



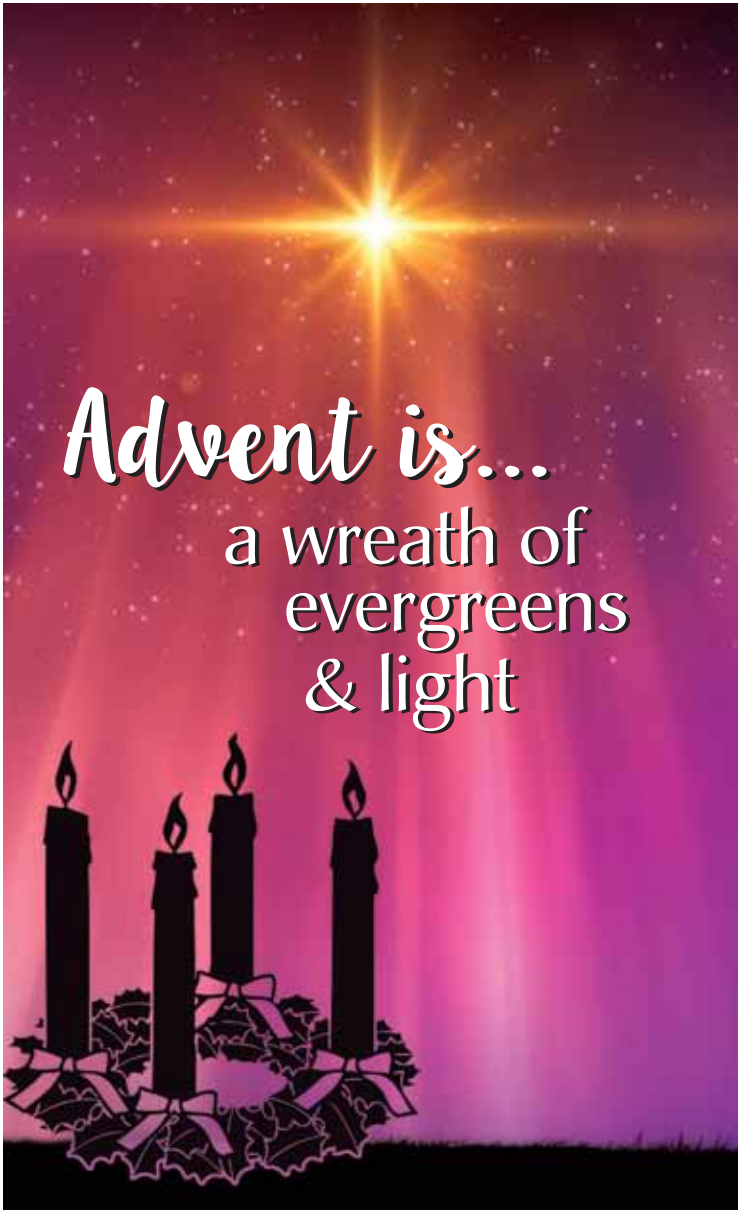
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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28th, 2021



O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessings of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. — Amen

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Our mission at St. Francis de Sales is to joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith, trusting that: if you are seeking Christ, you will find Him here. If grieving, you will receive comfort. If troubled in spirit, you will receive the blessing of peace without being judged. If discouraged, you will rejoice in hope. If alone, you will find companionship and Christian love. May our parish be a sanctuary of peace for you as we journey together to the Father's house.

Parish Hours

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 am
 FRIDAY 7:00 pm
 SATURDAY 9:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm
 SUNDAY 8:30 am | 9:45 am | 11:00 am | 12:15 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
 SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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“We need to prepare ourselves for Christ’s second coming.... Advent is the time for us to make this preparation by repenting for our sins, by renewing our lives through prayer and penance and by sharing our blessings with others.... Jesus must be reborn in our hearts and lives...in our love, kindness, mercy and forgiveness. Then only will we be able to give people his hope by caring for those in need, give them God's peace by turning the other cheek when we are provoked, give them His love by encouraging those who are feeling sad or tired, and give them His joy by encouraging and helping those who feel at the end of their strength, showing them that we care and that God cares as well. When, with His grace, we do these kinds of things we will receive hope, peace, love, and joy in return. Then we will know that when the King, our Lord Jesus, returns on the clouds of glory, we will be ready for him.”

Source of Quote: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2018-11/sunday-reflections-2-december-2018.html>

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. SHARON SOARES
+ NORMA NG
+ VICTOR, LLYLE & ROSLYN

TUESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

9:00 AM + AGAPITO AGULTO
+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE XAVIER
FAMILY
+ LERMA & MARIA MARFORI

WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
VARGHESE FAMILY
+ VICTOR RUFIN
+ MICHELE DILOIA

THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + FREDERICK OCULAM
+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF BONEY &
RACHEL'S FAMILY
+ MONICA HICKEY

FRIDAY, 3 DECEMBER

7:00 PM + BEDE SELVANAYAGAM
+ MICHAEL MCCOMIE
+ SHERWIN ACE ANDAL

SATURDAY, 4 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. JOSEPH
+ FRANCIS SEQUEIRA
+ GNANA PRAGASAM, LOURDES & ANJA
STANISLAUS

5:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, 5 DECEMBER

8:30 AM S.I. VIJAY PALAYATHIL
+ ADELINO GOMES
+ MR. & MRS. PETER JOSEPHINA

9:45 AM S.I. HEALING FOR LUCY VINCENT &
VINCENT SEBASTINE
+ CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ
+ FREDRICK D'SOUZA

11:00 AM + VICTOR KWAN
+ SHERWIN ANDAL
+ EVELYN FRY

12:15 PM S.I. CECELIA ALEXANDER & THE
ALEXANDER FAMILY
+ MONICA HICKEY

MASS AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Weekday Masses are 9:00 a.m. These days will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Our Sunday Mass Schedule is:

Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am; 9:45am; 11:00am; 12:15pm. This will be on a first come first serve basis.

You are **required under the Durham Region By-law** and Cardinal Collins to wear a facemask inside the church building. **If you are ill, we ask that you stay home.**

Please arrive early, as there will be designated pews for you and/or families to be seated by an Usher. As you leave, there will be an offertory donation box by the Baptismal Font into which you may place your donations.

Confessions will be held on Fridays from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. and Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

ONLINE DONATIONS

Dear parishioners,

If you are not able to attend, but still wish to donate, here are the ways in which you can continue to support our parish at this time:

- Mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish or drop off to the parish locked mailbox by the office door, or drop off in the donations box at Mass.
- Online donations can be made at www.archtoronto.org. Simply click on the donate now icon, select St. Francis de Sales parish from the drop-down menu and the fund you wish to donate to. This can be done as a onetime donation or as an ongoing monthly donation. It will give you a place to choose that option.
- Contribute through pre-authorized giving. You can obtain a form from the parish website. Mail the completed form and a voided cheque to the parish office. Or e-mail the form and a scanned copy or photo of a voided cheque to development@archtoronto.org for processing. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.

Thank you for your many contributions to our parish community.

NEW MISSALS AND ENVELOPES FOR 2022

Please be sure to pick up your box of offertory envelopes for 2022 which are located in the lobby of the church. Please be sure that the box you pick has your name and correct address on it. If you are unable to locate your offertory box, please notify the office.

Sunday weekend missals are on sale for \$5 at the end of each mass. These missals come into use next weekend the first Sunday of Advent, 27/28 November.

ADVENT CONFESSION NIGHT



Our Annual Advent Confession night will be on **Tuesday 14 December at 7 p.m.** There will be many priests available for confession. Please take advantage at this time, as it will be the last major opportunity before the celebration of Christmas.

REFLECTION

This week we continue with our reflection on the Gospel of John. In the bulletin from two week's ago, we saw that this Gospel was divided in various sections: The Prologue (1:1-18); **The Book of Signs (1:19-12:50)**; The Book of Glory (13:1-20:31); and the Epilogue (21:1-25).

Today, we look in part at **The Book of Signs**, which can be subdivided into four sections:

1. Seven days of gradual revelation of Jesus (1:19-2:11)

2. Themes in 2:1-4:54

a) **the replacement of Old Testament institutions:**

Cana – replacement of Jewish **purifications** (2:1-11)

Jerusalem – replacement of the **Temple** (2:13-25)

Nicodemus – replacement of **birth** into the Chosen People (3:1-36)

Samaritan Woman – replacement of **worship** in Jerusalem (4:1-42)

3. Themes in 5:1-10:42

a) **the replacement of Old Testament feasts:**

The Sabbath – Jesus, the new Moses, replaces the **Sabbath ordinance** (5:1-47)

The Passover – the Bread of Life, the Eucharist replaces the **manna** (6:1-71)

Tabernacles – Jesus the Source of living water, the Light of the world, **replaces the water and light ceremony in Jerusalem** (7:1-10:21)

Dedication – Jesus is consecrated **in place of the Temple Altar** (10:22-42)

b) the theme of life (begun in 2:1-4:54) is developed in 5:1-7:52; the theme of light is developed in 8:1-10:42 (particularly in the healing of the man born blind)

4. the Lazarus theme (11:1-12:36)

The raising of Lazarus leads directly to the condemnation of Jesus. Ironically, Lazarus is present at the anointing of Jesus for burial (12:1-8) and the enthusiasm over the miracle performed in his favor occasions the Palm Sunday scene (12:9-36). Hence the raising of Lazarus is the culmination of the life-light themes.

Brown, Raymond E. *The Gospel and Epistles of John. A Concise Commentary*. Collegeville, Minnesota: The Liturgical Press, 1988.

WEDDING REHEARSAL GROUP

Fr Joe & Fr David are looking for volunteers to help them with their wedding rehearsals and to help them facilitate the bridal party on the day of the wedding. Please note this is not about marriage preparation. If you're interested, please contact Vanessa Lowing our parish secretary, where you can leave your email address and cell number.



First Communion

We are excited to see all the children at **the First Holy Communion enrollment weekend on December 04/05**. This is the weekend that the children registered for First Communion will receive their crosses at the Saturday 5 pm mass and all Sunday masses.

Please note that all the children in the virtual schools and the children who are in grades 3-6 will pick-up their First Reconciliation books after mass during the same weekend. Please remember to check our website regularly for updates.

Confirmation

It was great seeing all of our registered confirmandi this past weekend when you received your confirmation crosses. In the event that you did not receive your cross please email Noah Aquino.

Please remember that confirmandi and their parents are expected to attend the evening of reconciliation on Tuesday December 14th between 7-9 pm. Please stop by the table after confession to pick-up your Confirmation preparation book.

All communication will be done through the parish website and bulletin. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Noah Aquino.



We are so happy to be back in person at the parish for our youth and it has been a great success so far! Thank you to all those that have registered and have come out. It's not too late to register for Edge or Life Teen. **High School students, register online and join us for our Christmas Social this Saturday, December 4 at 7pm! For students in Grades 6 – 8, join us for your Christmas Party next Friday, December 10 at 7:30pm!** Please note that these will be the last youth nights for 2021 and will resume in January 2022. For more information and to register, please visit our parish website or contact our Youth Minister, Noah Aquino

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