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### *The Third Sunday of Advent*

December 14th 2025



*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 - 4:00 pm (church open until 5pm)  
SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
SUNDAY 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, 15 DECEMBER**

9:00 AM + STEPHANIE GERMAIN

**TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER**

9:00 AM + ALBERT JOSEPH GOMES

**WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER**

9:00 AM + SANTO NANIA  
+ ROBERT & SABINA RAJASINGHAM  
+ FIDELIS & CHARLOTTE MONTEIRO  
+ GLORIA, HUBERT & GAULBERT MONTEIRO  
+ VERNON FERNANDES

**THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER**

9:00 AM + SIMON D'CRUZ

**FRIDAY, 19 DECEMBER**

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR A SAFE DELIVERY  
+ LINDA LONDON & HILTON JAMES  
+ STEPHANIE ARCHER  
+ CHARLES & ALICE SOARES

**SATURDAY, 20 DECEMBER**

9:00 AM + MARCIANO ARANA  
5:00 PM + EVANS PAUL ANDREWS & MINTIA ANDREWS

**SUNDAY, 21 DECEMBER**

8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH  
10:15 AM + TERTULIANO RODRIGUES  
12:00 PM + MICHAEL SFERRUZZI  
7:00 PM AVAILABLE

## VOCATIONS



"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you **contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997**  
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## ADVENT CONFESSION NIGHT

St Francis de Sales will have its annual Advent Confession Night Tuesday 16 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.



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

4 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m. & 11:30 p.m.

**Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25**

10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

**Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at: 5 p.m.

Thursday January 1<sup>st</sup> at: 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

To fulfill your Christmas obligation, you will have to attend one of the Masses on either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God is also a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics in Canada. To fulfill this obligation, you must attend Mass on either New Years Eve or New Years Day.

## 2026 OFFERTORY BOXES



Please be sure to pick up your 2026 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 2026 envelopes until January 1.**

Please continue to use the 2025 envelopes to the December 28. If you have requested envelopes over the past couple of weeks, the envelopes will not be ready until the second or third weekend in January. Please continue to use the visitor's envelopes located in the pew pockets and print your name and address clearly on the lines. Thank you for your understanding and generosity!



Our Seniors' Mass and Lunch will be held on **Wednesday, December 17th**. We will begin with Mass at 11:30 a.m. followed by the luncheon. This event is open to all seniors of the parish. If you are planning to attend, please contact: Mary Ellen Stinson at 905-666-3752 or by email at [mellen.stinson@gmail.com](mailto:mellen.stinson@gmail.com)

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**FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER 2025**

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$50,862
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$5,590
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$5,962
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$1,388,331



Thank you for all that you are doing for the ShareLife campaign. We are very grateful for your generosity and support. **To date, we have collected \$83,889 for the ShareLife appeal. This is 80% of our parish goal, which is \$104,000.** You may also choose to give to the ShareLife appeal by way of credit card. To donate online go to: [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org)

**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. A total of \$10, 600 was raised to be equally distributed to SVDP and the church mortgage fund. We would like to thank all parishioners for supporting & attending this event. God bless you all!



The CWL would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parishioners for their generous support and participation in our Christmas basket raffle. Your contributions, whether through donating, or purchasing tickets played a vital role in making the event a success. Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity.



The Ajax Public Library is recognizing Christian Heritage Month by displaying cultural nativity sets from various churches in the library for the month of December. Several of our nativity sets from Christmas around the world are in this display. Please drop by the Audley Branch to check them out!

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

**FIRST RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to all the children on receiving their First Communion crosses. If your child was away for the November 22/23 Enrollment Masses, please contact Mrs. Selda to receive your child's cross. This was also the first passport collection date. If your child did not submit their passport, please contact Mrs. Selda.

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

God Bless, Dawn Selda

**CONFIRMATION**

We look forward to seeing our Confirmandi and their parents at the **Advent Reconciliation night on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Students are to pick-up their confirmation workbook after they've completed their prayers. Parents, please check your email as a message was sent out to confirm the day and time of your child's Confirmation class starting in January. **If there is an issue, please contact Noah as soon as possible.** If you are a student who did not receive your cross, you will receive it at the confession night.

**As reminder, Father 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







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## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

**1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.**

Do I give God time every day in prayer?

Have I placed my trust in occult or superstitious practices such as the reading of horoscopes or tarot cards, Ouija boards, or seeking the advice of psychics, fortune-tellers or palm readers?

Do I accept God's word as taught by the Church?

Have I received Holy Communion in a state of mortal sin?

Have I deliberately told a lie in Confession, or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?

Are there other "gods" in my life - Money? Power? Material wealth and security? Other human beings? Relationships? My own self-image?

Has my work ever interfered in my relationship with God?

**2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**

Have I used God's name lightly or carelessly?

Have I resorted to cursing or swearing?

Have I perjured myself under oath?

Have I been angry with God?

Have I wished evil upon another person?

Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object or participated in jokes aimed at demeaning religion, the Church, or God's authority?

Have I followed Church rituals while not actually living out my faith in practice?

**3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day,**

I-lave I deliberately been absent from Mass on Sundays or on other Holy Days of Obligation (December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>)?

Have I tried to observe Sunday as a day of worship and prayer, as well as a day for family and a day of rest?

Do I engage in needless work on Sunday, having wasted other opportunities to work outside of Sunday?

I-lave I done unnecessary shopping on Sunday?

Do I ever say, "I am too busy" to go to church?

**4. Honour your father and mother.**

As a young person in the family home, do I listen to, respect and obey my parents?

As a parent, do I give my children good religious example?

As an adult, do I visit and care for my aged and infirm relatives?

Do I harbour resentment towards family members?

Do I try to bring peace into my home-life?

**5. You shall not kill.**

Have I physically struck someone, intending to injure that person?

Have I destroyed the spirit of another person by my words or actions?

Have I been angry at someone to the point of harbouring hatred in my heart?

Have I had an abortion or encouraged or helped someone else to have an abortion?

Have I participated in the process of artificial insemination, *in vitro* fertilization, etc. or promoted such practices to others, even though the Catholic Church prohibits them?

Have I been sterilized (vasectomy or tubal ligation) or encouraged someone else to be sterilized?

Have I abused alcohol or drugs? Have I driven a car or operated equipment while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, thereby placing my life or the lives of others at risk?

Have I given scandal to anyone because of my own inappropriate behaviour?

Have my words or actions led others into sin?

Have I participated in or approved of euthanasia?

Have I entertained thoughts of suicide?



**6. You shall not commit adultery.**

Have I engaged in any sexual activity, by myself or with another, outside of marriage?  
Have I used artificial contraception or "birth control"?  
Have I thought of other people as mere objects of sexual pleasure?  
Have I participated in homosexual activity?  
Have I been impure in my thoughts, words, or actions [e.g. with my boyfriend/ girlfriend or fiancé(e)]?  
Have I been immodest in the way I have dressed?  
Have I ever watched, purchased or sold pornography (books, movies, internet)?  
Have I participated in lewd or obscene jokes or stories?

**7. You shall not steal.**

Have I taken something that does not belong to me without asking and/or without the intention of returning it?  
Have I made restitution for what has been stolen?  
Do I waste time at work, school, or at home?  
Do I gamble excessively?  
Do I pay my debts promptly?  
Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?  
Do I withhold financial support from the Church?  
Have I cheated anyone out of what justly belongs to them, (e.g., the government (income tax), creditors, insurance companies)?  
Have I been irresponsible, wasteful or needlessly extravagant in my manner of living?

**8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.**

Have I told lies?  
Have I engaged in gossip, or have I defamed the reputation of another person?  
Have I spoken ill of others behind their back without any desire to help them overcome their failings?  
Am I critical, negative, or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?  
Do I respect the confidences of others?  
Do I always keep promises I have made?

**9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife (spouse).**

Have I sought the affections of someone other than my spouse?  
Have I contemplated infidelity, flirted, or actually been unfaithful (physically or emotionally) to my spouse?  
Have I indulged in reading, movies, television, internet sites, or conversations which are impure?  
Have I upheld and defended the dignity of my spouse in all circumstances?  
Have I rejected my spouse or family in my heart, wishing to distance myself emotionally and personally from them?

**10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.**

Do I envy the relationships, status or personal qualities of others?  
Do I envy the material possessions, success or financial security of others?  
Have I been greedy or selfish?  
Am I ungrateful for my own personal and spiritual gifts, relationships, and material possessions?  
Do I exercise responsible stewardship over what God has given me?

**ACT OF CONTRITION: O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, Who are all good and worthy of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, to avoid near occasions of sin, and to sincerely try not to sin any more.**