



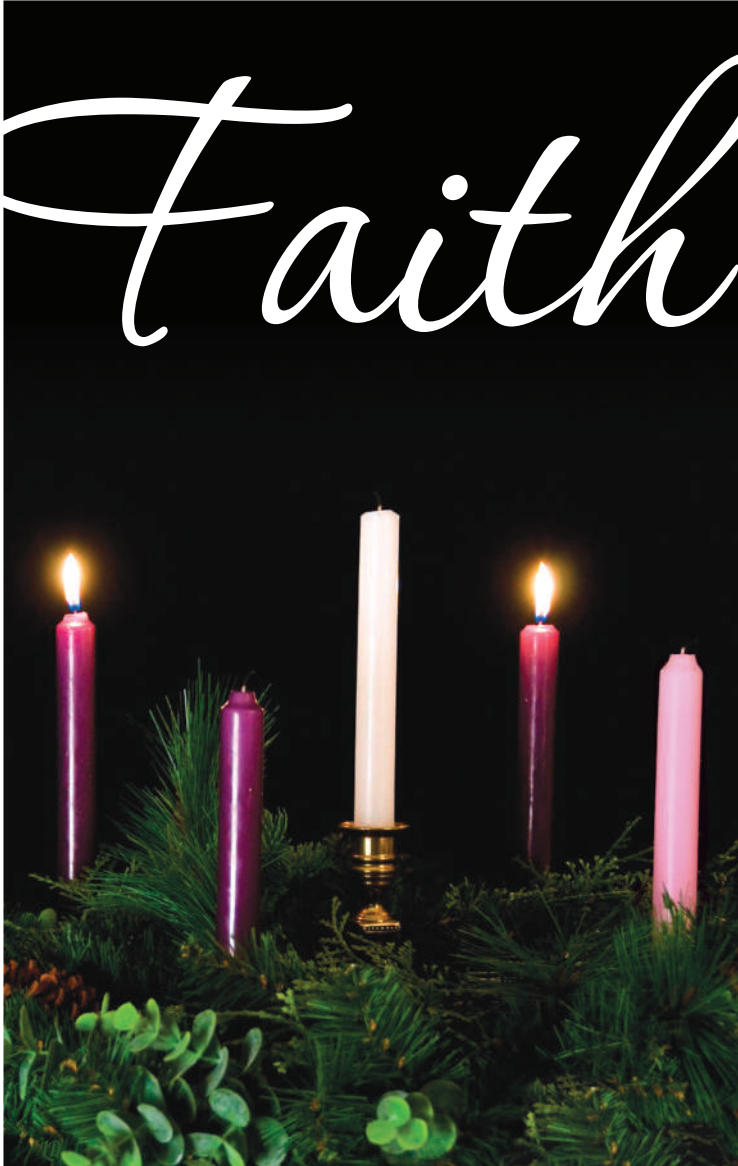
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### *The Second Sunday of Advent*

December 4th 2022



# Faith

*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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### 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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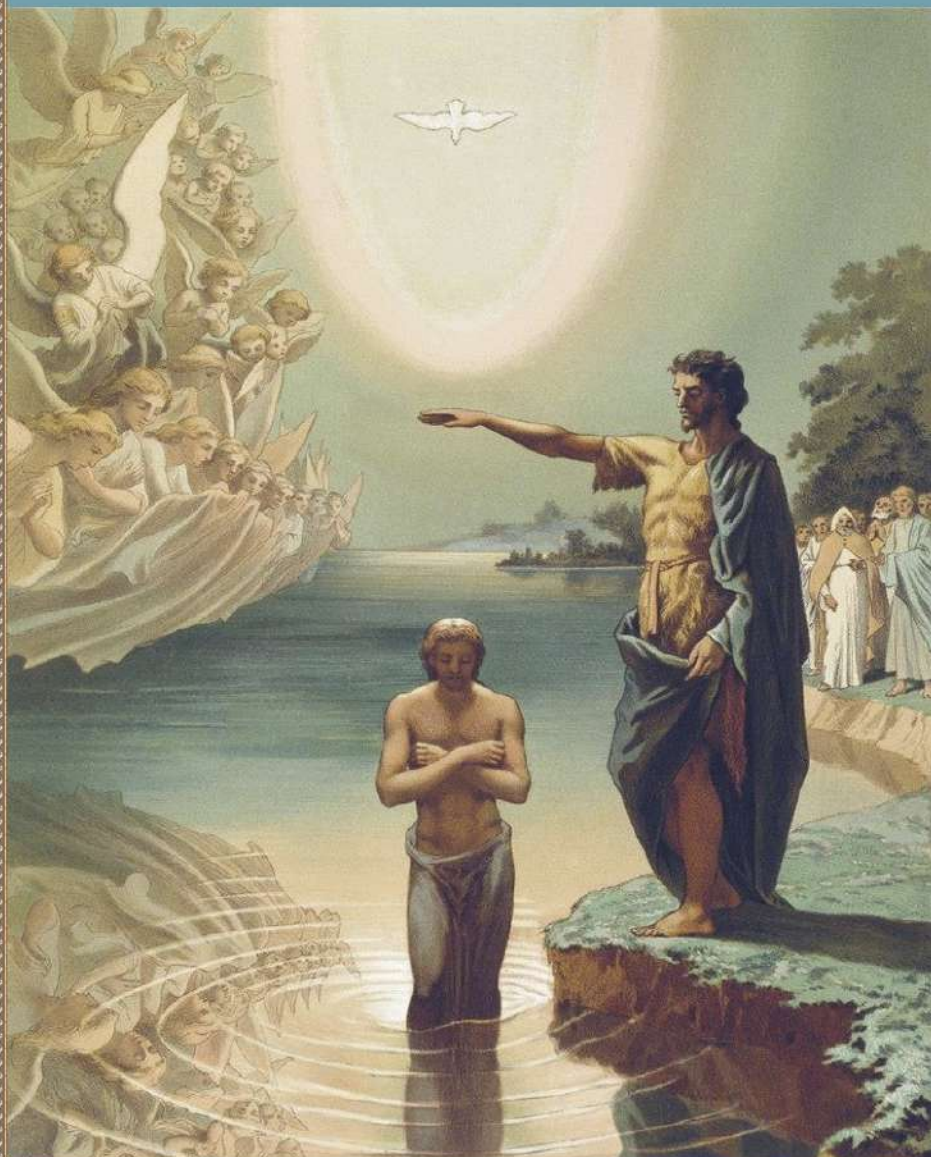
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## 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Mathew 3:2



In baptism we die to mortal sin and are reborn through God's love and grace.

*Let us be ready for our Lord's Coming*

It is time to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire. Matthew 3: 11-12

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, 5 DECEMBER**

9:00 AM + S.I. IN THANKSGIVING  
+ SADIE LUE  
+ JUNE NATIONE

**TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER** *St Nicholas*

9:00 AM S.I. AMANDA CLEMENTS  
+ EDDIE LEE DAN

**WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER** *St Ambrose*

9:00 AM + MAURICE HICKEY  
+ CRESCENZIA M. CARVALHO  
+ VICTOR STINSON

**THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER** *The Immaculate Conception*

9:00 AM S.I. SANDRA BLACK  
+ LOPE DELARAMA  
+ MANOLO ORMAECHEA

**FRIDAY, 9 DECEMBER** *St Juan Diego*

7:00 PM + VICTOR DA SILVA  
+ MARIA FIGUEIREDO

**SATURDAY, 10 DECEMBER** –

9:00 AM + BERYL MOOKING  
+ DIANNE BIRMINGHAM-AWAI  
5:00 PM + RUTH TRAYA  
+ ANTHONY EMILIYAANUS & EDIN JEGAJOTHY

**SUNDAY, 11 DECEMBER**

8:30 AM S.I. EDWARD MENSAH-KODUAH  
+ RUTH TRAYA  
+ MILA ARZAGA  
10:15 AM S.I. FR. MASSIMO BUTTIGIEG  
+ ELVINO SARMENTO  
+ STEPHEN CHOU & VICTOR KWAN  
12:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH  
7:00 PM + TERESA & CLAUDE GOMES  
+ TESSIE ALBA  
+ MICHAEL WARD

### ADVENT CANDLES



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

### A CATHOLIC CACKLE

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

What is a mathematician's favourite  
book of the bible?

- *The Book of Numbers!*



### 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.

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION HELP



We are looking for volunteers to assist our priests and deacon with Baptism. Baptisms occur two Sundays a month. If you would like to assist with Baptisms on Sunday, please email your name and phone number to the parish office.



The Knights of Columbus are organizing A **Baby Bottle Boomerang Drive:**  
**Dec 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 after all Masses**  
(Please collect your bottles & return by Jan 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>, 2023)  
Proceeds of this event raised will be given to: **The Rose of Durham Oshawa (Young Parents Support Division)**



The Catholic Women's League cordially invites all seniors to their annual Christmas Luncheon for Seniors. Join us following a celebration of Mass at 11:30 am on December 14, 2022, at St Francis de Sales for a meal, festive fellowship and Christmas Carol 'Sing Along' as we celebrate the presence of Christ in our midst.

Contact: Elizabeth P. Joseph at 905-427-6244 for tickets.

### 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.

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## REFLECTION

### How is the Christmas tree related to the Nativity of Our Lord?

Although it is still Advent for the Church, many have already put up their Christmas trees. Some assume that the Christmas tree is associated with Santa Claus and the other fantasy figures associated with the Yule season.

Even though the Christmas tree is not strictly connected to Jesus' nativity, it is related to the story of salvation which began on the opening pages of Genesis.

In the Garden of Eden, there were 2 trees: the Tree of Good and Evil and the Tree of Life. Adam and Eve should have eaten from the Tree of Life but instead chose the fruit of the Tree of Good and Evil, mistakenly thinking that they could subjectively decide for themselves what was right and wrong. The fruit of the Tree of Good and Evil ultimately brought about death.

Jesus showed us the Tree of Life as the shape of the Cross. This Tree of Life is always **green** with God's life, hence the Evergreen, was chosen as an appropriate symbol of the Cross which keeps its colour in winter while all the other trees appear "dead." Jesus came to give mankind the fruit of the Tree of Life which leads to eternal life with God; the fruit of the Tree of Life is the Eucharist.

On the day that Jesus was carrying His Cross for our salvation, Our Lord uttered something to the women of Jerusalem: "...for is these things are done when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" (Lk 23:31). While this cryptic line can refer to many other things concerning the end times, one cannot help but think that His Cross was the wood that was "green with Life." This tree was made as an import from Easter to Christmas because the 2 colors associated with the Yule tide are red and green.

## VOCATIONS

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. **Email:** [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
**Website:** [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



## 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 26/27<sup>th</sup> weekend and did not get to receive their First Communion cross, please see Mrs. Selda after the 7:00pm Mass on December 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Should you have any questions please contact Noah Aquino.

God Bless!



We had a fun Christmas party send off for our Life Teen students this weekend! Thank you to all those that came and hope you had a great time. We'll see you again in the New Year! **Edge** has their Christmas Social this Friday, Dec 9 from 7:30pm – 9:15pm. **Edge** has their Christmas Social this Friday, Dec 9 from 7:30pm – 9:15pm. Dinner will be served for our Edge students, as part of the Christmas Social. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Noah Aquino. God Bless!



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