



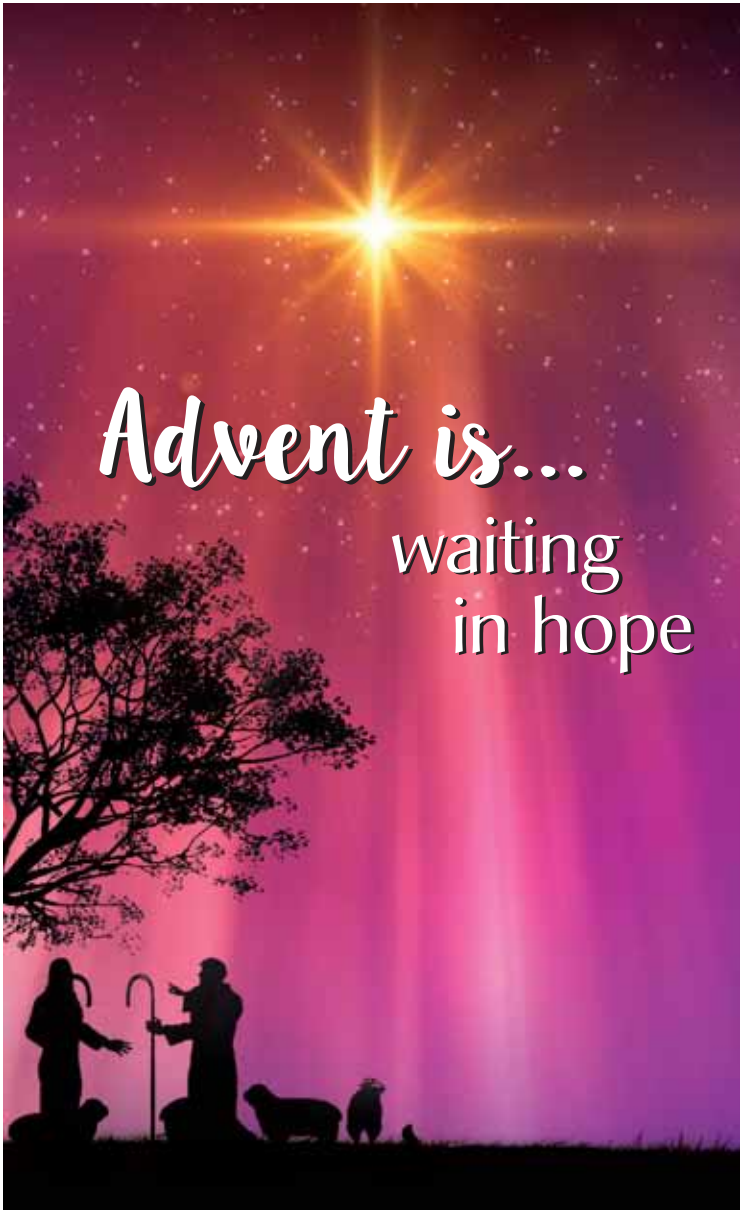
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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 2021



*Almighty God, grant that your people,
 may be ever watchful for the coming of your Only
 Begotten Son, that, as the author of our salvation,
 He himself has taught us, we may hasten, alert and
 with lighted lamps meet him when he comes.
 — Amen*

PRAYER FROM THE ROMAN MISSAL 2011

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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2nd Sunday of Advent

“We are invited by the Church to prepare for Christmas by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives so that Jesus may be reborn in us....People around us should recognize Jesus’ rebirth in our lives by our sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, compassionate and merciful heart and spirit of humble and committed service.... Let us ...ready ourselves for Christ’s daily coming and Second Coming, remembering that the Second Coming will occur for each one of us on the day of our death, or on the Day of the Lord, whichever comes first....John’s preaching reminds us also of our important task of announcing Christ to others through our lives at home and in the community... Thus, our lives become a kind of Bible which others can read. (Fr. Antony Kadavil).”

Source of Quote:
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2017-12/sunday-gospel-reflection-advent.html>

Faith



John the Baptist prepares the way

Advent Confession Night & Christmas Schedule

(schedule subject to change)

No Registration Required. Please arrive early - capacity is limited.

Advent Confession Night

Tuesday 14 December: 7pm

This Annual Advent Confession Night will be the last major opportunity to partake in this sacrament before the celebratuion of Christmas.

Many priests will be available for confession.

Christmas Eve

Friday 24 December

- 4:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m.
- 8:00 p.m.
- 10:00 p.m.
- 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day

Saturday 25 December

- 9:45 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.
- 12:15 p.m.

Mass of Sunday Obligation & Feast of the Holy Family:

Sunday 26 December

- 8:30 a.m.
- 9:45 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.
- 12:15 p.m.



IMPORTANT Notice: There will be no 5pm Mass on December 25, 2021

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 6 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. HEALING OF MYRNA LAT
+ RODNEY HURLEY
+ MARISSA LAGUNDINO & BASILISA CUETO

TUESDAY, 7 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. SANDRA STRIKWERDA
+ MARIA PAUL CHARLES
+ NORMAN GOZUN

WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + JOSEPH SCHMIOT
+ LILIA AGUADA & ALISTAIRE
+ ERNESTO JUNIO

THURSDAY, 9 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + JOHN & JANET SOARES
+ MILAGROS AQUINO
+ MARIA DELOURDES DASILVA

FRIDAY, 10 DECEMBER

7:00 PM S.I. ELAINE BINGER
+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
MONTOUTE & GREENIDGE FAMILIES
+ BERYL MOOKING

SATURDAY, 11 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. ELAINE BINGER
+ BEDE SELVANAYAGAM
+ BENNY & LOURDES STANISLAUS
5:00 PM + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ
+ ROGER FISCHER
+ SHERRY SHETTY

SUNDAY, 12 DECEMBER

8:30 AM S.I. ELAINE BINGER
+ CLARA PALAYATHIL
+ BASIL MARECHEAU
9:45 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
11:00 AM + OPHELIA KENDALL
+ MARIA DELOURDES DASILVA
+ EMMA SAN ANTONIO
12:15 PM S.I. CLEMENTINE & PETER BROTTON
AND FAMILY
S.I. IN THANKSGIVING
S.I. EMY C. MARFORI

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.

Visit our **NEW** website:

www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday 24 December:

4 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM, 10 PM, & 11:30 PM

Saturday 25 December:

9:45 AM, 11 AM & 12:15 PM

Please Note: Our Christmas Masses are on a first come, first serve basis. There will be no 5 PM Mass on 25 December. The doors will be locked after we have reached our capacity. **You will be required to attend a Mass on Sunday 26 December at 8:30 AM, 9:45 AM 11 AM & 12:15 PM, to fulfill your Sunday obligation.**

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

On New Year's Day we celebrate Mary Mother of God. **For Catholics in Canada, this is a day of obligation where you are expected to attend mass.**

Friday 31 December:

5 PM & 6:30 PM

Saturday 1 January:

8:30 AM, 9:45 AM, 11 AM & 12:15 PM

Please Note: Our New Year's Masses are on a first come, first serve basis. There will be no 5 PM Mass on 1 January. The doors will be locked after we have reached our capacity. **You will be required to attend a Mass on Sunday 2 January at 8:30 AM, 9:45 AM 11 AM & 12:15 PM, to fulfill your Sunday obligation.**

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.

REFLECTION

The Our Father encapsulates the gospel in prayer. Some of the things we notice in the Our Father is that Jesus enjoins us to call His Father, our Father. Throughout the gospels, Jesus calls God Father 170 times. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus refers to God as Father 17 times.

We also see in this prayer 7 brief petitions which can thus be divided on the first 3 focused on God and the last 4 focused on us human beings.

In the **first** petition, which can be literally translated as “*Let Your Name be hallowed,*” Jesus is teaching us to pray that the Father’s name be treated as holy. It is a prayer that the whole world stops taking God’s name in vain and treating it as sacred. The same can be extended to the name of Jesus.

In the **second** petition, “Thy Kingdom come,” Our Lord is teaching us to pray for God’s eternal kingdom to come down to earth. Christ certainly inaugurates the kingdom of God through His miracles and the mission of the Church. He also says that the final coming of the kingdom will take place only at that Last Judgment. On that day, as He says later, “the Son of Man” will sit on His glorious throne and say, “Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Mt 25:31,34). It is a prayer for the final advent of eternal life.

In the **third** petition, “thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” Our Saviour is teaching us to pray for the salvation of the world. As Jesus makes clear elsewhere, “It is no the will of my Father who is in heaven” that even “one” soul should perish (Mt 18:14). At the same time, doing the Father’s will is essential for salvation: “Not every one who say to me ‘Lord, Lord’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven” (Mt 7:21).

Next week we focus on the 4 last petitions.

Pitre, Brant. “The Lord’s Prayer.” *Introduction to the Spiritual Life. Walking the Path of Prayer with Jesus.* Image, New York, 2021, pp. 88-98.

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-up has your name and correct address on it. If you are unable to locate your offertory box, please notify the office.



FIRST COMMUNION

It was so nice to see all the children this weekend receiving their First Communion crosses at mass. Please contact Mrs. Selda if you were unable to receive your cross this past weekend.

Please note that all the children in the virtual schools and the children who are in grades 3-6 picked up their First Reconciliation books after mass as well. Please contact Mrs. Selda if you were unable to pick-up your book. Please remember to check our website regularly for updates. Wishing all of our families a beautiful Advent journey.

CONFIRMATION

It was great seeing all of our registered confirmandi the other 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.

VOCATIONS



Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? **Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
Visit www.vocationstoronto.ca

FORMED



Looking for a way to include the whole family this Advent season? Kids can journey alongside you with daily reflections from Brother Francis. Simply add the option when you sign up for Advent Reflections!

Let us pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.



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