

# FOURTH SUNDY OF ADVENT



## PASTOR'S CORNER



**“The Crisis of Decorum in Dress.”** This is the title of a timely reflection I recently came across:

Last week my family spent a few days with our good friends. As we made our way home, we stopped for a bathroom and snack break at a gas station. As we wandered around, searching for the perfect snack, my five-year-old daughter ran up to me giggling and said, “Mommy! There’s people here in their pajamas!” To which I responded, “I know! Isn’t that silly?!” After all, what do you say to a five-year-old who points out the obvious and knows what a room full of adults should know: that wearing pajamas in public is inappropriate. We have a crisis of decorum in dress in our country. Gone are the days when people took pride in their appearance and dressed well for all occasions. One need only to head to the nearest public space to see evidence of this crisis. What amounts to pajamas is now considered appropriate daily outfit. The days of ladies in beautiful dresses and gentlemen in suits for just a normal Tuesday are behind us.

I first became aware of this crisis about six or seven years ago. I was walking in a public space somewhere and saw two figures walking in my direction. I had no idea if these two individuals were two men, two women, or a man and a woman. I especially didn’t know that this moment would turn my feminine worldview on its head and change my perspective forever. As they got closer, I was able to determine that they were, in fact, a man and a woman—and that they were dressed very similarly. They both wore a version of the typical Canadian uniform: shorts, t-shirt, and sneakers. I don’t know what it was about that moment, or those outfits, but in an instant, it struck me how androgynous and sloppy our society has become. We can no longer tell the difference between men and women from very basic things like clothing and presentation. Immediately, I decided that I no longer want to be a part of contributing to society in that direction. From that time on, I decided to dress for the culture I want. I have chosen to get dressed nicely every day—even if I will be home all day with my children, because I read Catherine Rose’s book, *A Return to Beauty*. *She explores this topic in depth and proposes that we no longer dress well as a society because we no longer know that we were made in the image and likeness of God and dress accordingly. Decorum in dress refers to clothing that is appropriate, proper, and fitting for a given situation, setting, or culture. It essentially means dressing in a way that shows respect for yourself, for others, and for the occasion. Because we have forgotten our value, we have forgotten how to dress in a way that is proper to our dignity as images of God. I know I can’t do much, but I can do something in my small corner of the world. I can wake up each day and dress in a beautiful, feminine way, even if I never leave the house and only my husband and children see me. By how we dress, we can remind others (and ourselves) that our lives matter, that we are made in God’s image, and that we possess inherent dignity and value. I can also hold my children to a higher standard in dress, teaching them to care about how they present themselves and to do so with excellence. I can show my family, through my own appearance, that what I do for them is meaningful and that the life we share can be simple, beautiful, and done well. So after dressing well every day, for every occasion, I can say without a doubt that the way one dresses truly affects one’s behavior, mood, and overall experience of life. My sweet little family and I can transform society and restore beauty, one day, one outfit, one small act of intention at a time.*

**BTW:** Christmas is coming and I am looking forward to presenting myself and my family in beautiful and decent attire for Jesus’s birthday during our Christmas Mass and dinner afterwards.

*Fr. Slawek*

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**( Arrive 1/2 hr. before First come First Seated)**

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MORNING MASS**

Mass 6 p.m.

Mass 8 p.m.

**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

**No Mass**

### **NEW YEAR’S MASSES**

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**NO MORNING MASS**

Mass 6 p.m.

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**NO MASS**

# December 21, 2025

## ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

### Reception of Holy Communion

It has come to my attention that some people, receiving on the hand, carry the Sacred Host back to their seats. This is forbidden. Please be sure to consume Jesus, truly present in the Sacred Host, right after you receive Him. You must consume the Host in the front of the church, right after receiving. There are people who wish to steal consecrated Hosts for the sake of rituals. If you see anyone walking away without having consumed the Sacred Host please alert one of the Ushers, the Sacristan—Anthony or Fr. Slawek.

## CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in January 2025 & support the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.

Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422



### ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated. Thank you.

## 2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Assigned envelopes are available for pick up at the back table in the church. New envelope can be pick up from the Parish office during office hours.

**Please use 2026 envelopes starting Jan. 1.** Print your full name, address, phone number and donation clearly on the envelope for the month so the Parish office can record the number to your name.

If you have a change of address please list it on your envelope or notify the office.

**All donation for 2025 must be received by December 31, 2025 to be included in the 2025 tax year. Any donation received after December 31, 2025 will be for 2026 tax year.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, December 23

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Neil Richen Belsonda  
req. by Catherine Manlapaz

### Wednesday, December 24

6 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE MASS.  
8 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE MASS.

### Thursday, December 25

9 a.m. CHRISTMAS DAY.  
11 a.m. CHRISTMAS DAY.

### Friday, December 26

9a.m. NO MASS.

### Saturday, December 27

4:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass req. by Diapera.

### Sunday, December 28

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Silvestro  
DeLaurentis req. by the DeLaurentis family.

## YOUR HEALTH

As cold and flu season approaches, to ensure the health of the entire community, parishioners are encouraged to stay home from Mass and parish functions if they are experiencing symptoms of the flu virus, colds, etc. Respect and concern for the common good takes precedence. Thank you for your cooperation! To minimize risks please use the hand sanitizers that are located at each entrance!



## COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

### RESUME

Wednesday, January 7, 2025

Everyone welcome

