

First Sunday of Advent, November 30th, 2025

Intentions:
November 30 - In loving memory of **Gaitan Brisson**, requested by Paulette Brisson.
 Mass Intentions: \$15.00

Offertory Collection:
 November 23 - \$438.00 Thank You



December 03

Saint Francis Xavier: Francis was born in 1506 in Navarre, Spain. He met St. Ignatius Loyola at the University of Paris, and was one of the first members of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). Francis spent many years working as a missionary with the peoples of Goa, South-east Asia, and Japan. He had excellent organizational skills, the communities he established continued to flourish long after his departure. Francis died while on his way from Goa to China, in 1552. He was canonized in 1602 and is a patron of all foreign missions.

"Speak to them of the great mercy of God... Sometimes people are helped by your telling of your own lamentable past. "
 ~ Saint Francis Xavier ~

St. Gabriel & St. Michael Christmas Schedule

* Thur	Dec 18	St. Michael .. Advent Confessions.	7:00pm
* Sat	Dec 20	St. Michael	4:00pm
** Sun	Dec 21	St. Michael	9:00am
* Sun	Dec 21	St. Gabriel	11:00am
* Wed	Dec 24	St. Michael	4:00pm
* Wed	Dec 24	St. Gabriel	6:00pm
** Thur	Dec 25	St. Michael	9:00am
* Thur	Dec 25	St. Gabriel	11:00am
* Sat	Dec 27	St. Michael	4:00pm
** Sun	Dec 28	St. Michael	9:00am
* Sun	Dec 28	St. Gabriel	11:00am
** Thur	Jan 01	St. Michael	9:00am
* Thur	Jan 01	St. Gabriel	11:00am

- * Regular Masses
- * Christmas & New Years Masses
- * On-Line Masses (StMSIG-Live)



Gospel Reflection: Always at the beginning of Advent the Church invites us to think ahead. The gospel contains a clear warning and a judgment, admonishing us to “stay awake.” Instead of leading us to hopelessness and paralyzing fear, the gospel surprises us with an opportunity to be prepared. Instead of floundering, we have our whole lifetime and the guidance of the priceless gift of the Good News of Jesus Christ to accompany us on our journey into the future. This is what God offer us so we will not be left. (Living Liturgy, p. 2)

Vincentian Meditation: There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves. It flows from our deeply rooted human incompleteness. Augustine uttered the classic description of this spirit: “You made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.” All of us long for something more, as we make our pilgrim way. Even when human sinfulness pulls people to focus on power, pleasure, fame, or financial prosperity, they often find themselves moving aimlessly, without fulfillment. “Our hearts are restless until they rest in you.” Advent celebrates human yearning. We long for the coming of the Lord. (Maloney, Seasons in Spirituality, p.45)



Pope's Intentions for the Month of December
For Christians in areas of conflict: Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Roy Campbell, Linda Cassidy, Patricia Cassidy, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley, and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

St. Michael School mass in December is on the 10th.



Administrator's Corner

Waiting in Hope and Patience

The celebration of Christ the King last weekend closed the church's calendar for Year C. This weekend opens the new church year with Advent Season Year A, giving us a chance to refresh our faith. Advent, from the Latin "ad-venire" ("to come to" or "arrive"), is four weeks of prayer, reflection, and preparation for Christ's birth. It's a time to examine our lives, reflect on our need for God, and eagerly await His coming. As the Catechism says, "When the church celebrates Advent... she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah... renewing ardent desire for His second coming." (CCC524)

Advent reminds us waiting isn't wasted time, but a sacred transformation. The church calls us to slow down, mindful that Christ is present in Eucharist, Word, and our hearts. Viktor Frankl, in Man's Search for Meaning, recounts Auschwitz's horrors, where waiting was one of the worst sufferings - for war's end, release, or death. We wait for big things (graduation, healing) and everyday stuff (food, sunrise). But waiting keeps us in suspense.

A story was narrated from an ancient Eastern mysticism about a monk who asked his veteran Abbot in the vocation, “Abbot, what is the greatest lesson you have learnt from God’s wisdom all these years of your service in the Lord’s vineyard? I guess you learnt to be divine (being like God)?” “Not at all, I am still human and a mortal being. Every effort to be divine keeps eluding me!” He guessed more, “Did you become a saint in the process?” “No, as you can clearly see, I’m still struggling with human frailties and shortcomings.” “What then, O Abbot?” “God’s wisdom all these years of service in His vineyard, (the Abbot replied), has taught me how to stay awake and be prepared always to meet the Lord in His Second Coming, without being taken unawares!”

The important question here: What is he coming to do? He's coming to redeem us from wickedness and sin. The timing's unknown (Matthew 24:36). Our hope tells us to be patient, for God keeps promises. St. Catherine of Siena said patience is the "queen of virtues," the heart of love.

So how do we prepare? We get prepared by setting aside daily moments of silence and Scripture meditation. Receive Reconciliation to prepare our hearts, through doing one act of charity weekly, reduce distractions, focusing on relationships over consumption. Pope Francis said, "Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint."

As we wait in hope and patience for His coming, reflect: When was your last Communion? Confession? Are you chasing transient happiness? Rise up - make haste while the sun shines. Let Advent transform waiting into watchfulness with expectation and love.

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Lost and Found: Periodically, please check the lost and found basket at the church entrance for articles you may have left behind.

Sts Michael and Gabriel helpinghand ministry: Her objective is to serve needy families periodically in a timely and confidential manner. More details will be announced soon. The administrators can be reached at stmichaelshelpinghands@gmail.com or (613) 623-3419.

West Carleton Food Access Centre: (WCFAC) Please remember our local Food Bank each week by donating items to St. Gabriel's grocery cart. Cash donations of \$20.00 and over will receive a tax receipt. Please include your name and address on the envelope. See Suzanne Lee if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.



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Weekly Eucharist

St. Gabriel's (Constance Bay) **St. Michael's** (Fitzroy Harbour)

Sunday 11:00 am Mass	Saturday 4:00 pm Mass
	Sunday 9:00 am Mass
	Wednesday 8:00 am adoration/confession, 9am mass
	Thursday 8:30 confession, 9am mass
	Friday 8:30 confession, 9am mass

live streaming link on YouTube St. Michael's Mass at 9 am Sunday

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Confessions and Sacrament Of the Sick are also available by request.
Please contact Fr. Anthony directly to book an appointment.

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