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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3rd, 2023



*God of hope,
be with us in our Advent journey
to the stable and beyond,
be with us in our meeting
and in our travelling together,
be with us in our worship
and our praying together.
Keep our hearts aflame with the hope
of Christmas, and the promise of a Saviour.
— Amen*

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Our mission : We joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith. 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

HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm
SUNDAY 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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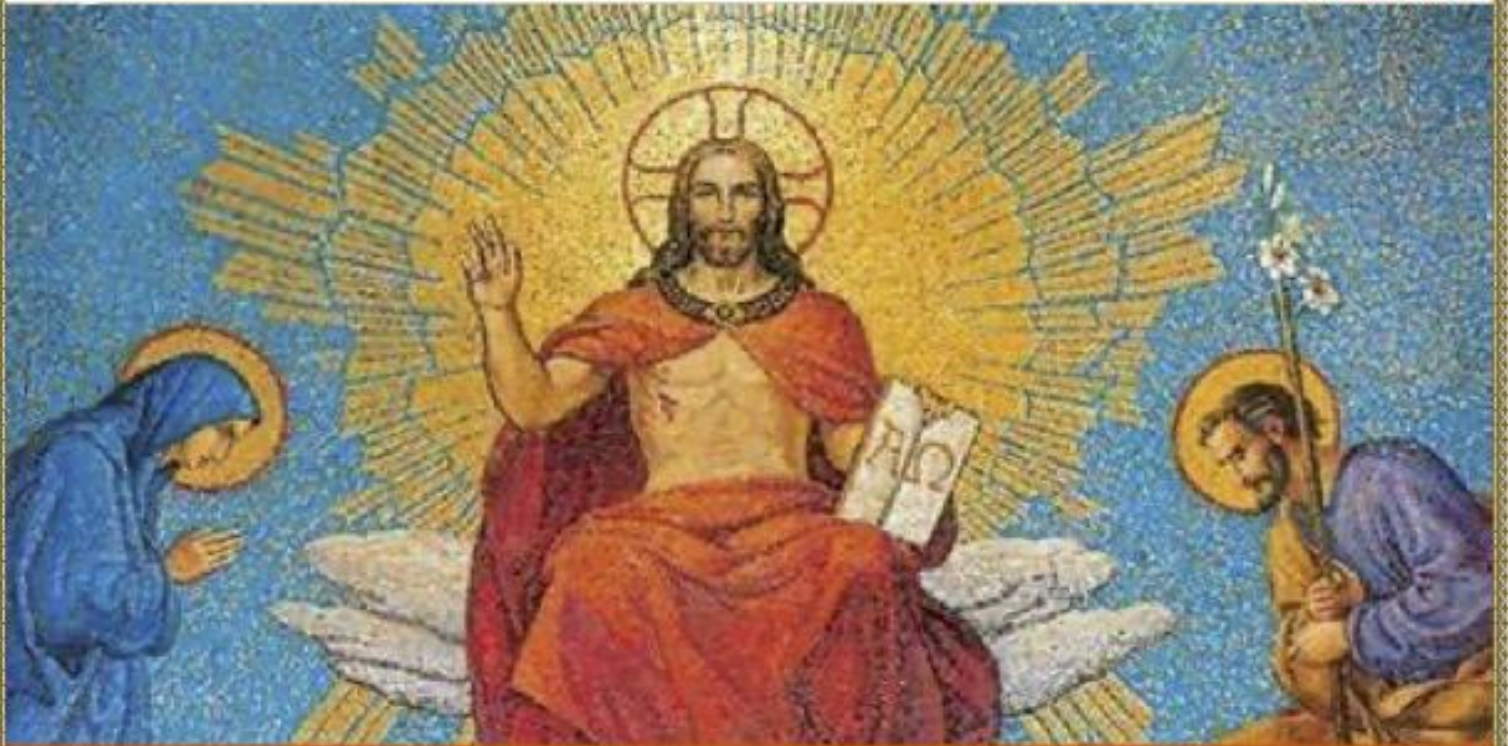
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1ST WEEK OF ADVENT

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

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

Romans 3:11



“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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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER *St. John Damascene*

9:00 AM S.I. MERCEDES TURLA
+ MAUREEN SULLIVAN
+ FRANCIS SEQUEIRA

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + JOSEPH COUTHINO
+ CAITAN & CARMELINA D'SOUZA
+ DOMINIC & APPOLINA FERNANDES

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER *St. Nicholas*

9:00 AM + JOHN FERNANDES
+ MARILYN V. PALENZUELA
+ HAROLD ROBERTS

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER *St. Ambrose*

9:00 AM + JOHN & ANNIE D'SOUZA
+ MANOLO ORMEACHEA
+ DOMINIC & ANTHONY D'SOUZA

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER *The Immaculate Conception*

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE GARCIA-
PICARDAL FAMILY
+ MARIA CONCEPCION MANDUJANO

SATURDAY, 9 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + JERRY & CONNIE D'SOUZA
+ GILBERT & RAIMURDA SOARES
+ PITTUSH, IVY & JOE SOARES
5:00 PM + VICTOR KWAN
+ VICTOR DA SILVA
+ KATHLEEN VAUGHAN

SUNDAY, 10 DECEMBER

8:30 AM + BERYL MOOKING
+ VINCENZA BERARDI
+ MARIA CLOTILDE DE BORRROS & ABREA
ADELINO GOMES

10:15 AM S.I. FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD
+ MARILYN MALUBAY
+ BENMAR ROMNEY

12:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
7:00 PM AVAILABLE

ADVENT CONFESSION NIGHT



St Francis de Sales will have it's annual Advent Confession Night Tuesday 19 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 23 December.

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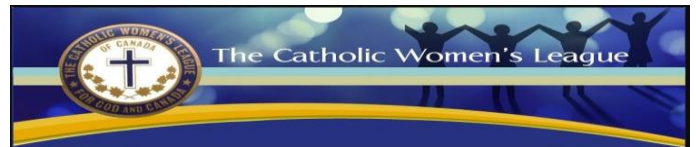
ARCHDIOCESAN CONSULTATION UNDERWAY

Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Feedback will help inform a renewed Pastoral Plan to be used in the years ahead. To learn more about the process, read the letter of invitation from the archbishop and **complete the short survey by December 15, 2023**, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/consultation. Please take a few minutes to share your insights and ideas. Thank you for your collaboration in this archdiocesan initiative.

2024 OFFERTORY BOXES



Please be sure to pick up your 2024 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 2024 envelopes until January.** Thank you for your generosity.



Calling all women of the parish! Come and join your CWL sisters for our monthly Mass on Sunday December 3rd at 10:15am. **The CWL will be hosting a Christmas Raffle and Bake Sale on December 9/10.** To purchase tickets for the raffle please see either Elizabeth or Mary Ellen at the CWL gift shop after weekend Masses. Tickets will go on sale on the weekend of December 2/3. Tickets prices are \$5 for 25 tickets.



The Senior's Christmas Mass and Luncheon will be held on Wednesday December 13th. Mass will be at 11:30am followed by the luncheon. Tickets are \$20 and will be on sale at the CWL gift shop after weekend Masses. Please stop by and get your tickets as soon as possible as numbers are limited.



"No one heals himself by wounding another. It is not enough to wish well; we must also do well". – St. Ambrose

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



CLARIFICATION OF MASS ATTENDANCE

SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER

9:00 AM NO MASS

5 PM

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM

10:15 AM

12 NOON NO MASS

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

4 PM

6 PM

9 PM

11:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

MONDAY 25 DECEMBER

10 AM

12 NOON

Because the Fourth Sunday of Advent is the same day as Christmas Eve, parishioners will have to attend one of the Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and to fulfill your Christmas obligation, will have to attend one of the Masses either on Christmas Eve or Day.

SATURDAY 30 DECEMBER

9 AM MASS

FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY

SATURDAY 30 DECEMBER

5 PM

SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER

8:30 AM

10:15 AM

12 NOON NO MASS

**HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S
EVE MASS)**

SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER

5 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY

MONDAY 1 JANUARY 2024

10 AM

11:30 AM

1 PM

Because the Feast of the Holy Family is the same day as New Year's Eve, parishioners will have to attend one of the Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family and to fulfill your New Year's obligation, will have to attend one of the Masses either on New Year's Eve or Day. 1 January, Mary Mother of God is a day of Mass obligation for all Catholics in Canada.



FIRST RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children on receiving their First Communion crosses this weekend. If your child was away for the December 2nd/3rd Masses, please see Mrs. Selda next week after the 7pm Mass to receive your child's cross. This was also the first passport collection date as well. All the passports will be returned to our 6 Parish schools throughout the week and to our RCIC classes next weekend. If your child did not submit their passport, please contact Mrs. Selda.

We look forward to seeing the children wearing their crosse as they prepare for their special First Communion Day.

God Bless, Dawn Selda

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all the candidates on receiving your Confirmation cross last weekend. The confirmation passports, for those who submitted, were returned to our 6 Parish schools last week. If your child attends public, private or other Catholic schools, the passports will be returned after Mass at the passport stamping station.

For those students who did not submit their passports for review, are to do so this weekend and will be available for pick up at the passport stamping station the following weekend after Mass. In addition, if you are a student who did not receive your cross, you will receive it at a later date.

As a gentle reminder, Father kindly asks all students to wait until the priest reaches the back of the church before heading to the passport station. Thank-you to those who have been following and respecting this guideline.

We look forward to seeing all of our confirmandi wearing their Blessed Crosses proudly. The parish continues to keep all of you in their prayers.

God Bless, Noah Aquino

ITALIAN LANGUAGE PERPETUAL HOLY ROSARY HOUR



We invite anyone interested to participate in the Italian Language Perpetual Holy Rosary Hour. This will be held once a month on the second Tuesday of the month at 10am. For additional information, please contact Corina Tuzi at 905-426-4871.

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