

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 10, 2023



### Second Sunday of Advent Reflection *Peace Candle*

This week we light the second purple candle of Advent, which is traditionally called the Peace Candle. It is a reminder that Christ, the Prince of Peace, will restore peace and harmony in our personal lives and to our troubled world. This is good news to our ears because the world is in urgent and desperate need of peace. We need peace among nations, peace in our families, peace in the churches, peace in our marriages, peace with our health, peace with one another. Let us ask the lord for the special grace to be instruments of peace.

*Lord make me an instrument of your peace,*

*Where there is hatred let me sow love.*

*Where there is injury, pardon.*

*Where there is doubt, faith.*

*Where there is despair, hope.*

*Where there is darkness, light.*

*And where there is sadness, joy.*

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

We will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on **Tuesday December 12, 2023 at 7pm.**

### Christmas Flower Donations

We are accepting donations to purchase flowers to decorate the church for Christmas.

*Si accettano donazioni per acquistare i fiori per decorare la chiesa per il Natale.*

### Advent Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates

Thursday December 14, 2023 at 7:30pm

### Thank you!

On Friday December 8, 2023, our Parish celebrated the Patronal Feast of the Immaculate Conception, with a solemn bilingual Mass, giving thanks for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr. Ugo's priestly ordination, followed by refreshments. Heartfelt thank you to all volunteers, parish groups and ministries for their support. A special thank you to Mario Beltrame, Isabella Barletta and Esterina Rossi for decorating the statue of Mother Mary and the Sanctuary, Donatella Cataldo for preparing the Advent wreath, Rose & Ray Di Donato for donating the Christmas tree and Carm Battaglia, Grace Colaricci and Mirella Colaricci for decorating it; Mario Beltrame, Alberto Casciato and Pietro Nicastro for preparing the Nativity Scene; Saveria DiBratto, Mario Beltrame, Alberto Casciato and Pietro Nicastro for decorating the lobby, the students from Immaculate Conception Catholic School for their musical performance and all who brought baked goods.

*Venerdì 8 dicembre, 2023 la nostra Parrocchia ha festeggiato la festa Patronale dell'Immacolata Concezione con una Messa solenne bilingue, in ringraziamento anche del 50mo anniversario di ordinazione sacerdotale di P. Ugo, seguita dal rinfresco. Un sentito ringraziamento a tutti i volontari, gruppi e ministeri parrocchiali per il loro sostegno. Un grazie di cuore a Mario Beltrame, Isabella Barletta e Esterina Rossi per la decorazione della statua della Madonna e dell'Altare; Donatella Cataldo per la preparazione della corona d'Avvento; Rose & Ray Di Donato per aver donato l'albero di Natale e a Carmela Battaglia, Grace Colaricci e Mirella Colaricci che lo hanno decorato; Mario Beltrame, Alberto Casciato e Pietro Nicastro per aver preparato il presepio; Saveria DiBratto, Mario Beltrame, Alberto Casciato e Pietro Nicastro per aver decorato l'atrio della chiesa; ai studenti della Scuola dell'Immacolata Concezione per aver cantato e tutti coloro che hanno portato i dolci per il rinfresco.*

## Upcoming Baptisms

Our parish is delighted to welcome the following children to the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism:



*Jacob Jabbour  
Nicholas Vespier  
Gabriele Kadiri*

Congratulations to their parents and godparents.

## 2023 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Novena di Natale

*Inizia sabato 16 dicembre, 2023  
alle ore 7:20 di mattina in italiano.*

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent Quarta Domenica d'Avvento Saturday December 23, 2023**

5:00pm: English

### **Sunday December 24, 2023**

8:00am: Italian

9:30am: English

11:00am: Italian

12:30pm: English

**NB. No 7pm Mass.**

### **Christmas Eve Vigilia di Natale Sunday December 24, 2023**

5:00pm: English

9:00pm: English

11:00pm: Italian

### **Christmas Day Giorno di Natale Monday December 25, 2023**

8:00am: Italian

9:30am: English

11:00am: Italian

12:30pm: English

**NB. No 7pm Mass.**



### Confessions

Wednesday December 13, 2023: 3-6pm

Monday December 18, 2023: 3pm-6pm; 7:30pm

Thursday December 21, 2023: at 7:30pm

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Monday December 11

7pm Beniamino DiGiambattista

8pm Tony Gallo & Leo Fallo

### Tuesday December 12

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe

7pm *Feast Mass*

### Wednesday December 13

#### Saint Lucy

7pm Costanzo Paoluzza

8pm Rosa Vecchiarelli

### Thursday December 14

#### Saint John of the Cross

7pm

7:30pm *Advent Confession for  
Confirmation Candidates*

### Friday December 15

7pm Pierina Polegri

8pm Luigi Simone

## Family Outreach Committee's Adopt-a-Family Christmas Campaign: December 4 to 24

Many families are struggling this Christmas. Please help a neighbouring family by donating non-perishable foods, toiletries, or grocery store gift cards. Help make Christmas even more special by giving hope, love and a reminder that their community cares for them. Items can be dropped off in our church lobby, and gift cards can be dropped off at the parish office.

## Children's Liturgy is Back!

Children's Liturgy is returning this weekend at the 5pm & 9:30am Masses.

## Evening Rosary

All are invited to pray the rosary for families and peace in the world, **every Monday at 7:30pm in the chapel.**

## 2024 Calendars

We thank Vescio Funeral Homes Ltd. & DeMarco Funeral Homes for generously providing us with Calendars.