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1st Sunday of Advent

December 2nd, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

Hope

Son of Man, coming unexpectedly into Mary and Joseph's life and ours, show up in our Advent preparations.

Meet us in the busy-ness and the silence.

Interrupt our comfortable lives with your newness of life.

Prepare us to be unsettled by the unconditional love of God who is born in our lives, over and over again. Amen.

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Daily Mass Schedule

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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

Reconciliation

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

Adoration Chapel

Monday to Thursday 9:30am to 8:00pm

Fridays 9:30am to 6:00pm

Saturdays 9:30am to 4:00pm

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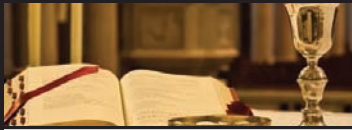
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First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions For the Week



Monday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier

9:00 a.m. - Mass
• Helen Bertin †

Tuesday, December 4 St. John Damascene

9:00 a.m. - Mass
• Ben & Ellen Mangabang †

Wednesday, December 5 Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass
Special Intentions for
• Edward Vella
• Maikel & Iskandara Michricky
• Max Rego
• Jose & Belmira Patricio †
• Celine Ranan †
• Lube Zebec †
• Maria Ema Travassos †
• Guiomar Melo †
• Andrea Hojas Borromeo †
• Austin Fernandes †
• Lucille McLaughlan-Heniy †
• Giuseppe Tafaro †
• Maria Santarossa †

Thursday, December 6 St. Nicholas

9:00 a.m. - Mass
• Emilio & Marina Lagman †

Friday, December 7 St. Ambrose

9:00 a.m. - Mass
• CWL Members Living
& Deceased †
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. - Mass
Special Intention for
• Elisa Marcelino

Saturday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. - Mass
**Devotion to Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
after the morning Mass**
4:00 p.m. - Confessions
5:00 p.m. - Sunday Vigil Mass

Let us Pray for the Sick

Deacon John Kennedy
Max Rego
Marissa Cerrutti

For the Recently Departed

Guiomar Melo
Annamaria Rockfort
Carlos Barbosa
Margarete Baur
Ronald James McDonald
Aaron Kowal

Pastor's Corner

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, **God is good all the time, and all the time ... Hello Christmas** It is no longer a secret, Christmas is almost at the corner... Wow. Can you feel it...? Oh I can feel it (*and I'm neither referring to the cold nor to the icy snow*) haha. Would you like to know what I enjoy most about Christmas? You'd like to guess? ... The snow? The Christmas trees and light? The gifts? Hahaha.. you are not quite wrong, but not quite correct either! Indeed, what I enjoy most about Christmas is the atmosphere of peace, fraternity, sharing and familiarity. Wherever these four items abound, Christmas becomes monumental, for it brings with it a profound positive change in our lives, in our relationships and in our Community.

As we begin this Sunday a new liturgical year (C), we simultaneously celebrate the First Sunday of the Advent Season. It is a season of hopeful expectation. What are we expecting in hope? While we celebrate the human birth of the eternal Son of God (who is true Man among human beings), we also look forward to his spiritual rebirth within us, hence, in our hearts, in our homes, in our parish Community and, of course, in our dear country, Canada. In the Gospel reading of today (Luke 21), Jesus admonishes us saying: "Be on your guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap". What day is the Lord pointing to? Jesus refers to the Day of his coming, namely Christmas.

Is the spiritual meaning of Christmas still respected nowadays? Of course, yes; yet, it clearly goes downhill, compared to years back. How is that? It is obvious, is it not? ... It is common experience that most times we find ourselves so engulfed in Christmas multitasking, such as worries about what to wear, what to eat and what to buy, etc., that we forget the most essential part: interior, spiritual rebirth in Christ Jesus, with him and through him! To be born again means to open one's heart to Jesus that he might renew us interiorly; that he might re-energize us and lend us new vision for our lives. For this reason, let us not forget to purify our innermost selves during these four weeks of hopeful expectation. And, since the new born King brings with him the gift of peace, may he find our souls ready to receive that precious gift. In fact, I can tell you that, true peace is the greatest gift we can have for Christmas. Once we are able to lure true peace into our hearts, only then can sharing our meals, gifts, time and treasures obtain genuine significance; which means that we now share from our heart rather than from some sense of obligation. Now Christmas acquires its true meaning!

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

Blessings, Fr. Patrick CCE

The Angelus Prayer

The word "Angelus" comes from the Latin "Angelus Domini" meaning "Angel of the Lord". This is a prayer of the Church commonly said three times a day at morning, noon and evening. [Or traditional times at 6 AM, Noon, and 6 PM]. The present-day form of the Angelus traces back to 1560 and is a prayer composed of a short verse followed by a response, and then followed by a Hail Mary. It is an excellent prayer reminding all of Christ's Incarnation to save humanity. If you are praying in a family setting or a group, the leader saying the "V" (verse) parts and you say the "R" (response) part, but if you are praying alone, you will pray the entire prayer. May God bless you as you pray the Angelus.

Angelus:

V: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

All: Hail Mary...

V: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R: Be it done unto me according to thy word.

All: Hail Mary...

V: And the Word was made Flesh.

R: And dwelt among us.

All: Hail Mary...

V: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V: Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that, we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Advent Confession Schedule at St. Mary's Parish

Tuesday, December 18th 10 am - 12 noon and 6 pm - 8 pm
Wednesday, December 19th 10 am - 12 noon and 6 pm - 8 pm
Saturday, December 22nd 10 am - 12 noon and 3 pm - 5 pm



St. Mary's Parish 100th Anniversary & Feast Day



Saturday, December 8th, we will be celebrating The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Parish Feast Day and the 100th Anniversary of our Parish at our 9am Mass. To continue in our celebration we invite you to join us for "Fellowship Sunday" at the parish hall after all the Sunday masses next weekend. We will have coffee, tea, hot-chocolate, and sweets to share in this celebration. Our Knights of Columbus have kindly accepted to be our host's for this fellowship Sunday 100th anniversary celebration.

Spanish Youth Dinner Dance

The Young Adults from the Charismatic Renewal here at St. Mary's are inviting you to participate in their Christmas Dinner Dance! They are making this event with the purpose of fundraising some money for their pilgrimage to the World Youth Day conference with Pope Francis in Panama early next year. This has been a long-term project with the goal of bringing many blessings to share with the community. The event will be held on **December 15** and the ticket cost is **\$40**. There will be delicious dinner, service from the young adults and enjoyable music throughout. For more information or tickets please see young adults after this weekends mass.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Por favor únase a nosotros el miércoles 12 de diciembre para una misa en español a las 7:00 PM para celebrar el día de la fiesta de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona de las Américas. Después de la Misa habrá una pequeña celebración en el salón parroquial.

Please join us Wednesday, December 12th for a 7:00 pm mass in Spanish to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron Saint of the Americas. Following the mass there will be a small celebration in the Parish Hall.

Knights of Columbus - Lighting Up For Christmas

"Lighting up of Christmas" Friday, December 7th. Please join us after the 5 pm mass as we prepare the way by lighting the nativity scene outside the entrance of the church, then join us in the Parish Hall for hot chocolate and fellowship.

Signs, Cakes & Cards This Weekend and Next

"Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn signs will be for sale by the Knights of Columbus following each Mass this weekend and next in the Parish Hall.

Christmas Cakes and Cards will also be for sale from Cherish Life made by the Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abby and Proceeds will benefit Pro-Life Initiatives.



55+ Club Multicultural Potluck

In lieu of Muffin Morning, please join us Monday, December 10th at 12 noon for a Multicultural Potluck. Bring a special dish or \$5 to reimburse potluckers. Reserve 905 451-7819.

Prayer of St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
 Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
 May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
 and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
 by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan,
 and all the evil spirits,
 who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
 Amen

Oración a San Miguel Arcángel

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la lucha.
 Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y asechanzas del demonio.
 ¡Reprímale Dios! Pedimos suplicantes;
 Y tú, oh Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial, con el poder que Dios te ha conferido, arroja al infierno a Satanás, y a los demás espíritus malignos que vagan por el mundo para la perdición de las almas.
 Amén.

Pray for Vocations

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997 vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca**



The Catholic Women's League invites their members to a Christmas Social

on Wednesday, December 5 at 7:00 PM, Parish Hall.

Members will have an opportunity to renew their 2019 membership. Cost of membership is \$25.00. Come and join us for an enjoyable evening of laughter and fellowship.

Please bring a donation with you to the CWL Christmas Social for the Knights Table Food Bank.

The most needed food items are: Breakfast supplies, cereal –hot and cold; pancake mix, syrup (high demand); Pasta Sauce; Canned


Meat; Canned Vegetables; Canned Fruit; Kraft Mac & Cheese and Instant Noodles; Snacks such as puddings, Jello, Granola Bars; Juices & Drink Boxes.

The most needed personal care items are: Diapers (size 3 in high demand); Sanitary Products such as toilet paper, Feminine Hygiene products – soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste (high demand).

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