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December 5, 2021

Second Sunday in Advent

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Peace

**The Second Sunday
of Advent**

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:

Daily at 9:00am (English)

Sundays at 11:00am (English)

2:00pm (Spanish)

Reconciliation

Fridays 6:00pm - 6:45pm

Saturdays 9:45am - 11:00am

Parish Schools

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Office hours:

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

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

Church Open to Prayer

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

Saturdays
8:00am to 4:00pm

MASS Intentions

Dec. 6th - 12th

Monday - December 6th

St. Nicholas

9:00 am - Mass

- CWL Members (SI)

Tuesday - December 7th

St. Ambrose

9:00 am - Mass

- Celia & Eugenio Calderon †

Wednesday - December 8th

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am - Mass

Thursday - December 9th

St. Juan Diego

9:00 am - Mass

- Helena Caetano (SI)

Friday - December 10th

Our Lady of Loreto

9:00 am - Mass

- Olga & Jorge Calderon (SI)

7:00 pm - Mass

- Jose & Belmira Patricio †

Saturday - December 11th

St. Damasus I

• 9:00 am - Mass

- Erlinda Dungog †
- Peter & Queenie D'Souza †
- Stanley & Beatrice Boteju †
- Pablito Villarin Jr. †
- Sulpicio Quilatan †

Sunday - December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe



Let us Pray

For all the sick in our Community

For the Recently Deceased

- Regina M. Arruda Rodrigues
- Giuseppe Sulmona
- Martha Nelly Gomez
- Amalia Perpetual Fernandes
- Queenie D'Souza

Parish Life

Advent Day of CONFESSIONS



Friday December 17th
From 5pm to 7pm

Saturday December 18th
From 9:45am to 12noon

Tuesday December 21st
From 10am to 12noon and 5pm to 7pm

Wednesday December 22nd
From 10am to 12noon and 5pm to 7pm



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 [Click Here](#) open "Contact Us" then "Sign Up" and select "Parish Bulletin" and "Subscribe"

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the Parishioners of St. Mary's for their exceptional generosity in supporting the Coats for Kids program this year. **37 coats were delivered** on Nov. 23rd to children in need at our Parish schools.

Thank You!



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 28 2021

Regular Collection
\$6,300.00

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
[Registration video](#)**

First Communion [To Register Click Here](#)

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.

Drive-by collection for the Knight's Table

On the weekend of **December 11 and 12**, before or after each mass, the **Catholic Women's League will be holding a drive-by collection for the Knight's Table**. They are in need of hygiene products and have asked for them instead of a food drive this year.

A "Hygiene Kit" is made up of the following: 4-pack of toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, body wash, soap bars, shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene products (pads).

You may donate a full kit or any part of it. If you make a monetary donation, cheques should be made out to the Knights Table and include your full mailing address if you require a tax receipt.

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.



"This Christmas season, we are asking our parishioners to **help in our Christmas decorations** by offering to bring Red or White Poinsettias, Christmas Cacti or potted flowers 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 12 to Dec 19** to the area located **behind the Altar sanctuary of the church**. Thank you for your generosity. God Bless.

The Liturgical Decoration Team"

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.

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



Cantalamesa's Second Advent sermon: **Faith in eternity helps create a fraternal world**

Last week, in his first Advent sermon, Cardinal Cantalamessa reflected on the meaning of death. This week, he invited his listeners to meditate on another truth that the pandemic has brought back to the surface, that of the “instability and transience of all things.” “Everything,” he said, “is transitory: wealth, good health, beauty, physical strength...”

Guarantee of eternity – the risen Christ

For Christians, Cardinal Cantalamessa explained, faith in eternal life is based on a precise fact: the resurrection of Christ and His promise. Jesus said, “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.

Secularization

Secularization brought this process to completion, bringing about the “separation between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Caesar.” It brought in a “whole set of social attitudes that are hostile to religion and to faith,” so much so that “the afterlife has turned into a joke,” as Kierkegaard put it.

Eternal life and evangelization

According to the papal preacher, faith in eternal life is one of the conditions that make evangelization possible, which is why Paul says, “If Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, your faith...”

Preparing for life hereafter

Cardinal Cantalamessa used an analogy to show the need to rediscover faith in life after death. He said it would be silly for a person who has received an eviction order to spend all his money on renovating the house he is leaving instead of the house he is moving into. Likewise, it would be silly for us, who are asked to leave this world, to “only think about decorating our earthly home, without caring about doing good works which will follow us after our death.”

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

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

Catholic Women's League Meeting + Christmas Social

The Catholic Women's League invites **their members and perspective members** to join them for a meeting + Christmas Social on Saturday December 11th following the 9 am Mass. Meeting + social will be held in the hall.

Members will have an opportunity to **renew their 2022 membership. Cost of membership is \$30.00.**

Please bring a donation(s) of hygiene products for the Knights Table.

All Covid-19 protocols will be followed, all attendees must wear a mask.

The Columbian Squires is a youth organization for Catholic **men ages 10 to 18**, and operates under the guidance of the Knights of Columbus. The Squires have fun and share their Catholic faith, help people in need, and enjoy the company of friends in social, family, athletic, cultural, civic and spiritual activities. Through their local circle, Squires work and socialize as a group of friends, elect their own officers, and develop into Catholic leaders. We also provide community service hours which can be earned through participation and commitment.

Our meetings are currently mainly online for the safety of the Squires and everyone else. If our organization interests you and you would like to join us or have any questions about Squires, please call 905-866-9630 or email us at tom.manoj@yahoo.com. We also have a discord server where we post announcements and upcoming events. [Click here](#) if you are interested in joining our discord server.

Thank you and God bless.



Religious Education and Faith Formation

The “Little Things” Are Actually Most Things

By Fr. Mike Schmitz

Saint Teresa of Calcutta once said, "We cannot all do great things. But we can do small things with great love." The reality is that most of our lives are made up of seemingly small decisions and yet they do truly matter in how we are to be judged.

[Podcast](#)



Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to **help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”?**

Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org
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



Embracing the Invitation

[English](#)

[Español](#)

I will follow you, Jesus. When I am fearful, I will follow. When I am excited, I will follow.

When I am tired, I will follow. All the days of my life, I will follow you, Jesus.

Our Lady of Loreto

An Heaven will reinforce what we already know of Christ and Mary

Our Lady of Loreto is the title of the statue of the blackened Virgin found in the Holy House. By the 1600s, a beautiful “Litany of Loreto” enumerating Mary’s biblically rich and theologically evocative titles became a popular Catholic devotion. In October 2019, Pope Francis went on pilgrimage to Loreto and announced that December 10 would henceforward be the Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto on the Church’s universal calendar. The formal decree instituting the change states that the new feast “will help all people, especially families, youth and religious to imitate the virtues of the perfect disciple of the Gospel, the Virgin Mother, who, in conceiving the head of the church also accepted us as her own.”



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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.

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Family Corner

Reflection for Week 2: Out in the Wilderness



Something big was about to happen, but then John the Baptist had been expecting something unusual. Both his mother Elizabeth and his father Zechariah, a priest, had received messengers—though his father did not at first believe what was happening—who made surprising promises that John would take after the prophet Elijah.

[Learn More](#)

3 Simple Advent Essentials

Dr. Edward Sri

It can be easy for us to rush into the joy and excitement of Christmas without truly living the Advent season. Dr. Sri offers us three simple and essential ways to prayerfully enter into the season of Advent.

1. Penance
2. Devotions
3. Get to Confession



Arts & Faith: Week 2 of Advent

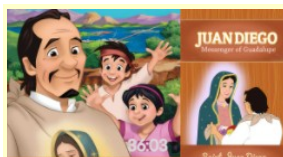
Mattia Preti's St. John the Baptist Preaching shows John in the wilderness, sharing his message with a small crowd of captivated followers. He is surrounded by symbols that invite us into his story. The red garment that envelops half of his body brings to mind the martyrdom he will endure. The staff and banner are signs of his prophetic role heralding the coming of Christ, and the lamb at the bottom center of the scene echoes John's announcement of Christ as the Lamb of God.



[VIDEO](#)

[Walking with Jesus:
The Rosary Prayers
in Song](#)

[Español](#)



Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe

In 1531 Juan Diego found himself between two worlds, that of the Spanish conquerors and that of his own Aztec heritage. Because of his love for his people and his strong faith, Juan Diego turned to Jesus and His Mother, Mary for help in uniting his people. The answer to Juan Diego's prayers has become one of the greatest events in the history of the Americas.

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Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message



The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December, 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, and the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak), nine million Native Americans embraced the Catholic faith, and the Americas began its transformation into the Catholic hemisphere. Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of love had replaced the institutionalized violence of the Aztec culture and built a bridge between two worlds.

[Español](#)

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Advent Family Prayer

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of
Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.
Amen.

- Loyola Press

Good Deeds Chain Advent Activity

Lesson Outcome

The children will do good deeds for others.

Materials

- Markers
- Purple and pink construction paper strips (1" x 9")
- Tape

Directions

- Talk about John the Baptist and his call to do good deeds.
- Talk about using Advent to follow ...


Hints

Children with special needs should be encouraged to participate. They could pray for others as a good deed. Encourage children to be active at home and school as they prepare for Jesus' birth. Ask for permission to add the chain to parish Christmas decorations.

- Loyola Press

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