



Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus!

Parish Week † Sunday, 8 Dec. 2024

Saturday, 7 Dec. / St. Ambrose, *bishop*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Patricia Kang (Emilio Go & family)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Mary Weerasinghe (Malini)
- 6.15 pm Advent Family Carol Night

SUNDAY, 8 DEC. / ADVENT 2-C

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Maria Subramaniam)
- 10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Don & Alex (Mom, Lillian)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 9 Dec. / Immaculate Conception of Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lalita & Joseph D'Souza
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)

Tuesday, 10 Dec. / Our Lady of Loreto

- 8.00 am Mass: † Celeste Teixeira (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving, Wedding Anniversary (Minda & Dave Chattergoon)

Wednesday 11 Dec. / St. Damasus I, *pope*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Deceased members of David & Clara Muzumdar families
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. St. Maria Goretti School (Fr. Edwin) - St. Maria Goretti & St. Albert Schools Advent Mass

Thursday, 12 Dec. / Our Lady of Gaudalupe

- 8.00 am Mass: † Sarmila Benedict (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Aloysius Bastiampillai (family)

Friday, 13 Dec. / St. Lucy, *virgin & martyr*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Carmella Rustico (Evelyn & Donna)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Michael & Jovan (Vima)

Saturday, 14 Dec. / St. John of the Cross, *priest & doctor*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jovina Cadigal Baino (Maria Penalosa)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Loretta D'Mello (friends)
- 6.30 pm CWL Dinner Dance

SUNDAY, 15 DEC. / ADVENT 3-C

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Cyrilda Alagaratnam (Shirani, Leslie & Rita)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Deceased members of DeVerno and Shea families (Pamela D'Verno)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Eddy Juan (Wife Shirley & family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

Second Sunday of Advent

At the beginning of Mass, the Priest will call a family to light the Advent Candle. At the end, the congregation prays:

Father, You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Messiah. Help us to prepare our hearts that Christ may be born in them, and to prepare the world that Christ may restore the Kingdom.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Today's Candle lighters are:

5.00 pm: **Francesca Lavecchia & Michelle Corlos**

9.00 am: **Ermina De Leon**

10.30 am: **Gaspar Thuram**

12.00 pm: **Herminia Garcia & Steven Burr**

7.00 pm: **Diven Logeswaran**



Pray for the Deceased

Frances Colaco, Edwin Tauro

The 250 victims of the flooding in Nepal in September



2nd Collection: 8 December ShareLife Legacy



On *ShareLife Legacy* Sunday, the 2nd collection will be for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, for all the agencies that help us to live the Gospel by caring for our brothers and sisters in need.

Help us to reach our Parish goal of \$65,000.00.

We can make a real difference in the lives of those counting on us.

COMING UP

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- 18 Dec. ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION;
- St. Albert School Advent Mass (9 am)
- 19 Dec. St. Joan of Arc Academy Mass (9.00 am);
- St. Maria Goretti School Advent Mass (12.30 pm)
- 22 Dec. **4th Sunday of Advent;**
- **Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers:** death anniversary (1988)
- 24 Dec. **Christmas Eve** Masses begin at 7.00 pm
- 25 Dec. Christmas: Feast of the **Nativity of Our Lord**
- 2nd Collection: *Christmas*
- 29 Dec. Feast of the **Holy Family;**
- 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*

ADVENT FAMILY CAROL NIGHT

Saturday, 7 December, 6.15 pm

All are welcome to an evening of fellowship and joy in anticipation of the feast of the birth of the Messiah. Bring the whole family! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Catholic Women's League DINNER DANCE

14 December, 6.30 pm

The CWL Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, 14 December. An evening of great dining, entertainment and dancing. Get your tickets now !



The Knights of Columbus

Upcoming events

- 9 Dec. **DECORATION** of our Church for Christmas, following the 7.00 pm Mass.
- 15 Dec. 1.30 pm **GENERAL** meeting;
- **POTLUCK** lunch for the Knights & their families



A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Maria Garofalo** for their gift of the five beautiful flower arrangements in our Sanctuary after her funeral Mass on 6 May. May she rest in peace.

Journey through Advent

This Advent season, the *Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops* (CCCBB) presents a video series titled "Journey through Advent."

This year's English reflections will be led by **Archbishop Leo**. The reflections in French will be offered by the **Most Rev. René Guay**, Bishop of Chicoutimi. The series will help us prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord by offering meaningful reflections on the Gospel readings during each of the four Sundays of Advent.

"Journey through Advent" will be released weekly and will be available on the [CCCBB website](http://www.cccb.ca), on their [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...), and on the diocesan website: www.archtoronto.org.

Also, the *National Catholic Broadcasting Council* has an Advent Retreat series, this year led by **Archbishop Emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins**. These are short daily reflections that you can watch on the Daily Mass website: www.dailytvmass.com.

May these video reflections be a source of comfort and peace during our Advent journey.

Liturgy Notes Used Missalettes

As Advent begins, Parishioners are faced with the task of properly disposing of old Missalettes. They should not be mixed with household garbage. Parishioners with old Missalettes are welcome to bring them to the Parish Office, where they can be repurposed in our programs of catechism and Sacramental instructions.

ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Christmas Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS in our Sanctuary. Donation envelopes are at the Office window.



If you wish to *dedicate* your flowers please fill out the "Christmas Flower" form in the donation envelope. Dedications will be accepted until:

Noon on Monday, 23 December.

The forms are intended to remember *one person* for each pot donated. If you wish to honour more than one person, you may submit the name of a couple who share a common family name; or, for many persons, "For the members of the _____ Family."

St. Vincent de Paul Advent Appeal

During Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we recall many in our community who are less fortunate and who could benefit from our prayers and almsgiving.

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society seeks your support for the help we provide to the poor. Envelopes will be made available at the doors of the Church so that you can help us to extend Christ's love to our neighbors who are in need.

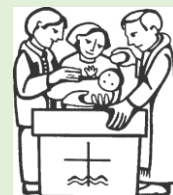
R&R Report 8 December

The December REPAIR & RENEWAL REPORT will be presented at all Masses on 7 and 8 December.

RCIA, RCIC Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children

Coming Up:

RCIA meetings: 6 & 13 Dec., 7.30 pm.
RCIC meetings: 7 & 14 Dec., 10.00 am.



Finance Council Report, 15 December

Next Finance Council meeting: 3.30 pm, 14 December.

The annual FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT will be made at all Masses on 14 & 15 December.

Stewardship 2025 Sunday Envelopes

Parishioners are invited to pick up their *Sunday Offertory Envelopes* for next year in the Vestibule after Mass. The envelopes are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the neighbourhood and have not yet registered, *welcome!* Come to the Office window, fill out a *registration form*, and join our parish.

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt 6:21	My Offering	
	Name: _____	Address: _____
	Amount: _____	

In the Presence of the Holy One

Lord, in your presence
we have nothing to say, nothing to bring,
nothing that will make you love us more,
or convince you of our worth,
nothing to prove. *Nothing.*

We will never be able to capture in words
your abundance, steadfast love, forgiveness;
but only catch a glimpse, perhaps,
like the kingfisher's wing flashing past us.

Help us to let go;
to unstrap our armour,
to let down our defenses,
and to sit here in the presence
that does not judge, calculate or change.

We can only bring our poverty,
our confession that we are sinners,
our open, wounded hearts,
our silence,

and in the silence make room for you,
let you come alive in us,
hear our name spoken,
and know that we are called,
and we are loved.

R. Friel and D. Wells



New Year Shrine Day Trip

4 January 2025, 9 am – 9 pm

Help us kick off our 2025 *ShareLife* Campaign. Our Parish is holding a day trip to Niagara & Buffalo, including stops at nearby Shrines. The cost is \$60; booking is required by Sunday, 22 December 2024. Call: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425

Christmas Caroling at Homes

Our Parish Carolers will be extending our love and care to Parishioners and friends in 7 Homes in our neighbourhood.

7 Dec. **Ina Grafton**, 10.30 am, 40 Bell Estate Rd.

7 Dec. **Scarborough Retirement** Residence,
148 Markham Rd.

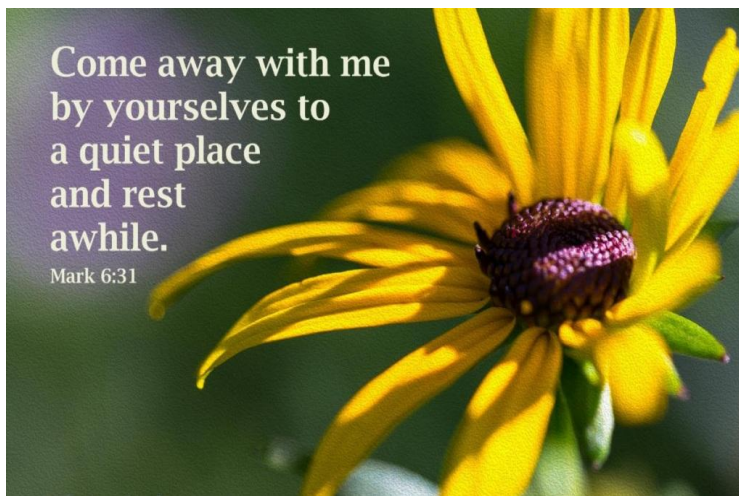
8 Dec. **Presentation Manor**, 2.30 pm
61 Fairfax Crescent.

12 Dec., **SVDP Home**, 6 pm, 102 Ascolda Blvd.

14 Dec., **McCowan Retirement**, 2.30 pm & 3 pm
2881 Eglinton Ave East

20 Dec., **Providence Health**, 6.30 pm
3276 St Clair Ave East

21 Dec., **Trilogy Age Care**, 10.30 am
340 McCowan Rd.



Families: July 2020









