



Parish Week / Sunday, 30 Nov. 2025

Saturday, 29 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Fr. Edilberto Gabales (Edison & Jiyi)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Julie D'Cunha (Esme)

SUNDAY, 30 NOV. / ADVENT 1-A

■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

■ 2nd Collection: Maintenance

- 9.00 am Mass: † Josefina Mabaqqiao (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
11.30 am Catholic Women's League
12.00 pm Mass: † Edwin Tauro (Annie)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 1 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Fr. Edwin & Fr. Elias (D'Souza family)
7.40 pm Infant Parent/Godparent meeting

Tues., 2 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday
Anna & Mary Rico (family)

Wednesday, 3 Dec. / St. Francis Xavier, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Bastiampillai family)
7.00 pm Mass: † Cesa Carlos (family)

Thursday, 4 Dec. / St. John of Damascus, priest & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (family)
7.00 pm Mass: † Alwyn D'Souza (family)

Friday, 5 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ceciliamma Santhiapillai (Juliet)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday
Sheldon & Jennifer D'Cunha (family)

Saturday, 6 Dec. / St. Nicholas, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Barbara Perilla (Edison & Jiyi)
6.00 pm Holy Hour
5.00 pm Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (family)

SUNDAY, 7 DEC. / ADVENT 2-A

■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

■ St. Vincent de Paul Advent Appeal presentation

- 9.00 am Mass: † Patricia Kang (Go family)
10.30 am Mass: † DeVerno & Shea families (Pamela)
12.00 pm Mass: † George Bastiampillai (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

R&R Report 30 November

The November R&R REPORT will be presented at all Masses on 29 and 30 November. Proposals for new lighting in the Church will be described, as well as the design for the new Anzano shrine.

The Advent Wreath

First 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 awaken in us the desire for the coming of Your Son. May he kindle in us the light of his love, and bring us to the Kingdom of justice and peace You promise all people.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Today's Candle lighters are:

- 5.00 pm: **Reynaldo & Georgie Yu**
9.00 am: **Alice Larkin & Rita Sato**
10.30 am: **Catholic Women's League**
12.00 pm: **Marilyn & Rose Manuba**
7.00 pm: **Irma Jeresano**

Pray for the Deceased

Freddy D'Mello, Haniwai Wage

The 16 victims of the streetcar derailment in Lisbon



St. Maria Goretti
1955-2025
70 Years of Faith

Celebrate the Past
Imagine the Future

COMING UP

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- 8 Dec. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- ► Advent Retreat with **Cardinal Collins** at St. Lawrence Church, Monday – Wednesday, 7:00 pm
- 11 Dec. ► CCAS Staff Mass
- 12 Dec. Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9.00 am)
- ► St. Albert School Mass (1.00 pm)
- 13 Dec. Feast of St. Lucy
- CWL: Advent Reflection (10.00 am,) Advent Party (6.30 pm)
- 14 Dec. 2nd Collection: **ShareLife Legacy**
- 18 Dec. St. Joan of Arc Academy Mass (8.50)
- 20 Dec. Wedding: Rampersaud & Lumban (1.00 pm)
- Advent Family Carol Night (6.15 pm)
- 21 Dec. 4th Sunday of Advent
- 22 Dec. - **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*
- 28 Dec. Feast of the **Holy Family**
- 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*

ShareLife 2025

Thank you for your support of our 2025 Campaign. So far, we have raised:

\$ 51,937.00 toward our goal of: \$ 75,000.00.

This Sunday, 30 November, we are holding a CHRISTMAS BAZAAR to support *ShareLife*. Take a look, and help us reach our goal!



Christmas Bazaar 30 November, 9 am - 2 pm

Our Parish is holding a
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, Sunday, 30 Nov., 9 am - 2 pm.
A great way to pick up gifts for your families and friends.



A New Liturgical Year

The current liturgical year, "C," ends with the week after the Feast of **Christ the King**, which this year is on:

23 November 2025.

The next Sunday is the **1st Sunday of Advent**;

30 November 2025.

It starts a new Liturgical Year, "A" in our 3-year cycle of readings. The Sunday Gospels will be from the evangelist **Matthew**.

A Special Gift THREE FOLDING CHAIRS

Many thanks to **Alberto and Maria Zapanta** and their family, for their very practical gift of three wonderful folding chairs. This is a much-appreciated addition to our busy office!

Sacramental Preparation

Registration for CONFIRMATION will begin in November for students in Grade 7 in Catholic Schools. Students who are in other schools will be invited in December to register for their Saturday classes, which will start after New Year in 2026.

RCIA, RCIC *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children*

Coming Up:

RCIA meetings: 28 Nov. & 5 Dec.

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Many thanks to all the Facilitators and Sponsors who assisted the RCIA candidates in the *Early Initiation Rite* at the 5 pm Mass on:

Saturday, 22 November.

Please keep all the Adult and Youth candidates in your prayers. The RCIA is for adults who want to be Baptized; those who are Christian and not yet Catholic; and those who are already Catholic but have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation.



CWL Advent Reflection 10 am, 13 Dec.

Topic: THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH

Our speaker will be **Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan**, a Priest and Theologian of the Archdiocese of Toronto, known for his deep biblical insight and engaging teaching style.

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, 22 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 pair who share a common family name; or (for many persons) "For the members of the _____ Family."

DECEMBER: Advent/Christmas feasts

Feasts occur throughout December, which cover most of our observance of Advent, and the start of the Christmas season.

- 3 **St. Francis Xavier:** Companion of St. Ignatius of Loyola, and witness of the Gospel to India (*Goa*), Borneo, Japan and China.
- 6 **St. Nicholas:** Sainly Bishop of Myra (in present day Turkey); inspiration for our modern Santa Claus.
- 7 **St. Ambrose:** Bishop & Doctor of the Church. He said of the dead: "*We loved them in life; let us not forget them in death.*"
- 8 **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe:** Her Basilica outside of Mexico City is the busiest shrine of our Mother in the world.
- 13 **St. Lucy:** Virgin and Martyr
- 25 **Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ:** Christmas Day
- 26 **St. Stephen:** First Deacon and Martyr of the New Testament.
- 27 **St. John the Evangelist:** The youngest Apostle, and author of the fourth Gospel.
- 28 **Holy Innocents:** The youngest Martyrs for Jesus.
- 29 **St. Thomas à Beckett:** Loyal Bishop and Martyr in England.

Christmas at Mt. Carmel

13-14 December

Precious Blood Parish

Join our trip to Niagara Falls:



Saturday

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| 9.45 am | Depart Precious Blood Church, 1737 Lawrence Ave. E. |
| 11.30 am | Arrive at Mount Carmel |
| 12.00 pm | Lunch in Dining Room |
| 2.00 pm | Advent Concert in Chapel |
| 5.30 pm | Dinner in the Dining Room |
| 7.00 pm | Get Together & Free Time in the Lounge |

Sunday

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| 8.00 am | Breakfast |
| 10.00 am | Mass at Our Lady of Peace Chapel |
| 12.00 pm | Lunch in the Dining Room |
| 1.30 pm | Depart for return trip to Toronto |

Fare: \$225.00 double occupancy; \$245 single occupancy.

Contact: Margaret Pasia, 647-226-5838.

Scriptural Prayers for the Four Candles of Advent

1. A Prayer for Hope

God of hope, thank You that in Your great mercy You have given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. That we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand, in the hope of the glory of God, to such a degree that we can even glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

And *hope does not put us to shame*, because Your love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. Remind us often that everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the courage they provide we might have hope. Grant that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit and that we, who put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of His glory. Amen.

(1 Peter 1:3-4; Romans 5:2-5, 15:4, 15:13; Ephesians 1:12).

2. A Prayer for Peace

God of Heaven, at the first Christmas Your angel announced, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.” Thank You for the peace Your Son Jesus promised, not as the world gives, but willing, deep, lasting, and abiding peace. Thank You that, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Lord of peace Himself give us peace at all times and in every way.

Grant that, as far as it depends on us, we may live at peace with everyone, making every effort to do what leads to peace. So, let the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus and the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, now and forever more. Amen.

(Luke 2:14; Romans 5:1; 2 Thessalonians 3:16; Romans 14:19; Philippians 4:7; Colossians 3:15).



3. A Prayer for Joy

Heavenly Father, let all who take refuge in You be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Please fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand. Grant that as Jesus promised, His joy may be in us and our joy may be complete.

Fulfill His promise that, though we may grieve, our grief will turn to joy, and no one will take away our joy. Teach us to always pray with joy, giving joyful thanks to the Father, Who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of His holy people in the kingdom of light. And grant us such love and faith in You that we may be filled with a profound and glorious joy. Amen.

(Psalm 5:11, 16:11; John 15:11, 16:20, 16:22; Philippians 1:4; Colossians 1:12; 1 Peter 1:8).

4. A Prayer for Love

Loving God, You showed Your love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. I trust in Your unfailing love; Your goodness and love will follow me all the



days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Teach me to love You with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind and with all my strength; and to love my neighbor as myself.

Teach me even to love my enemies, and do good to those who hate me, as Jesus commands. Help me to remain in Your love. Help me to do everything in love, as I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Amen.

(Romans 5:8; Psalm 13:5, 23:6; Mark 12:30-31; Luke 6:27; John 15:9; 1 Corinthians 16:14; Galatians 2:20).



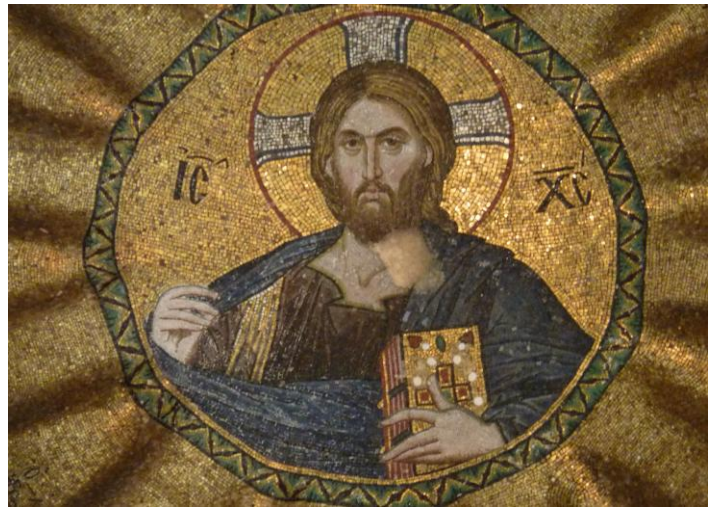
[1] World's oldest creation image (4,300-year-old gobleet in Palestine).

[2] Mosaic of **Jesus Christ**, Pammakaristos Church, Constantinople

[3] **María Florinda Ríos Pérez**, shot on 5 November in Illinois.

[4] **Olivier Rioux**, Canadian basketball player, 7 ft, 9 in. tall.

[5] STATIONS 14 – 12 in the November morning light.



Toronto Catholics on the
Archdiocesan Pilgrimage
to Rome, November 2025.









YOUTH MINISTRY: *Visit to St. Augustine Seminary, 23 November.*



Above: The El Shaddai Prayer Group, following the 5 pm Mass on 22 November.

Below: RCIA Early Initiation, 22 November: Neophytes with their families and friends.





Above: THE WEDDING! **Katrina & Jordan**, 22 Nov.

Below: Family of **Rodrigo Flores**, Memorial Prayer, 22 Nov.

