



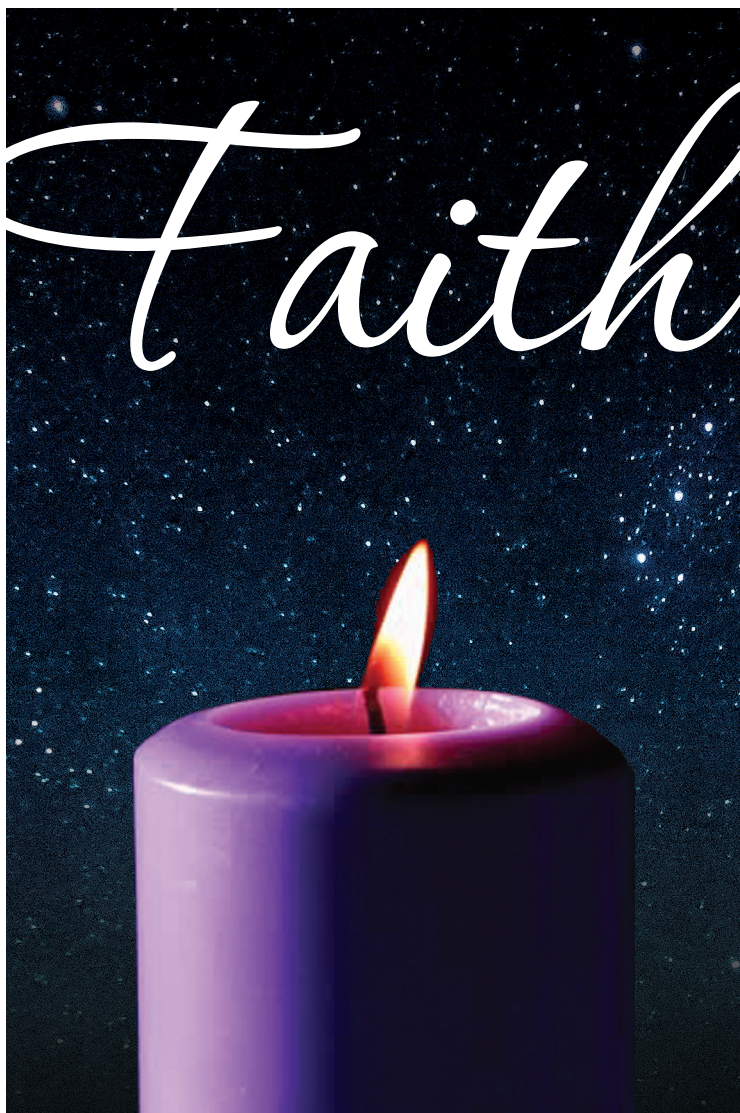
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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10th, 2023



*This Advent-time, we remember Mary and Joseph, giving thanks for their **faithfulness**, courage and obedience, stepping out into the unknown in the strength of your Spirit, playing their part in the fulfilment of your plan. We pray that their example might be the pattern of our lives, that when your gentle whisper breaks through the clamour of this world and into our small corner, that we might be ready to listen, and having listened, to act. — 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

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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2nd Sunday of Advent
John the Baptist prepares the way



“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.... 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/2017-2/sunday-gospel-reflection-advent.html>

"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

(Matthew 25:13)



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 11 DECEMBER *St. Damasus I*

9:00 AM S.I. FOR GOOD HEALTH, PEACE, SAFETY & HAPPINESS OF D'SOUZA FAMILY
+ DECEASED FRIENDS OF JOSE D'SOUZA
+ PHILOMINA THOMAS

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

9:00 AM + REGGIE D'SILVA & JOE PILLAY
+ MATHEW D'SOUZA & PASCAL GONSALVES
+ VINCENT D'CRUZ & PHILOMENIA MIRANDA

WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER *St. Lucy*

9:00 AM + SEMELHAGO, LEE, COUTO & QUADROS FAMILIES
+ DAVID LOPEZ

THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER *St. John of the Cross*

9:00 AM S.I. GILBERT, EDNA & CAROL
S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR SEYIN

FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER

7:00 PM + BENJAMIN STONE
+ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY
+ THOMAS FERNANDES

SATURDAY, 16 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. GARY GERBIS
+ STEPHANIE GERMAIN

5:00 PM S.I. LLOYD & MICHELLE D'SOUZA
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+ HILTON JAMES & LINDA LONDON

SUNDAY, 17 DECEMBER

8:30 AM S.I. SEMELHAGO, LEE, COUTO & QUADRO FAMILIES
+ THAMBU THURASINGHAM, JOHN THEVARAJAH & THIRUNAMAM NAGAMANI
10:15 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR ALICIA HARTMAN

12:00 PM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR ALL BLESSINGS RECEIVED
7:00 PM + HARRIET ANNE BLACK

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

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



FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER 2023

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$47,528
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$4,683
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$4,034
SHARELIFE	\$77,700	\$83,849
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$1,942,477

ADVENT CONFESSION NIGHT

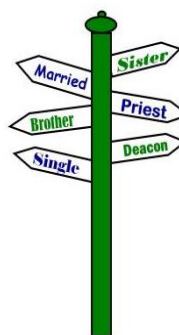


St Francis de Sales will have it's annual **Advent Confession Night Tuesday 19 December from 7 – 10 PM.** There will be many priests available for confessions. Please take advantage of this time as it will be your last major opportunity before the celebration of Christmas. There will be **NO** confessions on Saturday 23 December.



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.

VOCATIONS



John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto** at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Visit www.vocationstoronto.ca

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.**

"Strive to preserve your heart in peace; let no event of this world disturb it. The endurance of darkness is the preparation for great light"

- St. John of the Cross



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CLARIFICATION OF MASS ATTENDANCE

SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER

- 5:00 p.m.
- *There will be no 9:00 a.m. Mass on this day.*

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER: 4th Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m.
- 10:15 a.m.
- *There will be no 12 p.m. Mass on this day.*

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER: Christmas Eve Mass

- 4:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m.
- 9:00 p.m.
- 11:30 p.m.

MONDAY 25 DECEMBER: Christmas Day Mass

- 10:00 a.m.
- 12:00 p.m.

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

- 9:00 a.m.
- 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER: Feast of Holy Family

- 8:30 a.m.
- 10:15 a.m.
- *There will be no 12 p.m. Mass on this day.*

SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER: New Year's Eve Mass

- 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY 1 JANUARY: Holy Mary Mother of God New Year's Day

- 10:00 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m.
- 1:00 p.m.

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 last weekend. If your child was away for the December 2nd/3rd Masses, please contact Mrs. Selda to receive your child's cross. This was also the first passport collection date as well. 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. **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.**

God Bless,
Dawn Selda

CONFIRMATION

The confirmation passports, for those who submitted, last weekend, regardless of what school your child attends, 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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