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The First Sunday of Advent

November 27th 2022



Hope

*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 | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
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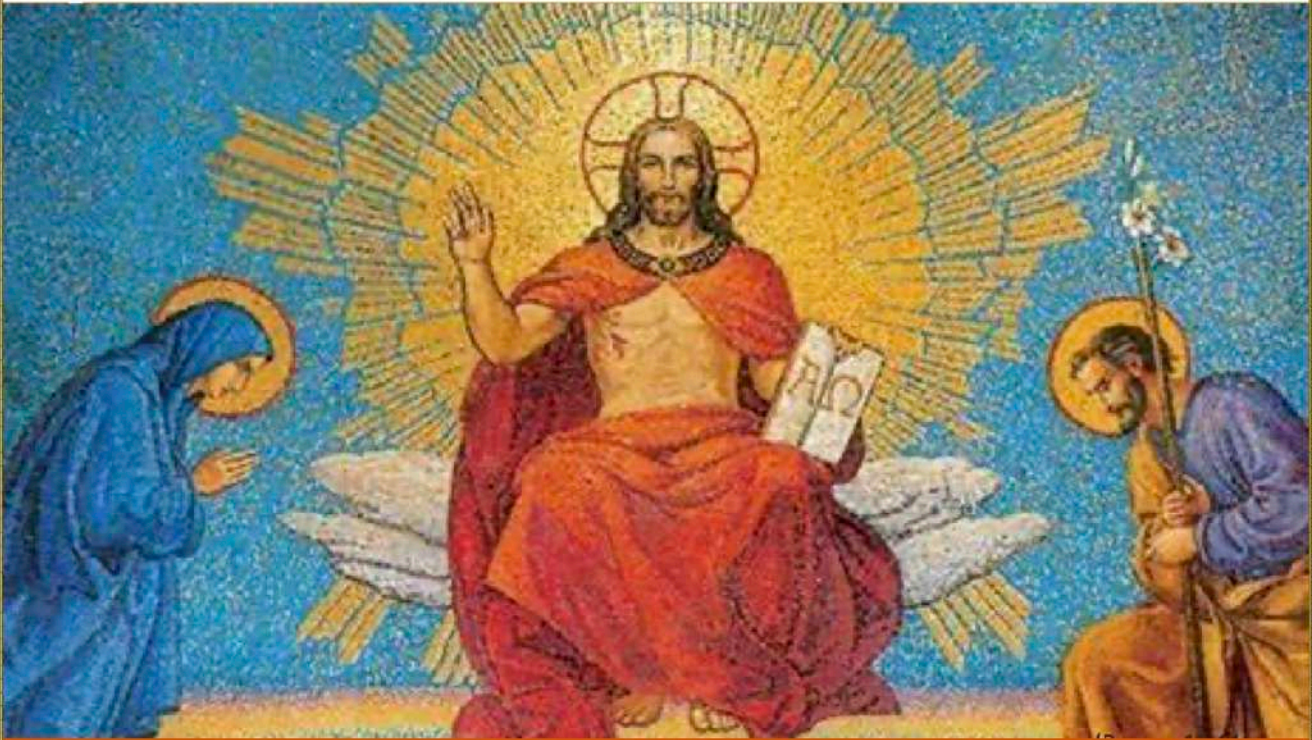
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1ST WEEK OF ADVENT

Prepare for Jesus' second coming – Be Ready – Be Watchful

“it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep”

Romans 3:11



“On Judgment Day at the end of the world, Christ will come in glory to achieve the definitive triumph of good over evil which, like the wheat and the tares, have grown up together in the course of history” (CCC 681).

“When he comes at the end of time to judge the living and the dead, the glorious Christ will reveal the secret disposition of hearts and will render to each man according to his works and according to his acceptance or refusal of grace” (CCC682).



**He comes first as a humble babe to redeem us
then again in glory at the end-of-time to judge the living & the dead**

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 28 NOVEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. CECILIA ALEXANDER
+ BERNARD ROSARIO
+ MARIA CONCECION ARZAGA

TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. EMMY LOU VILLANUEVA
+ RENE BOY PANOPIO
+ ILUM'NADA ZAENS

WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER *St Andrew*

9:00 AM S.I. DARLENE MANGAN
+ DELMARE RODRIGUES

THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + FREDERICK OCULAM
+ ALBERT JOSEPH GOMES

FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER

7:00 PM + MICHAEL MCCOMIE
+ STOPPA & MURACH FAMILIES

SATURDAY, 3 DECEMBER – *St Francis Xavier*

9:00 AM + MARGARTE CAIN
+ NAPOLEON MENEZ
+ NATALIO & NAOMI SUAZON

5:00 PM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING
+ PATRICIA TVRDON
+ DAVE KERELUIK

SUNDAY, 4 DECEMBER

8:30 AM + BREFFNEY & ESTHER CALLAGHAN
+ FRANCIS SEQUEIRA
+ HERMINIGILDO ESTERON

10:15 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

12:00 PM + ALBERT RODRIGUES
+ CELINDA PILLO, TRAVEZ & FREDDY TIPAN
+ JORGE & RODRIGO MOLINA

7:00 PM + EVELYN FRY
+ RUTH TRAYA
+ SHERWIN ACE ANDAL



Advent Candles

Each candle of our Advent Wreath has a meaning. The 1st purple candle symbolizes Hope. The 2nd purple candle is for Faith. The 3rd candle, rose in colour, is for Joy. The 4th purple candle is for Peace.

ADVENT CONFESSION NIGHT

St Francis de Sales will have it's annual Advent Confession Night Tuesday 20 December from 7 – 10 PM. There will be many priests available for confessions. Please take advantage of this time as it will be your last major opportunity before the celebration of Christmas. There will be **NO** confessions on Saturday 24 December.



Thank you for your generosity to the Shepherds' Trust collection last month. **This year, we received \$7,078.55.** In 2021, we received \$7,871. It is not too late to hand in your donation for the Shepherds' Trust; simply mail or drop off your donation to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the needs of the retired diocesan clergy.

2023 OFFERTORY BOXES



Please be sure to pick up your 2023 Sunday Offertory envelopes. If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office. **Please do not use the 2023 envelopes until January.** Thank you for your generosity.



Our CWL monthly Mass will be held on Sunday December 4th at 10:15am. This will be our last Mass for the 2022 year and a celebratory brunch will follow the Mass. For more information, and to attend this gathering with your sisters of the League, please call Rosemary Plantinga at 416-894-7138.

VOCATIONS



“They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks”. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

A CATHOLIC CACKLE

Need a little laughter to brighten your day? Try out this joke.

How long did Cain dislike his brother?

- As long as he was Abel!



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REFLECTION

Universalism — that is, the theological idea that at the end of time God will restore all things to himself. For universalists, hell is impossible; all will be saved; that the God of mercy and compassion would relegate creatures to eternal punishment, separation from him. But for centuries, universalism has been viewed as heretical by the Church (and every other mainstream Protestant denomination, as well). There are only two reasons that would explain the impossibility of hell. Either “God could not do otherwise than cause human beings to love him” or “human beings could not do otherwise than love God.”

Ultimately the beliefs that we are free in our choice to love God, and that God is free in his choices to love and redeem us, are central to Christianity’s story of salvation. If we have to love God, then sin isn’t a possibility. And if God has to make us love him, then his love isn’t really free.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, “The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity” (No. 1035). For Catholics, hell and the possibility of eternal separation from God are the consequence of sin. Pope St. John Paul II wrote: “God is the infinitely good and merciful Father. But man, called to respond to Him freely, can unfortunately choose to reject His love and forgiveness once and for all, thus separating himself forever from joyful communion with Him.”

So, is God the agent of our damnation? No. Not ever. Human beings refuse God’s love, and by their own deeds definitively reject salvation. God’s judgment doesn’t cause our damnation; our repudiation of God does that. Rather, God’s judgment “ratifies” the consequence of our choices and deeds.

If hell is real and eternal, then souls are on the line! And it’s worth thinking about now, particularly in November, when salvation and the suffering souls in purgatory are at the forefront of our minds.

We are in union with those holy souls who have gone before us, who are not among the damned, nor yet do they enjoy the vision of God in heaven. Pope Benedict XVI teaches, “The belief that love can reach into the afterlife, that reciprocal giving and receiving is possible, in which our affection for one another continues beyond the limits of death — this has been a fundamental conviction of Christianity throughout the ages and it remains a source of comfort today.” We can aid these souls in their purification by our prayers, including Holy Mass, and our good deeds.

“No one lives alone. No one sins alone. No one is saved alone,” says Pope Benedict.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children who received their First Communion crosses this weekend!

It was so nice to see all the children at Mass and to hear their beautiful voices singing. If your child was sick during the November 26/27th weekend and did not get to receive their First Communion cross, please see Mrs. Selda after the 7:00pm Mass on December 4th to pick up your child’s cross and “My Picture Missal”. The passports will be returned to the children’s teachers in our 6 Parish schools so they will have them for Mass next weekend. If your child attends Public/Private/Other Catholic School or Virtual School, the passports will be returned at the passport stamping table next weekend. We look forward to continuing to see all of our sacramental families each week at Mass during this wonderful Advent Season, as we prepare for the birth of Jesus!

CONFIRMATION

The first passport review is now complete. If you did not submit your passport for review, kindly contact Noah to arrange a time to drop it off at the parish office. The email containing which class day is assigned to your child will be sent out in the coming weeks. The schedule for confirmation will be released shortly. Attending the Advent Confession is mandatory for all Confirmandi Candidates and is strongly encouraged for parents to also participate in the Sacrament of Confession. Should you have any questions please contact Noah Aquino.

God Bless!

Reflection Continued...

The possibility that we may not be saved, that we can choose other than God is a haunting one. It challenges us to pursue love, to live virtuous lives, to be shaped by the Gospel. And realizing that this work can’t be undertaken alone, we turn to the Church to aid us. We enlist the prayers of the saints, we pray for the suffering souls, and we aim for life with God in heaven above.

<https://www.osvnews.com/2022/11/01/debating-hell-and-remembering-the-holy-souls/> by Fr. Patrick Briscoe



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