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**Second Sunday of Advent**

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## *Second Sunday of Advent*



**Lord, You desire to come to me  
and to all of Your children every  
day. Please use me to not only  
prepare my own heart and soul for  
Your divine coming but to also  
prepare others to meet You.  
Give me wisdom and compassion,  
insight and strength, so that I can  
imitate Saint John the Baptist and  
prepare the way for Your most  
glorious coming in grace.  
Jesus, I trust in You.**

-MyCatholicLife

Daily Mass Schedule

**Monday to Saturday 9:00am**

Fridays

**Holy Hour 6:00pm**

**Mass 7:00pm**

Adoration Chapel

**Monday to Friday 9:30am to 8:00pm**

**Saturdays 9:30am to 4:00pm**

Sunday Eucharist

**Saturdays 5:00pm**

**Sundays 8:00am, 9:30am,**

**11:00am, 12:30pm and**

**2:00pm - Spanish Mass**

Reconciliation

**Fridays 6:00pm - 6:45pm**

**Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:45pm**

**Parish Schools**

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St. Francis Xavier 905-459-0646

St. Kevin 905-450-0571

Bishop F. Allen 905-457-4677

Cardinal Leger S.S. 905-453-2232

**Office Hours:**

**Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays**

9:30am to 5:00pm

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

9:30am to 8:00pm

**Note:** Office is closed for lunch from 1pm to 2pm

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Monday to Friday**

9:30am to 8:00pm

**Saturdays**

9:30am to 4:00pm



(At time of printing)  
Dec 11<sup>th</sup> - Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

Monday - Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

*St. Damasus*

9:00 am - Mass

- Silvio & Rafaela Muto †

Tuesday - Dec 12<sup>th</sup>

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

9:00 am - Mass

- Kent Webster †

Wednesday - Dec 13<sup>th</sup>

*St. Lucy of Syracuse*

9:00 am - Mass

- Carmelita Maximo †
- Jose Cabral †
- Pablito Villarin Jr. †

Thursday - Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

*St. John of the Cross*

9:00 am - Mass

- Gerard Sherrer †

Friday - Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

*Ferial*

9:00 am - Mass

- Daniel, Arno & Ines D'Aloisio †

7:00 am - Mass

- Emerenciana Salas †

Saturday - Dec 16<sup>th</sup>

*Ferial*

9:00 am - Mass

- Antonio Feliciano †
- Jose Tavares †
- Antonio Palhetas †
- Elio & Lucia Arteiro †
- Maurice Smith (SI)
- Christine Alphonso (SI)

Sunday - Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

*Ferial*

2:00 pm - Spanish Mass

- Maria Freyre †



Let us Pray

For the Sick in our Community

- Rose Dodaro

For the Recently Deceased

- Mary Kearney
- Emerenciana Salas

## Parish Life

### Advent Confession Schedule at Our Parish

Tuesday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am to 12:00 noon 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Wednesday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am to 12 noon 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Friday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 am to 12:00 noon 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Saturday, December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 am to 12:00 noon 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

### Confessions at Other Parishes

St. Leonard's Parish	Tues, Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup> : 9am - 12noon, 2pm - 7pm & 7:30pm - 8:30pm Wed, Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup> : 9am - 12noon, 2pm - 7pm & 7:30pm - 8:30pm Thurs, Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup> : 7:30pm - 8:30pm
St. Annes' Parish	Mon, Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup> : 6pm - 8pm Tues, Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup> : 6pm - 8pm

### Family Christmas Project Walmart Gift Cards



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, please purchase Walmart gift cards and **drop them off at the church office during office hours or to Fr. Liborio, Fr. Edgar, Deacon Franciscus or Deacon Doug after any of the Sunday Masses.** Typically, a \$50.00 gift card supports the purchase of a child's gift. A \$200.00 gift card supports the purchase of groceries for a family. Gift cards will be distributed to families in need.

**Please note, purchase of Walmart gift cards are not eligible for a tax receipt.**

### 2024 Sunday Offertory Envelopes are Available Now!

What you should know:

1. Pick up any box at one of the Church's exits.
2. **Commence using your new envelopes on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**
3. Update your information by filling in the Information Card and your Sunday envelopes for each of the first three Sundays in January 2024.
4. The number on the box you chose is your new number for the entire year and will be the number used to issue your tax receipt at the end of 2024.
5. **PLEASE** - destroy all envelopes from previous years. As of January 1<sup>st</sup> you won't be registered under any other number - only your new 2024 number.

### Flowers To Decorate Our Parish This Christmas

This Christmas season, we are asking our parishioners to help in our Christmas decorations by offering to bring Red 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 15<sup>th</sup> to Dec 21<sup>st</sup> behind the altar.** Thank you for your generosity.



God Bless, - The Liturgical Decoration Team

**Thank you for your Donation! Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**  
Regular Collection: \$10,766.45

# Parish Life

## Archdiocesan Consultation Underway – Your Assistance is Requested!

Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation) to complete a brief survey by **Dec 15, 2023**, where you can offer your suggestions and insights. The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.

## CELEBRACIÓN DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Acompañemos el día martes 12 de diciembre  
a celebrar la festividad de  
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

- 6:20 pm Rezo Santo Rosario
- 7:00 pm Santa Misa
- 8:00 pm Procesión con la Virgen hacia el salón parroquial
- 8:15 pm Coronación de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y homenaje

Lugar: Iglesia St. Mary's, Brampton  
66a Main St. S.

Mayor información: Martha Guzmán 416 809 5864

NOTA: Se solicita de su colaboración con platos listos para servir, ensalada, postre

## Marvelous Monday Morning Muffins

All are welcome after  
the 9:00am Mass on  
**December 11<sup>th</sup>** at  
the Parish Hall to  
participate in fellowship.



*Looking forward to seeing you there!*

## 2024 English Missals for Sale!

English Missals are available for  
sale after every Sunday Mass at the  
Religious Article Store. **\$7.00  
(Cash).**

## 2024 Misales en Español a la Venta!

Los Misales en Español estan  
disponibles despues de cada Misa  
Dominical en la entrada principal de  
la Iglesia. Costo por Misal es de  
**\$10.00 (Cash)**

## Calling all Young Adults!

St. Mary's Parish is running a young adults ministry for ages 19-39. Meeting are bi-weekly offering faith studies, socials, and recreational outings that help to foster good friendships and strengthen your Catholic faith. If you're looking for a young adult faith-filled community, please email:

[stmarvys.youngadults2020@gmail.com](mailto:stmarvys.youngadults2020@gmail.com) to learn how to get involved.

## Religious Article Store Hours

*Please enter via the Parish Hall entrance.*

The Religious Articles Store is open after all Sunday Masses.

In addition to gifts for First Communion, Confirmation and Baptism, you will find a great selection of items for birthdays, house warmings and other events. We also carry seasonal one-of-a-kind items from our Bazaar collection. **Advent Candles are available.** Drop in and browse; our CWL volunteers will be happy to help you. The store operates on a "CASH ONLY" basis.



# Religious Education and Faith Formation



## Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec 12)

On December 9, 1531, Juan Diego's life was forever changed, and the Mother of God immediately strengthened the missionaries' efforts. Juan was walking some distance to the nearby city of Tlatelolco early in the morning so he could attend daily Mass and catechism class. As he passed by Tepeyac Hill, a heavenly woman appeared to him. She appeared as a mestiza woman, a mixture of Spanish and Indigenous heritage, with dark-toned skin and long black flowing hair. Behind her was an oval of beaming rays that resembled the sun. She was clothed in a rose-colored robe with a blue-green mantle, adorned with gold stars and a golden edge. On her protruding womb was a bow with a four-petal floral design that depicted abundant new life. She wore a black tassel above her womb, which was an Aztec indication of pregnancy. She was standing on a crescent moon held by an angel. Her general appearance was one of great sanctity, peace, gentleness, and high nobility.

[Read More Here](#)

## How Guardian Angels Actually Work



Are angels real? Why did God make them?  
What do guardian angels do? Do I have one?  
Does it have a name? Can I name it?  
...All these questions and more answered today by  
Fr. Mike Schmitz.

[Read More Here](#)

## Light the Second Advent Candle!

### Marcam's Advent & Christmas



Marcam and Fr. Mark continue to dive into this special liturgical season by lighting the second purple candle and reflecting about this week's readings.

[Formed for Children](#)

## The Elements of the Catholic Mass

Elements of the Catholic Mass is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring Fr. Douglas Martis, former director of the Liturgical Institute, the program consists of thirty-one beautifully produced short videos.

### Liturgy and Language



A frequent question, especially in light of the translation of the third edition of the Roman Missal, concerns the language of the Mass. Why do the words of Mass sound so different from the language we use in everyday life? Human beings express spiritual realities through cultural language, gestures and actions. Thus the Catechism teaches that one source for understanding Mass is found in human culture. Every culture has its own language. Every language develops within the context of a particular culture.

[Watch Formed Here](#)

## St. Mary's Christmas Schedule

<b>Sunday</b> <b>Dec. 24<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>5:00 pm, 7:00 pm &amp; 9:00 pm</b> <b><u>Note:</u> There is NO Midnight Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>Dec. 25<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm (Spanish)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Dec. 26<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>St. Stephen</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass</b> <b><u>Note:</u> Church will be closed after Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Dec. 27<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Office Opened</i> <i>From 9:30am to 5:00pm</i>	<b>St. John</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass</b> <b>Church open for private prayer from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>Dec. 28<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Office Opened</i> <i>From 9:30am to 5:00pm</i>	<b>The Holy Innocents</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass</b> <b>Church open for private prayer from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>Dec. 29<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Office Opened</i> <i>From 9:30am to 5:00pm</i>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass</b> <b>Church open for private prayer from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Dec. 30<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass</b> <b>Church open for private prayer</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Dec. 30<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>Vigil: Feast of the Holy Family</b>	<b>Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Dec. 31<sup>st</sup></b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b>	<b>8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm (Spanish)</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Dec. 31<sup>st</sup></b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>Vigil: Feast of Mary The Mother of God</b>	<b>Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>Feast of Mary the Mother of God</b>	<b>8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm (Spanish)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024</b> <i>Office Opened</i> <i>From 9:30am to 8:00pm</i>	<b>We return to our regular Schedules!</b>	

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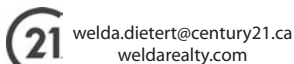
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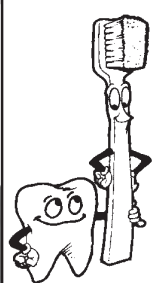
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