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Pastor:

Rev. Liborio Amaral

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Rev. Patrick Ezimora CCE

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Franciscus Sukardi
Douglas Asselstine

Welcome and Quick Update

Welcome everyone and thank you for your great support!

Advent Schedule

CWL Food Drive Wednesday, December 9th from 1:00pm to 2:00pm and
December 12th from 10:00am to noon in the church parking lot

"The K of C will be in the parking lot **to collect both the Coats for Kids and the Birthright Baby Items** this Saturday from 4:30pm to 5:00pm and Sunday from 12:30pm to 2pm

Christmas Help Project - New Deadline Dec. 11th
Kindly drop them off at the rectory door

Fr Liborio's Reflection

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. The Church gives us four weeks to prepare for the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This preparation takes on a threefold sense of waiting for the Lord; we are called to reflect on the coming of Christ in the "past" at Bethlehem, His coming in the "here and now" and finally His second coming in the "future".

We should not let this time pass by without us being watchful, because it can be very easy to miss His coming.

I invite you to meditate on this weekend's Gospel (see below), so that we can keep awake and alert at His coming.

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

This weekend's Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

*He leaves home and places his servants in charge,
each with his own work,*

and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore;

*you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.*

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" (MK 13:33-37)

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Faith Formation



Discover Lasting Joy

FREE 26-day Advent Retreat

This Advent, renowned Catholic speaker Chris Stefanick and Cardinal-elect Raniero Cantalamessa are hosting a **FREE 26-day retreat** all about JOY, **beginning November 29!**

The Cardinal-elect was the retreat master for the last three popes. This is your chance to join a retreat led by the official Preacher to the Papal Office!

The key to unshakeable joy is not to change our circumstances. It is to change ourselves. With special guests including Matt Maher and Jim Wahlberg, this retreat is not one to miss. **Sign up today and YOU can experience an Advent like no other!**

[Sign Up](#)

Kids Pick of the



Creating an Advent Tree of Kindness

Help children prepare for Jesus' coming by doing good deeds for others

[Activity](#)

Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree

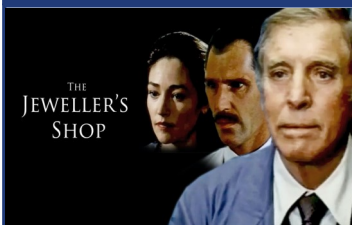


Register for Free to watch Picks of Week & More

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

[Click to watch](#)

Pick of the Week



The Jeweller's Shop: A Modern Mystery by Pope John Paul II

This film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples. A mysterious Jeweler (Burt Lancaster) acts as a mystical advisor to the couples, encouraging them to keep love at the center of their lives.

Beautifully filmed with an outstanding cast that includes Olivia Hussey and Ben Cross. John Paul II called it "the best possible film based on my play."

[Español](#)

[Click to watch](#)

Bible Verses

Watch And Pray



"Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be brave, be strong. Do all your work in love..." - 1 Corinthians 16:13

"Be alert, be on watch! Your enemy, the Devil, roams around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Be firm in your faith..." - 1 Peter 6:8-9

"Be on watch and pray always that you will have the strength to go safely through all those things that happen and to stand before the Son of Man." - Luke 21:36

Vatican News: Vatican launches #aGiftOfWisdom campaign



Picking up Pope Francis's appeal to young people on the 32nd World Youth Day - in which he reminded them that they need the "wisdom and vision" of the elderly - the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life is launching an initiative called **"A Gift of Wisdom"** as the Church approaches the season of Christmas.

Share on social media platforms

More precisely, the Dicastery proposes that young people post on social media "a memory, **a piece of advice**, or a **'gift of wisdom'** that they have received from one of the elderly people with whom they have formed a bond in recent months."

[Learn More](#)

Advent

Days of Confession

**Prepare the Way of the Lord...
December 14th to December 19th**

Monday December 14th

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

Tuesday December 15th

From 9:45pm to 12:00noon
From 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Saturday December 19th

From 9:45am to 12:00noon

Wednesday December 16th

From 9:45pm to 12:00noon
From 5:00pm to 7:00pm

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

Live Your Faith

Learning from the Saints

St. Francis Xavier - Dec 3rd



Francis Xavier had planned to devote himself to the intellectual life, but at a strategic moment he surrendered to God, who had long and patiently pursued him. That surrender changed the course of his life—and the course of history as well. Even Ignatius of Loyola, the leader of the new Jesuit community, had planned to deploy Francis as a scholar. But India beckoned, and Ignatius reluctantly sent Francis to preach the gospel there. Thus, the man who had planned on a leisurely intellectual life became a missionary apostle, perhaps second only to St. Paul.

Ignatius had experienced a radical conversion to Christ and had devoted his life to helping others in their spiritual quests. He challenged his friends to yield their lives to Christ, abandon their own plans, and follow the Lord's design for their lives. Although Francis felt drawn to Ignatius's ideals, he was reluctant to make them his own. He resisted Ignatius's magnetic influence for six years because it threatened the comfortable life he wanted as a church-supported scholar.

As Francis reached his decision, the text of Genesis 12:1 crossed his mind: **"Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you."** That verse gave him a prophetic inkling of the unanticipated direction his life would take.

[Learn More](#)

Be Joyful in Hope, Patient in Affliction, Faithful in Prayer - Romans 12:12

Advent Prayer



Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe.

You sent your Son to be the Light of the world
and to spread his light of love to all.

As we light the candles of this wreath
May its growing brightness remind us of the
approaching nearness of your Son
So that the day of His coming may find us
prepared and filled with joy.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

- Loyola Press

3 minute Prayer Retreat



**For I, the LORD, am
your God; and you
shall make and keep
yourselves holy,
because I am holy.**

**You shall not make
yourselves unclean,
then, by any
swarming creature
that crawls on the
ground.**

- Leviticus 11:44

[English](#)

[Español](#)

The Road to Bethlehem

FORMED

Reflections and Enrichment for Advent



The Road to Bethlehem, an opt-in digital discipleship program **designed to lead you into an encounter with Christ and his love throughout Advent.**

is **completely free**. Please consider joining us this Advent on The Road to Bethlehem, to encounter the love of God

This exciting new project from FORMED will allow you to grow in your faith from anywhere you can access FORMED—**from your home, in the car, on a run, or taking a walk.**

- **daily Advent reflections** by Dr. Tim Gray;
- **weekly videos, audio talks, and book excerpts** on FORMED related to the theme of the week;
- **email reminders** every morning;
- Brother Francis **Advent reflections for kids**; and
- a **weekly action item** to help you put the Advent message into practice.

[Sign Up](#)

Live Your Faith

SCATTERED SEEDS

Pray for Vocations



Pray for Vocations

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of

Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? 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

CWL Food Drive - St. Mary's Parking Lot

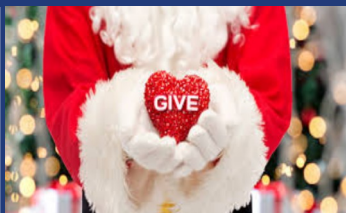
In response to a need at the Knights Table, St. Mary's CWL will be conducting a food drive on **Wednesday, December 9th from 1:00pm to 2:00pm** and again on **Saturday, December 12th from 10:00am to noon** in the church parking lot. Just drive by and drop off your donation.

They require food to accompany the donated turkeys that will provide Christmas dinner for needy families. The trimmings include: *instant mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, gravy-can or package, cranberry sauce, packaged stuffing, canned fruit, soup-can or package.* **Can't shop? Just drive by with a cash donation and we will shop for you.**

"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food..."



Christmas Help Project - New Deadline Dec. 11TH



God Is Victorious Everyday

Each year St. Mary's Parish is generous in support to families in need of our community at Christmas time.

If you are able to support a family we ask that you purchase **Walmart gift cards** and kindly **drop them off at the rectory door by Friday December 11th.**

Typically a \$50.00 gift card supports the purchase of a Childs gift and a \$150 gift card will support the purchase of groceries for a family. The gift cards will then 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.

Poinsettias for Christmas

"This Christmas season, we are asking our parishioners to help in our Christmas decorations by offering to bring Red of White Poinsettias 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 15th to Dec 20th** in the room (next to the parish office).

Thank you for your generosity! God Bless You

- The Liturgical Decoration Team

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.

\$35.00 Table Topper, Christmas Octagon 29"x29"



\$16.00 Lined Santa apron with dots



\$28.00, Wall Hanging 13 1/2" X 19 1/2" Hand embroidered



\$18.00, fully adjustable, lined zipper pocket 14"x13"





Monday - November 30th

St. Andrew, Apostle

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Tuesday - December 1st

St. Eligius

Special Intention For

- CWL Members Living & Deceased

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Wednesday - December 2nd

Sts. Bibiana, Pimen & Silverius

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Special Intention for

- Roberto Cain
- Mimi Law †
- Jose Manuel Cabral †
- Fred Donawa †

Thursday - December 3rd

St. Francis Xavier

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Special Intention For

- Cardinal Ieger School Community

Friday - December 4th

Sts. Barbara & John Damasceno

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Special Intention For

- The Legion of Mary Sick Members

7:00 p.m. - Mass

Saturday - December 5th

St. Sabas

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Special Intention for

- Aimee Pastor
- Marcos Castillo
- Mimi Law †
- Robert Winter †
- Audrey Gossage †
- Basilia Boclar †
- Eucharistico Cassar †
- Joe Carvalho †
- Jack & Lucille DeChamplain †
- Delphine & Frank Maschitto †

5:00 p.m. - Sunday Vigil Mass

FAMILY CORNER

Reflections for the I Sunday of Advent

The season of Advent reminds us that we must prepare for the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives, enabling him to radiate his love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness around us.

Advent is a time of waiting for Christ, allowing Jesus to be reborn in our lives. It is also a time for purifying our hearts by repentance and for renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several comings (advents) of Christ into our lives. Besides his first coming at his birth, Jesus comes to our lives through the Sacraments (especially the Eucharist), through the Word of God, through the worshipping community, at the moment of our death and, finally, in his Second Coming to judge the world.

Fr. Antony Kadavil, The Vatican

Advent Calendar

The Advent calendar can help you fully enter in to the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

[Calendar](#)

Advent Wreaths



Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Blessing of an Advent Wreath

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

[Blessing](#)

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

Confession Times

Fridays	6:00pm to 7:00pm
Saturdays	9:45am to 11:00am

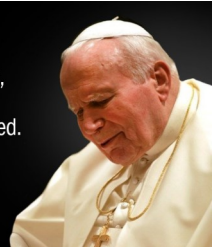
Only 10 persons will be allowed at any one time – this will include the priests hearing Confessions.

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

I plead with you –
never, ever give up on hope,
never doubt, never tire,
and never become discouraged.
Be not afraid.

– Pope John Paul II

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