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Save the Day:

Advent Day of Confessions
December 14th to December 19th

Pastor:

Rev. Liborio Amaral

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Patrick Ezimora CCE

Deacons:

Franciscus Sukardi
Douglas Asselstine

Welcome and Quick Update

Welcome everyone and thank you for your great support!

Fr. Patrick's Advent Reflection [Click Here](#)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Celebration

December 12th, at 1 p.m., we will be livestreaming the Mass in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Mass will be in **Spanish**, all are welcome.



Our parish **envelopes for 2021** are ready for pick-up at the back of the church. Please **DO NOT USE 2020 ENVELOPES STARTING JANUARY 1ST, 2021 as the numbers have changed.**

Fr Liborio's Reflection

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In today's gospel, the figure of John the Baptist stands prominent. John the Baptist is a figure that we encounter every Advent. Having John the Baptist connected with Advent may sound strange for some, since he only appears in Sacred Scripture when Jesus is starting his ministry (at the age of about 30). So why is he therefore connected with Advent? In this short reflection, allow me to point out the main reason why it makes sense.

John the Baptist is a figure who invites us to "Make straight the way of the Lord". Just as he prepared the people around him for the coming of Jesus and his ministry, so too, we are called to prepare Jesus' arrival. Jesus comes to us in three different modes and Advent points to each of these ways.

First, we remember that Jesus came to us in the history of mankind. About 2000 years ago a humble pregnant woman by the name of Mary, gave birth to a son whom she named Jesus, in a lowly stable in the city of King David, called Bethlehem.

Then we remember that Jesus also comes to us in the here and now - he is with us and wants us to know that he is at our side.

Finally, we are called to remember that Jesus Christ will come again at His second coming.

In all of these three ways that Jesus comes to us we are called to prepare ourselves so that we may receive him. This is why I believe John the Baptist is one of the prominent figures during the Season of Advent.

Let us therefore prepare ourselves well during these final weeks to welcome the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

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Faith Formation



5 Things You Didn't Know About Christmas & The Birth of Christ

In this episode, you will learn:

- What year was Jesus actually born in?
- What was the real Star of Bethlehem
- Where is the relic of the Manger?
- Which saint created the first Nativity Scene
- When does Christmas actually end?
- and much more

[Learn More](#)

Kids Pick



Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa

Nicholas was still a young child when he discovered a very special secret that changed his life forever. It was the gift of giving, by which he brought happiness to many people. Nevertheless, in

sharing this gift, Nicholas had to face many dangers.

Register for Free to watch Picks of Week & More

1. Click on the links
2. Register using your email
3. Enter St. Mary's Access Code: **8b36b3**

[Español](#)

[Click to watch](#)

Pick of the Week



Prepare the Way of the King

by Dr. Scott Hahn

Dr. Scott Hahn, one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today, reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in

appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.

[Click Here](#)

Bible Verses

Only in God there is fullness of joy.

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds," - James 1:2

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" - Romans 15:13

"Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." - John 16:24



Vatican Museums: Come, let us worship

"With the shepherds, let us enter into the real Christmas, bringing to Jesus all that we are, our alienation, our unhealed wounds, our sins. Then, in Jesus, we will enjoy the taste of the true spirit of Christmas: the beauty of being loved by God. With Mary and Joseph, let us pause before the manger, before Jesus who is born as bread for my life. Contemplating his humble and infinite love, let us simply tell him: Thank you. Thank you because you have done all this for me."

- Pope Francis – Christmas 2016 (Midnight Mass)



Workshop of Bartolo di Fredi,
Adoration of the Shepherds

In this depiction of the Nativity, Mary appears larger than the other figures, to underline her role as the Mother of God.

The Child Jesus lies wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger shaped like a sepulcher, prefiguring His sacrificial death.

A choir of angels, the star, and the dove – symbol of the Holy Spirit – represent God's presence and involvement.

The shepherds appear in the scenes of the Annunciation and the Adoration.

The musical instruments and the flock of sheep recall ancient depictions of the countryside.

Live Your Faith

Learning from the Saints



St. John Of The Cross

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, DISCALCED CARMELITE

"To reach where you are not, you have to go through where you are not. To achieve everything, do not want to own anything. To come to be everything, not wanting to be anything."

St John of the Cross had a difficult life, accepting persecutions and sufferings both in his activity as a reformer and in the period of his imprisonment. Yet it was precisely in the most difficult moments of his life that he created some of his most beautiful works. Pope Benedict XVI referred to him as ", ***one of the most important lyric poets of Spanish literature***

[Learn More](#)

JOY is a net of LOVE by which YOU can catch souls Mother Teresa

Advent Prayer



Precious Lord, as I embrace this Advent Season, please open my eyes to see the great value and blessing of Your Incarnation. Help me to discover Your hidden presence in this world and within my own soul. I desire to see, understand and experience the profound effects that Your Incarnation has on my life and I desire to receive those effects more fully this Advent. May I become a sanctuary in which You dwell so that I, like Your dear Mother, may bring Your presence into the world.

- My Catholic Life

3 minute Prayer Retreat



Living with Joy

*If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that **my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete.***

*This is my commandment: **love one another as I love you..***

-John 15:10-12

[English](#)

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FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

If your child is a baptized Catholic and you would like him/her to receive **the Sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation** next year, then go to St. Mary's church website, <https://stmarysbr.archtoronto.org> and you will find an Information video. On this video the First Communion and Confirmation program and expectations will be outlined.

The program will consist of two components – one will focus on your child's preparation for the Sacraments and the second will involve a parental/guardian faith development session. This two pronged program approach will insure that parents/guardians will be able to speak the same faith language that the children will be learning.

[Click here for 1st Communion Form](#)

[Click here for Confirmation form](#)

Great News! St. Mary's Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Ministry

St. Mary's Church

We are starting, virtually for now, our St Mary's Young Adult ministry.

What's the goal? **To be on fire AGAIN with love for Jesus**, your untrodden pathway to HAPPINESS.

Who can join? **Young people between ages 19 and 35!** Those interested should contact Fr Patrick, our Associate Pastor: patrickezimoracce@gmail.com.

Live Your Faith

SCATTERED SEEDS

Pray for Vocations



Pray for Vocations

There was a man named John, *sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe.*

Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think 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: vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

COVID-19

COVID-19 and the Archdiocese of Toronto: Frequently Asked Questions

1. What has the Archdiocese of Toronto been doing to advocate for churches during this period of pandemic?
2. Have Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto been a source for community transmission of Covid-19?
3. If Catholic churches haven't been a problem, why did the government impose restrictions?

[Learn More](#)

Advent Day of Confessions

Prepare the Way of the Lord...

December 14th to December 19th



In this episode, they will discuss:

- Is the practice of Confession in The Bible?
- Why not just tell your prayers to God?
- Who can go to confession?
- Why do you get penance after confession?
- and much

[Learn More](#)

Monday December 14th
 From 9:45pm to 12:00noon
 From 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Tuesday December 15th
 From 9:45pm to 12:00noon
 From 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Wednesday December 16th
 From 9:45pm to 12:00noon
 From 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Friday December 18th
 From 9:45pm to 12:00noon
 From 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Saturday December 19th
 From 9:45am to 12:00noon

Only 10 persons will be allowed at any one time – this will include the priests hearing Confessions

BAZAAR

In place of our normal November Bazaar, this year we will be offering one-of-a-kind items for sale. You will see sewn, crafted, and knitted/crochets goods for the home and family. (See samples) The inventory will change frequently. Click [HERE](#) to see inventory.

If you wish to **purchase items from the Bazaar Collection** please call Fran at 905-867-7595 or email her at fern0@rogers.com for assistance or delivery.

\$2.00 each,
Gnome ornaments



\$3.00 each, "Let it snow"
hand painted ornaments



\$5.00 each
quilted stockings



\$24.00, set of 4,
Gifts print, 16" X 11"





Monday - December 14th
St. John the Cross

9:00 a.m. - Mass

• **Mimi Law †**

Tuesday - December 15th
St. Valerian

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Special Intention For

- Toni Van Maren
- Van Maren Fam.

Wednesday - December 16th
St. David

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Thursday - December 17th
St. Daniel

9:00 a.m. - Mass

• Jorge Humberto Vega †

Friday - December 18th
St. Malachy

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Antonio Rodriguez †
- Armando Rodriguez †

Saturday - December 19th
B. Urban B, Pope

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Dario Cui †
- Daniel Viveiros †
- Paul Tavares †
- Antonio Feliciano †
- Jose Tavares †
- Eucharistico Cassar †
- Luci Lia Soares †
- Maria Sousa Gabrielo †

"Tearful Smiles"

Boy aged 4: **Dad**, I've decided to get married. **Dad**: Wonderful; do you have a girl in mind?! **Boy**: Yes...grandma! She said she loves me, I love her, too...and she's the best cook & story teller in the whole world!! **Dad**: That's nice, but we have a small problem there!! **Boy**: What problem?! **Dad**: She happens to be my mother. How can you marry my mother!! **Boy**: Why not?! You married mine!!!!

FAMILY CORNER

Mindfulness, Self-Care, & Dealing W/ Stress, with Dr. Gerry



- Rejoice in Truth
- Be in the present
- Be kind to ourselves
- Stress and Anxiety
- And...

[Learn More](#)

Advent Waiting

by D Todd Williamson

- Waiting in Dread
- Waiting in Excitement
- Waiting in Joyful Hope
- And...



[Learn More](#)

Preparing for the Birth of Jesus

Kid's Advent Activity

- To explain that Advent is a time of waiting
- The children will be able to identify the season of Advent as a time of waiting.

Materials

Poster paper
Markers, crayons, pencils
Colored paper

[Activity](#)

Lukas Storyteller: Especial de Navidad The True Meaning of Christmas

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts. but when they caught in one of their antics.

Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.

[Español](#)

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Prepararse para la Navidad

Meditación con el Padre Ángel Espinosa de los Monteros

[Padre Angel](#)

Office Schedule

Closed Until Further Noticed

Church Schedule

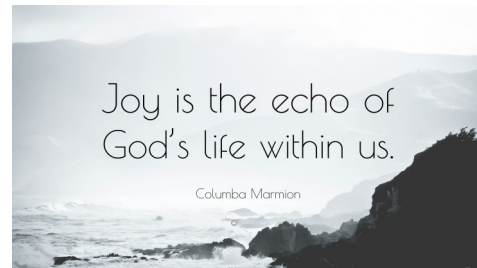
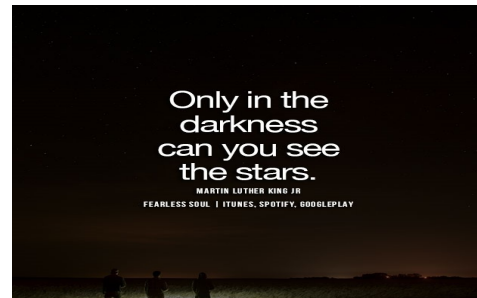
**Church Open
for Private Prayer**

Monday to Friday	9:30am to 8:00pm
Saturdays	9:30am to 11:00am
Sundays	12:30pm to 4:00pm

Livestream Masses

Monday to Sat.	9:00am Mass
Sundays	9:30am Spanish 11:00am English

Weddings, funerals and baptisms will now be restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry (priest, cantor, etc.).



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