



# Focus on the Word

## The Advent Wreath

### First Sunday of Advent

Parish Week ❖ Sunday, 3 Dec. 2023

#### Saturday, 2 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday  
(Peter & Savitri Mosahib)
- 6.15 pm Advent Family Carol Night

#### SUNDAY, 3 DEC. / ADVENT 1-B

■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

■ R&R Report

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Frances Andreas  
(Maria Subramaniam)
- 10.30 am Mass: † George Bastiampillai (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Wayne Arsenault (John & Louise)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

#### Monday 4 Dec. St. John Damascene, priest & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent Godparent meeting

#### Tuesday, 5 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 1.00 pm ► St. Albert School Reconciliation
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Sheldon D’Cunha on his Birthday (family)

#### Wednesday, 6 Dec. / St. Nicholas, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ana Gotera (children)
- 9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School Reconciliation
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Rose Garcia (Emilio Go & family)

#### Thursday, 7 Dec. / St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Patricia Kang (Emilio Go & family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)

#### Friday, 8 Dec. / Immaculate Conception of Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Birthday Anastasia Williams  
(Olive Adams)
- 12.00 pm Wedding: Steven Burr & Herminia Garcia
- 2.00 pm Wedding: Norvic Manahan & Mara Amor
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (family)

#### Saturday, 9 Dec. / St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

- 8.00 am Mass: † Isaac Gallego (Renee Young)
- 12.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Margaret Augustine
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)

#### SUNDAY, 10 DEC. / ADVENT 2-B

■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

■ 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: ShareLife Legacy

- 9.00 am Mass: † Soosaipillai Kingsley Anton Maharajah  
(Antoinette & children Haysean & Taniya)
- 10.30 am Mass: † DeVerno & Shae families (Pamela)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Helen Lainey (Tina & family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

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 **Donna Guzman & Family**
- 9.00 am **Francesca Lavecchia**
- 10.30 am **Carlo Borgano**
- 12.00 pm **Albert Abel Joshy Noel & Family**
- 7.00 pm **Adrienne Bertok**

## Pray for the Deceased

### Paolo di Natale

The **21** victims of the **tourist bus tragedy** near **Venice** in **October**



## A New Liturgical Year

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

26 November 2023.

The next Sunday is the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**;

3 December 2023.

It starts a new Liturgical Year, “B” in our 3-year cycle of readings. The Sunday Gospels will be from the evangelist **Mark**.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: 10 December, ShareLife Legacy

On 10 December, *ShareLife Legacy* Sunday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \$52,000.00. We can make a real difference in the lives of those counting on us.

## COMING UP

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11 Dec. ► St. Albert School Mass (9:45 am);  
- St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)

13 Dec. **Advent Day of Confession**

16 Dec. Memorial Mass: † Donna Sookraj Singh

22 Dec. **Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers**: death anniversary (1988)

24 Dec. **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

## Website [stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org](http://stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org)

For more information on Parish activities, see pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.

# The Knights of Columbus host an ADVENT FAMILY CAROL NIGHT Saturday, 2 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!



## Upcoming events

- 10 Dec. Executive meeting
- 17 Dec. General meeting, 1.30 pm

## Diocesan Consultation

*Please complete survey by 15 December*

A reminder to everyone: **Archbishop Leo** invites the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Please complete a short survey by 15 December.

Visit: [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation).

Thank you for your collaboration in this diocesan initiative.

## Confirmation

*Saturday Confirmation classes: start 2 December*

Preparation will begin on 2 December for the Sacrament of *Confirmation* for students in public school, and students in Catholic schools outside our Parish.

The meetings are from 10 – 11 am, in the Stage Area on the Hall level. No documents are required for the first meeting, which is primarily for registration and orientation. See the details on page 3 in the website bulletin.

## RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Sponsors needed

We are currently seeking sponsors for the RCIA and RCIC. Your willingness to act as a sponsor will help another person to move closer to Jesus, and closer to the Salvation he won for us. As a sponsor you will have to indicate your sincerity and commitment in the course of the RCIA and RCIC processes. The culmination of the candidates' preparation will occur in the celebration of the rites of initiation at the Easter Vigil Liturgy, Holy Saturday night. Contact the Parish office for details: 416-261-0076. Thank you.

## Catholic Women's League

The *Catholic Women's League of Canada* calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Watch for their upcoming events.



## 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.



You may *dedicate* your flowers. Fill out the "Christmas Flower" form in the donation envelope. Dedications will be accepted until:  
Noon on Friday, 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 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 3 December

The November REPAIR & RENEWAL REPORT will be presented at all Masses on 2 and 3 December.

## Stewardship

### 2024 Sunday Envelopes

Parishioners are invited to pick up their 2024 *Sunday Offertory Envelopes* 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.

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship!

My Offering	
Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. <small>Mat 6:21</small>	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	Amount: _____

## Sunday School

### 10.30 am Mass

New parishioners may be interested to know that St. Maria Goretti Parish hosts a *Sunday School for Kids* 3 to 6 years old during the 10.30 am Mass. It's a great service to the children, and it gives the parents a chance to focus and listen to the Scriptures and homily.



Kids who want to join the Sunday School should be in the Church before Mass. When Mass begins, they will be called to come up in front of the Altar with their teachers for the Priest's blessing. Afterwards, they will be led to their room for the Sunday School. For details, call: **Anna** or **Maria**, 416-875-0324.



RCIC group, 25 November.



Fr. Elias, Fr. Dominic, Raphael and Fr. Edwin after the Advent Retreat, 25 November.

Danielle Murphy and students from her Class, 24 Nov., preparing for the Advent Mass in December.



Sabina Mendonca celebrates her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday with her daughter Joanita Rebello and friends from the Vindigni family and the Holy Trinity Prayer group.



The former creek bed that runs North to South, East of the homes in Treverton Park. The Via rail line runs parallel, behind the trees.



Krishna and Joan Penumerthy, on the path that follows the old Treverton creek bed.





The family of Monique Nsey Makanda gather for her Memorial Prayers on 14 October 2023.



The faithful Office Pooch takes a rest.

- [1] NYC Public Library
- [2] Battery Park, Manhattan
- [3] NYC Street Map



