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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017



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Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. & by appointment

Baptisms

Please contact the Parish Office

Marriages

Please contact the parish office one year in advance

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday to Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Friday 6:00 p.m. Adoration/ 7:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Devotions

Rosary. Half an hour before weekday Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Saturdays after 9:00 a.m. Mass

Those interested in being Catholic

Adults who have not been baptized or wish to be received into the Catholic Church participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). If interested, please contact the parish office.

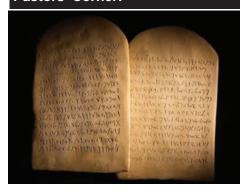
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Second Sunday of Advent

Pastors' Corner:



In the first session of our new Baptism preparation process we try to remind the parents that the baptism of their child will be an entrance (and integration) into the Body of Christ which is the Church. We hope that by focusing on the importance of knowing Christ and His Church he founded, they can see the importance of "Practicing their Faith" so that they can raise their children in the "Practice of the Faith".

Have you ever wondered what it means to "Practice your faith"? What would you say to someone who asked what a practicing Catholic does? Here is a good answer you can give:

To be a "Practicing Catholic" one is to follow the Ten Commandments and adhere to the Catholic Church's teachings in regards to Faith and Morals and to follow the "Precepts of the Catholic Church". Let's look deeper into what all of this means.

We are called to follow the Ten Commandments. We all know that there are Ten Commandments, although some may not be able to recite all of them by heart.

Let's review the Ten Commandments as it is traditionally presented for memorization:

- 1. I am the Lord your God: You shall not have strange Gods before me.
- 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
- 4. Honor your father and mother.
- 5. You shall not kill.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 7. You shall not steal.
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

These Ten Commandments can be further simplified into the "Greatest Commandment" when Jesus says "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Mtt. 22:36-40)

The first three of the Ten Commandments refer to our relationship with God. The last seven of the Ten Commandments refer to our relationship with others and ourselves.

I encourage you to try to memorize the 10 Commandments so that when asked by someone seeking to know what it means to be a practicing Catholic you can respond initially with the Ten Commandments.

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

p.s. I propose that next week we focus on how we are called as Catholic's to adhere in obedience, to the Catholic Church's teachings in regards to Faith and Morals. It's at this point, in the definition of what it means to be a "practicing Catholic" that a good number of Catholics react unfavorably and reject the idea that there is a need to be obedient to Catholic Teaching on Faith and Morals for one to be a "practicing Catholic". But this is a topic for next week...:):):)

Thank You!



We would like to thank all of our sponsors for supporting the St. Mary's Family Christmas Project this year. With your generosity, we were able to sponsor over 45 families (and still counting) and ensure that these families experience a joyful Christmas. Receiving families have written cards of thanks and these are posted in the front foyer.

Christmas Decoration

This Christmas season, we are asking our parishioners to help in our Christmas decorating by offering to bring Poinsettias for the Church. If you wish to dedicate your flowers to someone who has passed away, please put the name in the pot. Please drop off your Poinsettias from Dec 15 to Dec 22. Thank you for your generosity.

God Bless, - The Liturgical Decoration Feam



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 , contact:

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday - December 11 Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Miguel Robles †
- Orlando Pascual †

<u>Tuesday - December 12</u> <u>Our Lady of Guadalupoe</u>

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Renato Huinda †

7:00 p.m. - Mass - Spanish

Wednesday- December 13 St. Lucy

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Bertie Perera †
- Anthony & Matilda Pint †
- Felix Giulitto †
- Basilia Abad †
- Eurofia Demiao †
- Antonio D'Ovidio †
- Vincente Albano & Deceased Family Members †
- Anh Mai †
- Luong Phu Nguyen †
- Domenic Pereira †

Thursday - December 14 St. John of the Cross

9:00 a.m. - Mass
• Bertelle Fernandes †

Friday - December 15 Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass

 Special Intention for Angelo & Vita Tinella

6:00 p.m. - Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. - Mass

Humberto Silva †

Saturday – December 16 Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass Special Intentions for

- Cletus Okonkwo
- Gracia Gracy
- Erlinda Dungog †
- Leslie Keller & Deceased Family Members †
- Majer & Jurko Family †
- Dario Coi †
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- Antonio Feliciano Melo †

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help after the morning Mass

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:00 p.m. - Sunday Vigil Mass

2018 Envelopes



The 2018 Donation Envelopes are now available for pick up at the back of the church. If you had an envelope box last year you can look for your new box there. If you did not have a box but wish to get one please contact the office. We also ask for you to take some time to double check your information.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



El día martes 12 de diciembre celebraremos una misa especial en honor a nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. La misa será a las 7 p.m. Después de la Misa tendremos una pequeña celebración en el gimnasio de la escuela.

Todos son bienvenidos a celebrar a nuestra Patrona de las Américas.

On Tuesday, December the 12th, we will be celebrating a special Mass in Spanish for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Mass will be at 7 p.m. After the Mass we will have a small celebration at the school gym.

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Advent Confessions ADVENT 2017 Day of Confessions December 10-16, 2017

Advent Confession at Our Parish will Take Place as Follows

Date:	Time:	
Wednesday, December 13th	6 p.m 8 p.m.	
Thursday, December 14th	10 a.m 12 p.m. and 6 p.m 8 p.m.	
Friday, December 15th	10 a.m 12 p.m. and 6 p.m 8 p.m.	
Saturday, December 16th	10 a.m 12 p.m. and 3 p.m 5 p.m.	
Confession at Other Local Parishes:	Date:	Time:
St. John Fisher Parish 300 Balmoral Drive, Bramalea	December 12th	9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
St. Jerome's Parish 8530 Chinguacousy Road, Brampton	December 12th	7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish 2490 Sandalwood Parkway East, Brampton	December 13th	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
St. Anne's Parish 115 Vodden Street East, Brampton	December 16th	9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
<u>St. Anthony of Padua Parish</u> 940 North Park Drive, Bramalea	December 18th	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

St. Mary's Advent Preparation

Here at St. Mary's Church—Prepare for Advent by joining us in the Sullivan Room this week for part 2 of the Video Presentation of the Formed production of Anima. Monday, December 11th at 7:00 pm or Wednesday, December 13th following the 9 am Mass. You can also enjoy this program & many more at home by registering online.

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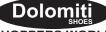
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