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November 28, 2021

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Daily Mass Schedule Monday to Saturday 9:00am

Fridays : 9:00am Holy Hour 6:00pm Mass 7:00pm

Sunday Eucharist Saturdays 5:00pm and 6:30pm Sundays 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm and 2:00pm - Spanish Mass

Livestream Masses:

Parish Schools

St. Francis Xavier

Bishop F. Allen

St. Mary

St. Kevin

Daily at 9:00am (English) Sundays at 11:00am (English) 2:00pm (Spanish)

Reconciliation Fridays 6:00pm - 6:45pm Saturdays 9:45am - 11:00am

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First Sunday in Advent

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Church Open to Prayer

The First Sunday

of Advent

Monday to Friday 8:00am to 8:00pm

Saturdays 8:00am to 4:00pm

Office hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30am to 5:00pm

> **Tuesdays and Thursdays** 9:30am to 8:00pm



<u>Monday - November 29th</u> Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

Tuesday - November 30th St. Andrew the Apostle

9:00 am - Mass

Wednesday - December 1st Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

• Filomena Littlejohn (SI)

• Ivan Ursic & Deceased Fam. †

Thursday - December 2nd

Ferial 9:00 am - Mass

• Julio Guzman Sr. (SI)

Friday - December 3rd

St. Francis Xavier - memorial 9:00 am - Mass

• Brennan-McCauley Fam. †

7:00 am-Mass

Dolores Arcos †

Saturday - December 4th

St. John Damascene

- 9:00 am Mass
- Jeanne Marroquin (SI)
- Stella, James & Kent Smith †
 Claire Gill †

<u>Sunday - December 5th</u> Ferial

Let us Pray

For all the sick in our Community

For the Recently Deceased

- Apologia Helena Wilski
- Regina M. Arruda Rodrigues
- Giuseppe Sulmona
- Martha Nelly Gomez
- Amalia Perpetual Fernandes

Parish Life



E-Newsletter update

Starting January 2022 the E-Newsletter will be sent to you through our website. We ask you to please register as soon as possible so you don't miss the information and inspiring links that will help you to grow in your Catholic faith.

To visit our website <u>Click Here</u> open "Contact Us" then "Sign Up" and select "Parish Bulletin" and "Subscribe"

Lawn Signs, Car Magnets, Buttons and Calendars

"The Knights of Columbus will be outside the church exists after all weekend Masses on **Nov. 27/28** with 'Keep Christ in Christmas' lawn signs, car magnets and buttons as well as fundraising calendars featuring photos of the 12 most visited churches in Ontario."



The St. Mary's Catholic Women's League thanks our parishioners for their support of our Christmas Mini Bazaar last weekend. Many of you expressed how wonderful it was to see a tradition continue and a little normality return.

The event was a great success and your support will let us continue with financial help to many charities at home and abroad.

A special thank you to Fran Caldwell and her CWL team whose organization and hard work made this Bazaar possible. We also thank the many CWL members and friends who donated their talents over the past year; they were much appreciated by those who attended.

Thank you for your Support!

2022 Envelopes



The 2022 Envelopes are available for pick up at the back of the church and by the exit doors. Boxes will not have your name on them this year; rather, on the first three envelopes you use, **print your full name, mailing address and phone number clearly** and you will be assigned the number on the box.

Starting January 1, 2022 you can start using your 2022 envelopes

During 2022 **DO NOT use your 2021 envelopes**, if you do, **your donation will be credited to someone else.**

Registration is Required through EventBrite to attend Sunday Masses Visit our Parish website to register or call the Parish Office for support.

The Church will be open 30 min before each Mass

Thank You for your Offering!

November 21 2021 Regular Collection \$5,100.95

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Around our Church and our Community

First Communion and Confirmation UPDATE

For those families who are inquiring about our First Communion and Confirmation program, please see registration links below. **Registration will end on December 31, 2021**

Fr. Liborio's First Communion and Confirmation <u>Registration video</u>

First Communion <u>To Register Click Here</u>

Confirmation To Register Click Here

You can also find this information on our parish media platforms (i.e. Parish Website, YouTube and Facebook channels), E-Newsletter (bulletin) and during our parish announcements at the end of our Sunday masses.

Thank you for putting People and the Planet First

A major focus of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's People and Planet First campaign is advocating for a law that compels Canadian companies to respect the human and environmental rights of local populations in their overseas operations. This fall, acting in solidarity with their brothers and sisters in the Global South, thousands of Canadians signed a petition asking the government to enact such a law. On behalf of all those who struggle to preserve their land, lives, livelihoods and lifestyles, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for your commitment and mobilization. Together, we act in solidarity with the protectors of the Earth. Together, we have the power to change lives.

To continue supporting the petition and to keep up the campaign momentum, visit <u>https://devp.org/en</u>

Family Christmas Project Deadline December 8th



Each year St. Mary's Parishioners are generous in supporting families in need in our community at Christmas time.

If you are able to support a family this Christmas, we ask that you

purchase Walmart gift cards and kindly drop them off at the church office **by December 8th**.

Typically, a \$50.00 gift card supports the purchase of a child's gift and a \$150.00 gift card will support the purchase of groceries for a family. The gift cards will be distributed to families in need.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity in supporting a family of St. Mary's Parish this Christmas season. We are Living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

Young Adults Ministry

St. Mary's Parish is running a young adults ministry for ages 18-39.

We meet bi-weekly holding faith studies and a monthly social/outing. Our meetings take place at the parish and occasionally online. Our mission is to provide a fun, friendly, safe place to learn, grow, and serve the Lord with God being in the center of everything we do.

Let's strive for holiness with prayer, praise & worship, faith-studies, socials, movies, and outings in fellowship with one another, embodying the Church.

If you're interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Linda at lindavieira8@hotmail.com

Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception

Only one person ever chose His own mother—and she was perfect

We will celebrate the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception with a **7:00pm Mass on December 8th**.

Following the mass we will have the **Knights of Columbus** leading us with the "Lighting up of Christmas" as in years past.



Mary of the Immaculate Conception, may your purity, virtue, and obedience be a perennial model for all the faithful of the humble and narrow pathways which alone lead to God. Be at our side to encourage and inspire us as we try to be ever nearer to your Son, Jesus.

-My Catholic Life

Religious Article Store

Please enter via the Parish Hall entrance.

- After the Saturday 5:00pm mass until 6:25pm
- After the Sunday 8:00am mass until 9:25am
- After the Sunday 11:00am mass until 12:25pm

We have a good selection of religious gifts and cards for all occasions, including First Communion. Our volunteers will be happy to help you.

Please wear your mask and follow physical distancing.

Date	Feast	Time
Friday Dec. 24 th Office Closed	Christmas Eve	5:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:00 pm (in Spanish) and 9:30 pm. <u>Note:</u> There is NO Midnight Mass this year
Saturday Dec.25 th Office Closed	Christmas Day	8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm (in Spanish) <u>Note:</u> No 5pm and 6:30pm evening Masses
Sunday Dec. 26 th Office Closed	Feast of the Holy Family	8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm (in Spanish)
Monday Dec. 27 th Office Closed	Christmas Weekday	9:00 am Morning Mass Church open for private prayer from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Tuesday Dec. 28 th Office Closed	Christmas Weekday	9:00 am Morning Mass Church open for private prayer from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Wednesday Dec. 29 th Office Closed	Christmas Weekday	9:00 am Morning Mass Church open for private prayer from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Thursday Dec. 30 th Office Closed	Christmas Weekday	9:00 am Morning Mass Church open for private prayer from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Friday Dec. 31 st	Vigil: Feast Day of Mary the	9:00 am Morning Mass Church open for private prayer from 8:00am am to 4:00pm
Office Closed	Mother of God	Vigil Masses: 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm
Saturday Jan. 1 st , 2022 Office Closed	Feast day of Mary the Mother of God	8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm (in Spanish) <u>Note:</u> No 5pm and 6:30pm evening Masses
Sunday Jan. 2 nd , 2022 Office Closed	Epiphany of Our Lord	8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30pm and 2:00 pm (in Spanish)

Around our Church and our Community

Pope: 'Light of Christmas shines all the brighter amid darkness of pandemic'



Advent and Covid

The Pope expressed his happiness at meeting them all "at the threshold of Advent, the period that every year introduces us to Christmas and its Mystery."

He noted that this year, too, the lights of Christmas seem dimmed by the consequences of the pandemic, which, the Pope added, "still weighs heavily on our time."

The spirit of Christmas

Pope Francis went on to stress that the beauty of Christmas shines through in the sharing of small gestures of concrete love.

Beauty to avoid despair

Brining his message to a close, Pope Francis repeated the words of Pope St Paul VI: 'This world in which we live needs beauty so as not to fall into despair'

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Advent

Is nothing other than annual meditation on the work of **salvation and sanctification**, the work of **grace and love** which the Lord began and continually begins in every man and in every generation down to the last coming of Jesus Christ



The Spirituality of Advent with Dr. Tim Gray

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Live Webinar on Tuesday, November 30 at 11 a.m. MT Join us for a reflection on how to prepare for the coming of the Messiah



Dr. Tim Gray, President of the Augustine Institute, will offer a reflection on the spirituality of the season of Advent, focusing on how we as Catholics need to live the "pre-season" well, so we can be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift of peace that God the Father gives us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus.

This Advent study is a free sneak peek of our monthly Mission Circle Webinar Series.

Join us on Tuesday, **November 30 at 11 a.m. MT**. **Register for free today** to secure your spot live or to receive a recording of the webinar.

<u>REGISTER</u>

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Religious Education and Faith Formation

St. Andrew: After the Upper Room

Explore the lives of the Apostles — Who are they? What is their story? Whom did they influence? How did they lay the foundations of the Church as we know it? Begin with St. Andrew, presented by Fr. Ambrose Criste, O.Praem.

Click Here to Learn More

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 God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email <u>vocations@archtoronto.org</u> www.vocationstoronto.ca

Prayer in Time of COVID

Gracious God, you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of COVID-19, increase in us, respect and reverence for all human life.

Grant restored health to the sick, comfort and hope to the dying, eternal peace for those who have died, strength to family members, relatives, clergy, friends and volunteers, renewed energy to hospital workers, PSWs, nurses and doctors, and perseverance to all in the health care professions.

Grant wisdom to scientists for the development of effective and moral vaccines, discernment and right judgment for legislators, aid to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable, courage and justice for front-line workers and all who risk their lives for the benefit of others, and keep always in our minds the vision of the true common good of all the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB

3 Minute Prayer Retreat



Bless the Lord, my soul; do not forget all the gifts of God,Who pardons all your sins, (and) heals all your ills.

-Psalm 103:2-3

Saint Francis Xavier



An iconic missionary blazes a path for Christ in India and Japan

Today's great missionary knelt on the floor next to Saint Ignatius Loyola and five other men in a church on Montmartre overlooking Paris in 1534 and took private vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience to the Pope. It was the start of the Jesuits. Francis Xavier would be ordained a priest three years later in Venice and, in 1540, would sail from Lisbon, Portugal, to India, never to return.

Francis' first goal was to evangelize the settlers. He preached, taught, heard confessions, and encouraged the Portuguese to live their baptismal faith if they harbored any hope of winning India for Christ.

Click Here to Learn More

The Chris Stefanick Show - Mario Enzler - Former Swiss Guard of St. John Paul II



Mario Enzler, a former Swiss Guard who served Pope John Paul II, joins Chris on the show to discuss stories his life as a Swiss Guard, **stories of John Paul II, and his encounter** with Mother Teresa.

Podcast - Click Here

The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz

If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you.

Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes (you can start any day of the year) Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

• two to three scripture readings • a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz • and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.

Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast for Catholics follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure BibleTimeline® learning system, a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins. <u>Register</u>

Family Corner

Advent Video: Love Is Coming



Welcome to Advent! In this seasonal reflection, Joe Paprocki shares what Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young have to do with Advent and gratitude.

Week ONE

Arts & Faith: Advent-**First Sunday Imaginative Prayer Exercise**



Prepare for a period of meditation by sitting comfortably, closing your eyes, and breathing deeply for a moment or two. Allow any present concerns to move across your mind and wait off to the side for now.

VIDEO







Francis Xavier and the Samurai's Lost Treasure

Young Francis Xavier had everything going for him. A champion at sports and studies, he was ready to win

the whole world for himself. Then one day his best friend, Ignatius of Loyola, showed him that true champions are of a far more heroic breed--those who risk all to win the world for God.



- 2. Register using your email (Create New Account)
- 3. Enter St. Mary's Church, Brampton 4. Access Code: 8b36b3



All That Remains: The Story of Takashi Nagai



Produced by Ian Higgins and Dominic Higgins, makers of the acclaimed Fatima film, The 13th Day, this movie tells the inspiring life story of Nagasaki atomic bomb survivor and Cath-

olic convert, Dr. Takashi Nagai. A rich, stylistic blend of live action, CGI, and archive footage, All That Remains brings to life the amazing story of a forgotten hero in the West—but deeply beloved in Japan—and a pivotal moment in history for a new generation, and takes the

viewer on a visceral journey of discovery and revelations.

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Children's Advent Calendar



Advent is the four weeks before Christmas. It is a time of joyful preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth as our Savior.

Many people like to use a special calendar to help them mark the days until Christmas. You can use this Web calendar to remind you to do something each day to share the meaning of the season. Click the date each day of Advent to find an idea to help you prepare for Jesus' birthday.

Download a printable version of the calendar HERE

Kids Prayer for Advent

My little Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You for this Advent season. Please help me to understand all that You have done for me. Your loving mother held You in her heart and brought You into this world. Help me to do the same.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. Draw me close to You and help me to see my sins so that I can change the things that You want me to change.

Mother Mary, pray for me this Advent so that I may do all that God wants me to do. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you. Please pray for me that I may do the same.

Come, Lord Jesus,

Come, Lord Jesus,

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

I love You, Jesus.

Amen.

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