

Roman Catholic Church

1887 Bancroft Drive Sudbury, Ontario P3B 1S7

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

### **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A** SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2025



**CONNECT WITH US** 

9 AM - 2 PM

Monday - Wednesday - Friday



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#### Sacraments

To request a sacrament (Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders, etc.), visit our website, select "SACRAMENTS," and fill out the online form. Thank you!

### Contact info

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### Social Media







## Saturday 6:30 PM **Sunday** 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM\* & 6:30 PM

\*Live-streamed via our Facebook page and website

## Weekday

All in-person & Live Streamed

Tuesday 10:00 AM **Prayer Cenacle (Rosary)** after the 10 a.m. Mass Wednesday 6:30 PM with Perpetual Help **Devotions** 

> Thursday 10:00 AM Friday 10:00 AM

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays for 1 hour following the 10 AM Mass.



#### **RECONCILIATION TIMES**

Wednesdays from 6:00 - 6:20 PM or by appointment. Call Fr. Sam @ 705-507-4288



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# BUILDING BLOCKS

"O house of Jacob come! Let us walk in the light of the Lord!" (Isaiah 2:5) This verse of scripture, in addition to our theme song, "Maranatha, Lord Messiah," both highlight inviting Jesus, our Light, into the homes of our hearts and into our very lives, so that by this indwelling, we might be better able to be instruments of God's grace, mercy, and love in a sinful and wounded world.

Indeed, our Advent theme this year is reflected in our prayer to Christ: "Come and make your home among us!" It's based on the conviction that when we are at peace with ourselves, we are better able to share that peace by the words we choose and the actions we perform. That peace then has to potential to ripple out into the lives of others too! When Jesus dwells within us, his priorities become a part of our own consciousness. That consciousness of Christ has the potential of allowing us to live more fully by the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' actions inspire our own actions of lovingkindness and service, too. Jesus' love of God and others propels us to stretch the limits of our own loving and our own acceptance of others who may not have had the privileged or graced background that we had. But it all starts with inviting Jesus to come and make his home among us.

This Advent then, let us foster a home for God and others in our hearts. Let us do this by making a heartfelt commitment to renouncing our sinfulness and instead, embarking upon a path that is committed to increased prayer, attentiveness to the needs of others, and a consciousness of the present time we are living on this earth. Let us strive to use our time wisely too, for the glory of God and a bold witnessing to Gospel values. May our Advent Candle this week remind us of the holiness of the light of our baptismal consecration and of God's longing that His light may shine brightly in and among us! --- Fr Sam



#### NORTH EAST MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION IS NOW ON FACEBOOK

We're excited to share that the North East Ministerial Association (**NEMA**) has launched its official Facebook page.

Follow us to stay connected with upcoming ecumenical events, community initiatives and joint worship opportunities across our local churches.

Follow us on Facebook: North East Ministerial Association



## Mass intentions

Dec. 2-7, 2025 † Denotes a mass for a deceased person

#### Tuesday, Dec 2 - 10 AM

Special Intention in Gratitude for Fr. Sam & All Priests by Marie Bardswich

#### Wednesday, Dec 3 - 6:30 PM

† Rosalinda & Apolinario Malaluan by Amelia Malaluan

#### Thursday, Dec 4 - 10 AM

† All Deceased Members of the Barham & McAndrew Families by Alan & Danielle Barham

#### Friday, Friday, Dec 5 - 10 AM

† Denise St. Aubin by Diane & Alex Titoc

#### <u>Saturday, Dec 6 - 6:30 PM</u>

† Maria Batista De Sa & Ana Maria Pereira by the Family

#### Sunday, Dec 7

9 AM - Mass

The People of the Parish

#### 11 AM - Mass

† David Filipovic by Maria Santora

#### 6:30 PM - Mass

† Teotima by Vanessa May Sambilon

## Prayer



Loving God, help us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Lead us to live in peace, kindness, and hope. Let your light guide our path through this Advent season. May we be ready to welcome Jesus into our lives with open and willing hearts. Amen.

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## COLLECTION REPORT



### Thanks For Your Support

| Church Offerings                | Nov 23, 2025 |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| PADP Sunday                     | \$2,228.50   |  |  |
| PADP Building Fund              | \$137.75     |  |  |
| Office Income                   | \$1,070.00   |  |  |
| Sunday Offerings                | \$2,124.95   |  |  |
| Building Fund                   | \$45.00      |  |  |
| Christmas Flowers               | \$235.00     |  |  |
| Loose Cash                      | \$707.90     |  |  |
| Total Received                  | \$6,549.10   |  |  |
| Christmas Gift Card             | \$8,840.00   |  |  |
| Canadian Mission<br>Initiatives | \$235.00     |  |  |
| Food Bank                       | \$300.00     |  |  |

### **PARISH LIFE**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**WHO:** Children in grade 2 who have been baptized

WHAT: Your child's First Reconciliation (also

known as Confession)

**WHY:** To return to the Lord by asking forgiveness for their sins

**WHEN:** To be celebrated on Tuesday December 9th at 6:30 PM with their classmates

**HOW:** Through a Reconciliation Service and individual confession of sins to a priest

WHERE: Holy Redeemer Church, 1887 Bancroft

Drive

NOTE: Reconciliation must be celebrated BEFORE your child can receive his/her First Holy Communion in the Spring of 2026.

If your child cannot attend due to illness, please come on **any Wednesday night from 6 pm to 6:20 pm** for a private confession with Fr. Sam before 2026
and let Fr. Sam know your name.





## BOXED ENVELOPES FOR 2026 NOW AVAILABLE!

(Along the back wall of the church)

Important Information:

- 2026 Boxes start January 1.
- Confirm your name, address, and envelope number match your box.
- Report errors to the parish office.
- Please write your name on your envelopes the first few times to assist our office.

### Is your name missing?

 Take a box without a name and be sure to include your contact information when donating.

## PADP (Pre-Authorized Donation Program)

Members of PADP do not receive envelopes. To make extra donations:

- Use any envelope
- Write your name and phone number
- Place in the collection basket or locked box
- A tax receipt will be issued at year-end.

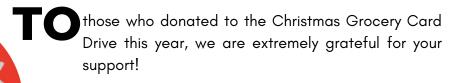


## Please Register prep begins in January!

Candidates for Confirmation, Grade 7 or up are required to complete an online registration form that can be found on our website under **Sacraments.** Go to holyredeemersudbury.com

We will gather every **Thursday after mass at 10:30 a.m.** in the Upper Room. Everyone is welcome to join us. For further information, please **contact Julie at 705**-585-2414.

### **COMMUNITY LIFE**



As previously indicated, all funds received will be converted to Grocery Store Gift Cards distributed to families who registered for assistance this Christmas. THANK YOU!



## ¡Celebremos a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe!

Acompáñanos el Viernes 12 de diciembre a las 6:30 p.m. para una Misa especial en español en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Ven y únete a esta hermosa tradición llena de música, oración y alegría, mientras damos gracias a nuestra Madre Bendita. ¡Todos están invitados!



# Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe!

Join us on Friday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m. for a special "Spanish Mass" honouring Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are invited to celebrate this beautiful tradition with music, prayer and joy as we give thanks to our Blessed Mother. Bring your family! Mark your calendars and don't miss this wonderful evening of faith and community!

Note: This Celebration will be in Spanish

## 1st Sunday of Advent Year A

Is a time of waiting and hope. We look forward to Jesus coming again, and we remember His birth in Bethlehem. Advent reminds us to be ready, not just for Christmas, but for the day when Christ will return. It is a season to pray, watch, and live in the light of the Lord.

https://young-catholics.com/3697/lst-sunday-of-advent-year-a/



### The Three Days of Darkness

A parishioner submitted a question about the "three days of darkness." Is it real or blasphemous? While the Bible itself does not explicitly mention a future, universal event called the "three days of darkness," Catholic understanding of the concept draws on biblical narratives, theological interpretation, and the tradition of mystics.

The most direct biblical reference comes from the Book of Exodus (Exodus 10:21-23), where God sends the ninth plague upon Egypt—a profound darkness lasting three days, so dense it could be felt. This event is seen as a sign of God's judgement upon the Egyptians while simultaneously protecting the Israelites, who had light in their dwellings. Catholic theologians have often viewed this event as a foreshadowing of later spiritual realities, including Christ's Passion and the ultimate struggle between good and evil.

The New Testament does not directly reference a universal three days of darkness, but the period between Christ's crucifixion and resurrection—his time in the tomb—spans three days, symbolizing suffering, death, and the hope of new life. Catholic theology therefore chooses to view these three days as transformative, marking the transition from the darkness of sin to the light of salvation.

The idea of a future "three days of darkness" has also been discussed in the writings of various Catholic mystics and saints, such as Blessed Anna Maria Taigi and Saint Padre Pio. Their visions describe a period of literal darkness enveloping the earth, during which the faithful are protected if they remain in prayer and trust in God. The Church does not require assent to this belief as these are private revelations, which at their most basic level proclaim what the church has always maintained: constant conversion of life and spiritual vigilance by all of God's faithful.

I encouraged everyone to take comfort in Christ who is our Light and "the light of the world" (John 8:12). Especially as Advent Season begins, Jesus our Light asks us to fear not, but to hope even in the darkest times, that God presence will endure and that our redemption has already been purchased through the Precious Blood of the Divine Lamb. Let us therefore ask Christ to come and make his home among us.

Let us know what you want to learn next: sacraments, saints, Scripture, prayer, seasons, and more. Leave a note in the "Did You Know?" box at the bulletin table.

Come and make your home among us!



Christmas 2025 & New Year's 2026

| DAY         | DATE     | MASS  | TIME               |
|-------------|----------|---|--------------------|
| Tues        | Dec. 23  | Mas cancelled (decorating)                              |                    |
| Wed. Dec.   |          | Christmas Eve Mass (For children)                       | 5:00 pm            |
|             | Dec. 24  | Christmas Eve Mass - Live Streamed                      | 8:00 pm            |
|             |          | Christmas Eve Mass - Live Streamed                      | 11:00 pm           |
| Thurs.      | Dec. 25  | The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day, Live Streamed | *11:00 am (only)   |
| Friday      | Dec. 26  | Mass Cancelled  |                    |
| Sat         | Dec. 27  | Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &Joseph         | 6:30 pm            |
| Sun Dec. 28 | Dag 30   | Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &Joseph         | 9 & 11 am          |
|             | Dec. 20  |   | 6:30 pm            |
| Tues.       | Dec. 30  | Mass  | 10:00 am           |
| Wed.        | Dec. 31  | New Year's Eve Mass - Vigil of Mother of God            | 5:00 pm            |
| Thurs.      | Jan. 1st | New Year's Day -Live Streamed                           | - *11:00 am (only) |
|             |          | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God                        |                    |
| Friday      | Jan. 2   | Regular Scheduled Mass Times Resume                     |                    |

<sup>\*\*</sup>Office Closed beginning Dec. 24 through to Jan. 5, 2026\*\* Bulletins for the New Year will Resume the weekend of January 10/11, 2026

IMPORTANT: Donations intended for 2025 Tax Receipts must be in on later than Dec. 31 st.

All donations received Jan. 1st onward will be receipted in 2026





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