



# Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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Mass Times: **Weekdays:** Monday—Saturday 9:00am

**Sunday Mass:** Saturday 5:00pm (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 17, 2023

### The "O Antiphons" of Advent

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

#### December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,  
guiding creation with power and love:  
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

#### December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,  
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

#### December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,  
sign of God's love for all his people:  
come to save us without delay!

#### December 20

O Key of David,  
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:  
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

#### December 21

O Radiant Dawn,  
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:  
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the  
shadow of death.

#### December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:  
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

#### December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:  
come to save us, Lord our God!

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers Reflection*

### MESSAGE FROM MSGR. SMITH



Dear Ushers and All Parishioners,

I am writing to clarify a change in procedure for the weekly and second collections at Mass, beginning this Sunday.

When there is a second collection, it will no longer be taken up immediately after the ordinary weekly collection during the Preparation of the Gifts. Instead, the second collection will be taken up after Communion. Once the second collection is complete, the designated ushers will proceed as they normally would to secure the donations.

With regards to the weekly Sunday collection, the usher who consolidates the monies will join as the last person in the procession bringing up the Gifts during the Offertory hymn with all the donations in one basket. When he/she has reached the altar, he/she may bow and place the basket as an offering in front of the altar and leave the basket there for the rest of the Mass. Immediately after Mass is finished, the same person will be responsible for collecting the basket in a timely manner and bringing it to the secure area.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter—and thanks to our dedicated ushers!

**PLEASE NOTE OFFICE CLOSURES:** The parish office will be closed Friday December 22 to Tuesday December 26 for staff holidays. In emergencies, please call Msgr. Smith's cellphone at **604-657-3715**.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY** is for support of the Needy. Thank you for your generosity.

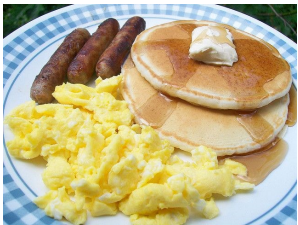
# The Twelve Days of Christmas



**Tuesday 2 January 2024, 7:00 PM**, at Holy Name of Jesus Parish. Come experience the fullness of Christmas with a concert of beautiful choral and organ music. Join MOTET Chamber Choir as we celebrate this most wonderful time of year and take you on a musical journey to Epiphany. Featuring works by Byrd and Weelkes in the 400th

anniversary of their death, as well as newer arrangements by Pierre Pincemille, Philip Stopford, and Janet Wheeler. Admission by donation (\$15-\$25 suggested for those able; any amount gratefully received). All ages warmly welcomed. [www.motet.ca](http://www.motet.ca)

**2023 DONATIONS:** All donations for 2023 including Project Advance **must be received** by the parish by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, in order for the donor to receive a tax receipt for 2023. This is a requirement by Canada Revenue Agency.



**THIS SUNDAY:** Our Knights of Columbus will be in the kitchen after both Masses, serving pancakes and sausages at their ever-popular event. Hope to see you there.

**LINE DANCING:** There will be no line dancing from **December 27, 2023 to January 3, 2024** (both days inclusive). Line dancing will resume January 10, 2024 at 1:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year. All are welcome. For more information contact Magdalene at **604-899-2093**.

**ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL** is now accepting applications for the 2024-25 School Year. An Open House for interested families will be held at the school on **Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm**. Please, visit the school website [www.faithandfoundation.com](http://www.faithandfoundation.com) for more information or call the school office at **604-731-8024**. Limited spots are also available in Grades 1-7. Thank you.

## ADVENT on FORMED Ideas to make the most of FORMED this Advent:

Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select "Holy Name of Jesus Vancouver"

### The Chosen Christmas Special | Catholic Commentary on The Chosen

Join Dr. Michael Barber and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger as they discuss The Chosen Christmas Special episode.

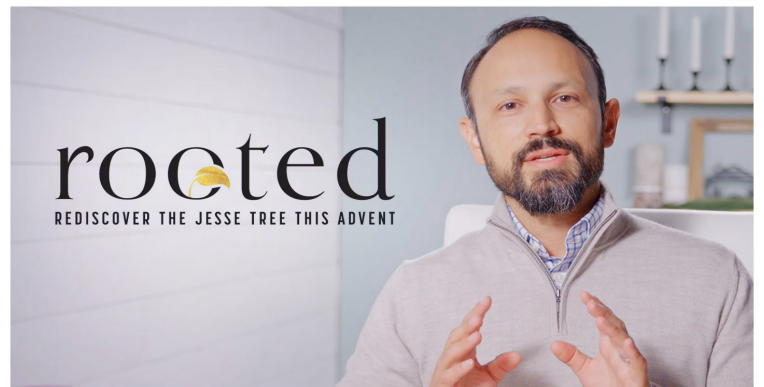
Watch Season 1 of The Chosen here:  
<https://watch.formed.org/the-chosen>



### New Programmes this Advent!

Prepare for Christ's coming with two new Advent series from the Augustine Institute.

*Rooted* presents a beloved tradition in a new light.



This new 22-episode series guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.

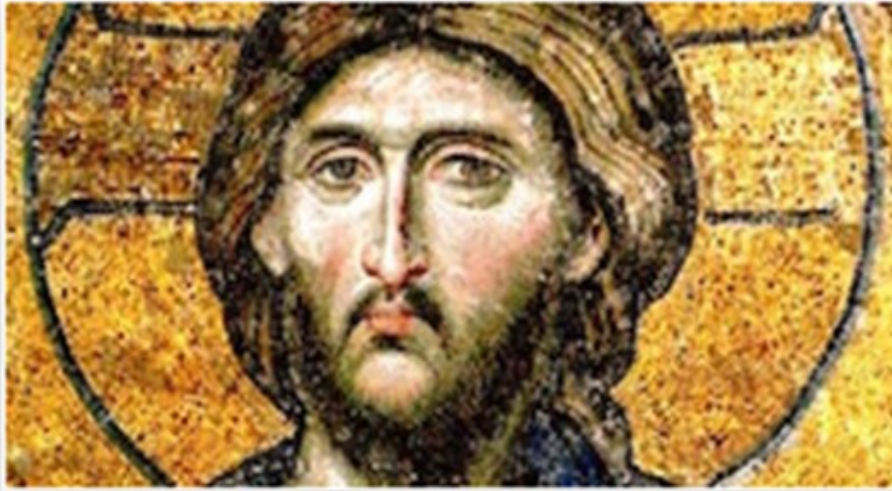
Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, *Rooted* helps viewers apply the passage and related teachings to each day of Advent, guided by the Church's teaching. Episodes begin on December 3, the First Sunday of Advent, and end on December 24, the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

# *The Path of Peace*

CARYLL HOUSELANDER

*Peace is Christ's culminating gift.*

At his birth the angels' song mingled with the first bleating of the Lamb of God, promising peace to God's friends. On the night before he died his own promise comforted his Apostles; when he had risen from the dead his first words to them were Peace be upon you.



How is it then that peace is so rare, even in our soul? It may be because we lack the courage without which true peace is unattainable, and with or without which the pseudo-peace we have built up in our imagination is unattainable.... The condition of peace is courage, but the moments in which we most long for it are those when courage seems most difficult. When all that we want is to loosen our hold, to throw off responsibility, to rest. We want not a sword, but a lap big enough to bury our head on.

It is comforting then to realize that the courage peace demands is in fact to relax, to throw all our care into the lap of God. It means that we must take the risk of trusting God's love, believing Christ's word, loving one another... A child knows no anxiety, if he knows himself to be loved, no mistrust or suspicion. His values are true. He loves things, but he loves them not for what they cost, but for what they are... Poverty may come, the child knows his father will provide his happiness; pain may come, his mother's hand will take it away. He is not worldly because he lives in a secret world of his own. No one can take his kingdom from him because it is not of this world....

Advent is closing and the longing of the Church for light and for the spring, the budding forth of the Savior, is culminating in the mystery of Christmas, and we can put aside our cares to make the house of our soul ready for the Child, with prayer as simple as a folk song, rocking the cradle of peace to the beating of the human heart.

Caryll Houselander. "Hungering for Love." from *Lift Up Your Hearts* (Arena Letters, 1979).



## Christmas & New Year's Schedule

### **4th Sunday of Advent**

Saturday December 23

Mass at 5:00 pm (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday December 24

Mass at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### **Christmas Eve: The Nativity of the Lord**

Sunday December 24

Mass at 5:00 pm (caroling at 4:30 pm)

Mass at 10:00 pm (caroling at 9:30pm)

*Please note: Catholics are required to attend two Masses, one for the Sunday obligation and the other one for Christmas.*

### **Christmas Day: The Nativity of the Lord**

Monday December 25

Mass at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Saturday December 30

Mass at 5:00 pm (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday December 31

Mass at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### **The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

Sunday December 31

Mass at 5:00 pm (Anticipated Mass)

Monday January 1, 2024

Mass at 10:00 am

### **The Solemnity of The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

Wednesday January 3, 2024

Mass at 9:00 am

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 18 — Sunday, December 24, 2023  
(† Deceased)**

Monday.....Pastor's Intention

Tuesday.....Joseph Ng

Wednesday.....Adam King

Thursday.....Eugene Tong †

Friday.....Thelma Chan †

Saturday

9:00am.....Raymond Chak Nam Chow †

5:00pm.....Lucy Lee †

Sunday

9:00am.....Holy Name Parish

11:00am.....Vilma &Fred Quintia

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 25 — Sunday, December 31, 2023  
(† Deceased)**

Monday (Christmas Day).....Holy Name Parish

Tuesday.....Francisca & Luis Jr. Ong

Wednesday.....Evan Cheung †

Thursday.....Michael Chua

Friday.....Thelma Chan †

Saturday

9:00am.....Teresita & Narciso Reyes†

5:00pm.....Rosa & Federico Labis †

Sunday

9:00am.....Holy Name Parish

11:00am.....Joseph Ing