsignor Edward Sheridan
Tuesday, December 7	Father Bill Foote
Wednesday, December 8	His Excellency, Bishop Crosby

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 8

9:00am	The Office of Lauds (<i>Morning Prayer</i>) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Noon
12:00pm	Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm	<i>Solemn Mass for the Immaculate Conception.</i> His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the Solemn Mass of the Immaculate Conception at 7:00pm.

Christmas 2021 Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, **Friday, December, 24**
The Basilica will open at 4:00pm
Vigil Mass of Christmas 5:00pm, 7:00pm and 9:00pm

Solemn Mass of Christmas at Midnight
The Basilica will open at 11:00pm *Carols begin at 11:30pm*

Christmas Day **Saturday, December 25**
The Basilica will open at 8:00am
Masses of Christmas Day 9:00am and 11:00am
There will be no 5:15pm Mass on Christmas Day
(Please Note That Tickets Are Required for Christmas Masses)

The Feast of the Holy Family **Sunday, December 26**
Sunday Masses 9:00am, 10:30am and 12:00noon

Weekday Masses December 27 – December 31 at 9:00am

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God **Saturday, January 1**
Vigil Mass on New Year's Eve 5:15pm
Feast Day Masses 9:00am and 11:00am
There will be no 5:15pm Mass on New Year's Day
(Please Note that January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation)

The Solemnity of the Epiphany **Sunday, January 2**
Sunday Masses 9:00am, 10:30am and 12:00noon

Music at the Basilica During Advent

What would the Advent and Christmas seasons be without music? This year it is our joy to open the Basilica doors for the following celebrations of seasonal music.

The Edison Singers

The Edison Singers, a professional chamber choir based in Elora will offer the following two events. For information and tickets to either of these events please see the website of the Edison Singers

contact@theedisonsingers.com

Handel's Messiah

Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 3:30pm

Christmas Carol Concert

Friday, December 17, 2021 at 7:00pm

John B Miller Band

We are pleased to welcome John B Miller and his band back to the Basilica of Our Lady for an evening of Advent music to help us prepare for the coming of Our Saviour.

An Evening of Advent Music with the John B Miller Band will be on Friday, December 10 at 7:00pm. All are welcome!