



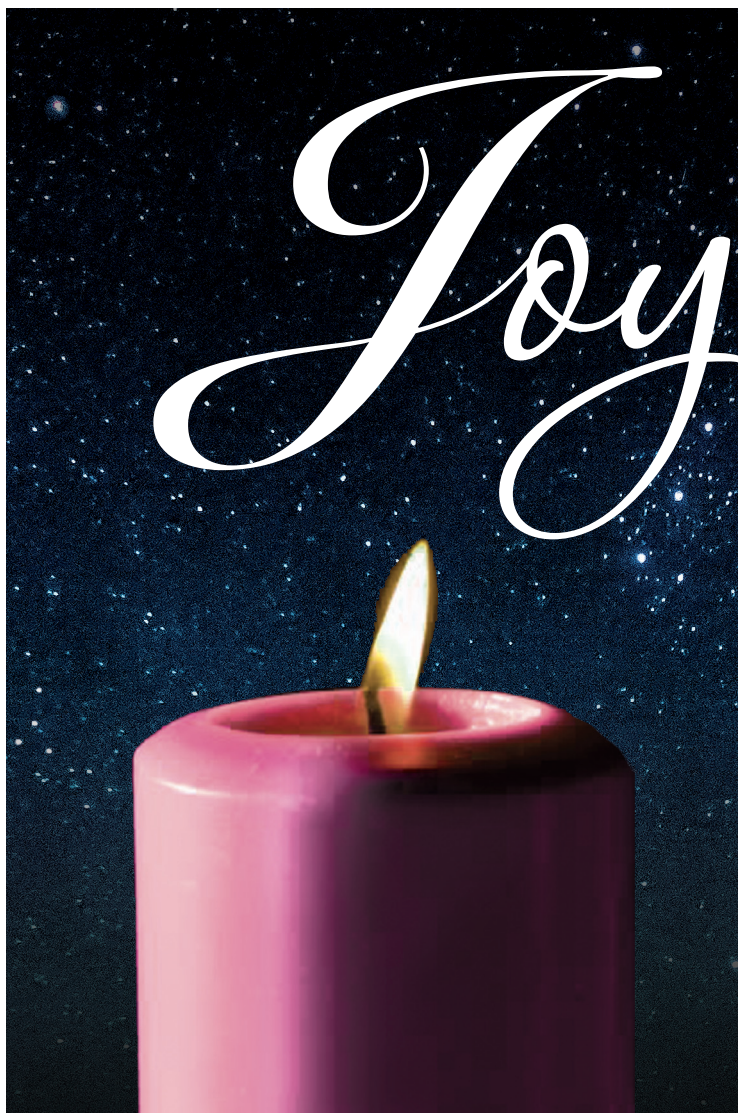
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### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17th, 2023



*God of hope,  
who brought **joy** into this world,  
be the joy that dwells between us.  
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,  
be the centre, the focus of our lives  
always, and particularly this Advent time.  
— 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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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# *Joyful Anticipation*

Though Advent is a penitential season, we're surrounded by joy. As we journey through this season, we **EMPTY OURSELVES** of the extra and unneeded and find ourselves open to be **FILLED BY AND WITH JESUS** himself.

Joy ... becomes a destination and a commitment we make. As the Holy Spirit becomes a more comfortable companion to us, we find that joy is a place we share.

Joy does not equal happiness, but it takes time to realize that, to appreciate it for the gift it is. We have to learn **TO COOPERATE WITH GOD'S GRACE** in our lives to be able to touch the joy that is as part of us as the air we breathe.

Source: <https://www.catholicmom.com/articles/2013/12/15/the-third-week-of-advent-the-joy-card>

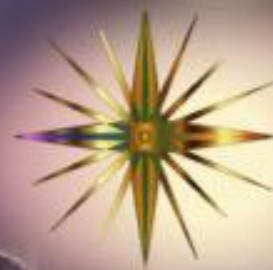
## Advent Confession Night

Tuesday, December, 19<sup>th</sup> (7pm – 10pm)

## Be Ready to Encounter Christ

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, 18 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. MARYANNE PINTO  
+ SHALOE KAUNDS  
+ NICHOLAS D'ROZARIO

#### TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + CECILIA CLEMENTS  
+ JORRIS DASAN & MARIA SELVAN

#### WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + FRANCIS GERBIS  
+ RAJ & SURESH FERNANDO

#### THURSDAY, 21 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + GAULBERT MONTEIRO  
+ LINDA MACKINNON

#### FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. PERLA LIM  
+ ROBERT SAPTEL  
+ GLORIA RIVAMONTE

#### SATURDAY, 23 DECEMBER

9:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**  
5:00 PM + SYLVIA, SIMON & SYDNEY D'SOUZA  
+ ALAIN BERNARD  
+ RENEE SURRETT & DENNIS HOWARD

#### SUNDAY, 24 DECEMBER *4th Sunday of Advent*

8:30 AM S.I. MICHAEL VITELLI  
S.I. MARIA CLOTILDE BORROS ABREA  
  
10:15 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS  
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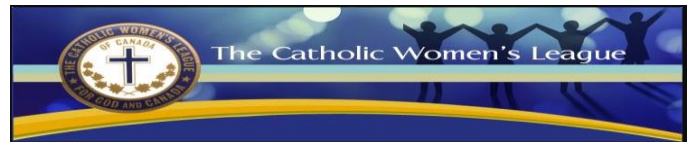
#### SUNDAY, 24 DECEMBER *Christmas Eve*

4:00 PM + BARBARA CANNATA  
+ JOSEPH & CECILIA CLEMENTS  
+ FRANK BARROBA  
6:00 PM + CHRISTIAN REVENTAR  
+ RICHARD, DORIS & MARILYN MCKEE  
+ EDMUND & THERESIA FIC  
9:00 PM + PATRICIA & KAZIMIR TVRDON  
+ CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ  
+ ELVENA SALEEM KHAN  
11:30 PM S.I. WILLIAM GERMAIN  
+ JAMES & SHEILA BAPTISTE  
+ BERNARD & ANNA ROSARIO

### 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 SFDS Catholic Women's League would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to the parishioners of our parish. With your unwavering support, our fundraising activities for 2023 were very successful. We hope to have your continued support in 2024. Merry Christmas!

### A BIG THANK YOU!

We would like to extend a big thank you to the Social Committee, CWL, K of C, Choir Directors, and all of our dedicated choir members and musicians for a wonderful Christmas concert! A lovely time was had by all with lots of singing, laughter, prayer, and joy. We had over 600 people attend the concert and a total of \$8000 was raised to be equally distributed to SVDP and the church mortgage fund. With that in mind, we would like to sincerely thank all parishioners for supporting and attending this event. It was beautiful to see our community come together in prayer and song. We look forward to having many more events where we can grow in faith and fellowship with one another. God bless you all and see you at our next concert!

### 2024 SUNDAY MISSALS

We have our 2024 Sunday Missals on sale in the foyer of the church after each of our weekend Masses. These missals have already come into effect, please recycle any old Sunday missals. The church is not collecting them this year.



### 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.**



Visit our **NEW** website:

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*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**

- 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.

### **SATURDAY 30 DECEMBER: Feast of Holy Family**

- 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. If your child was away for the December 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> 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

We look forward to seeing our confirmandi and their parents at the Advent reconciliation night on Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>. Students are to pick-up their confirmation workbook after their prayers. Parents, please check your email as message was sent out indicating the date and time of your child's confirmation class. **If there is an issue, please contact me as soon as possible.** 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

## PARKING – FIRE ROUTES



We have a problem regarding our fire routes and parking. Please respect the fire routes and do **not** park in front of them. Recently, fire trucks and ambulances have had a hard time accessing the parking lot because people who are illegally parked in the fire zones and driveways. Time is crucial if a parishioner needs medical attention and needs to be rushed to the hospital. Bylaw officers will issue tickets to those who do not comply especially during the holiday season.



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