



The Advent Wreath 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: **Dorie Thomas**

9.00 am: **Brenda Silva**

10.30 am: **Gaspar Thuram**

12.00 pm: **Rowena Yumol**

7.00 pm: **Francesca Lavecchia**



Pray for the Deceased

**Juliana Dias, Danny Mendoza,
Fr. Francis Bun Yee Loh**

The **36 victims** of the daycare
massacre in Thailand in October

Parish Week ❖ Sunday, 4 Dec. 2022

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

8.00 am Mass: † Xavier Kiifer (Christa Hahn)

5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Jasudas)

SUNDAY, 4 DEC. / ADVENT 2-A

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

9.00 am Mass: † Therese & Bernaldo Endaya (Raphael)

10.30 am Mass: † George Manuepillai

12.00 pm Mass: † Jose & Felicisima Turiano (family)

7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 5 Dec.

8.00 am Mass: † Benjamin Domingo (Evelyn Cureg)

7.00 pm Mass: Int. Birthday Sheldon D'Cunha (family)

7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 6 Dec. / St. Nicholas, bishop

8.00 am Mass: † Nolasco Remedio (family)

9.30 am ▶ St. Albert School Mass

7.00 pm Mass: † Rose Garcia (Emilio Go & family)

Wednesday, 7 Dec. / St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor

■ *Advent Day of Confession*

8.00 am Mass: † Desmond Serrao (Lalljee family)

9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School Mass

4.00 pm Confessions (to 5.00 pm)

7.00 pm Mass: † Patricia Kang (Emilio Go & family)

7.30 pm Confessions (to 8.30 pm)

Thur., 8 Dec. / Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Don & Alex (Mom)

7.00 pm Mass: † Francisco & Teresa Di Michele (family)

Friday, 9 Dec. / St. Juan Cuauhtlatotzin

8.00 am Mass: Thanksgiving & Sp. Intentions
(Dominic & Anita)

7.00 pm Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)

Saturday, 10 Dec.

8.00 am Mass: † Soosaipillai Kingsley Anton Maharajah
(Antoinette & family)

2.00 pm Advent Reflection (CWL), with Fr. Eric Rodrigues

5.00 pm Mass: † Celeste Teixeira (Lallajee family)

SUNDAY, 11 DEC. / ADVENT 3-A

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

9.00 am Mass: † Valentina Tarasuk (Vinah Garcia)

10.30 am Mass: † DeVerno & Shea family

12.00 pm Mass: † Maria D'Cruz & Joseph Fernandes
(Pereira family)

1.30 pm Infant Baptism

7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

2nd Collection: 11 December, *ShareLife Legacy*

On 11 December, *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 \$42,000.00. We can make a real difference in the lives of those counting on us.

COMING UP

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14 Dec. St. Maria Goretti School Family Advent Mass (7:00 pm)

17 Dec. **Pope Francis:** Birthday (1936)

18 Dec. **4th Sunday in Advent;**

- 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*

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

23 Dec. ▶ **The Tenors** (Roy Thompson Hall)

24 Dec. **Christmas Eve Masses** begin at 7.00 pm

25 Dec. Christmas: Feast of the **Nativity of Our Lord**

- 2nd Collection: *Christmas*

2023

1 Jan. The Solemn Feast of **Mary, Mother of God**

7 Apr. ▶ **Depeche Mode** (Scotiabank Arena)

5 May **Cardinal Thomas Collins:** 50th Anniversary
of Ordination to the Priesthood

6 May ▶ **King Charles:** Coronation, Westminster Abbey

18 June ▶ **Ed Sheeran** (Rogers Centre)

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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

Sacramental Preparation

Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion



Students in our Catholic Schools will receive preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion in Grade 2. Soon the families will begin receiving Information packages to register the students in this process. We look forward to resuming the in-person family instruction meetings that will be held early in the New Year.

Confirmation Enrolment 10/11 December

Students in our Catholic Schools will receive Confirmation in Grade 7. The Information packages are now available.

Candidates who have not yet attended an Enrolment Mass should complete their Information packages and bring them to one of the Masses on 10/11 December. The students will be called up to the Altar after Communion to submit their forms and offer their Enrolment Prayer.

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

Our Parish thanks **Amelda Fernando** for her gift of one beautiful Chrysanthemum plant in our Sanctuary in September.

Catholic Women's League

An Advent Reflection Day on

"The Sixth Joyful Mystery"

10 December, 2 – 4.30 pm



Our speaker will be **Fr. Eric Rodrigues**, Director of Spiritual Formation and Liturgy, Lecturer in Systematic Theology at St. Augustine Seminary, Scarborough.

Advent Shrine Day Trip

18 December, 8.30 am – 9.00 pm

The CWL is holding a day trip to Niagara, including stops at nearby Shrines. The cost is \$50; booking required by Sunday, 4 December. Call: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425.

Knights of Columbus

50/50 Draw, 4 December

This is your last chance: The KOC **50/50 draw** will be held on Sunday, 4 December, following the 12.00 noon Mass.

Christmas Decoration, 12 December

The annual decoration of our Sanctuary for Christmas will be held on Monday, 12 December, after the 7.00 pm Mass.



☺ Your sabbath smile

Every day, thousands of innocent plants are killed by vegetarians. Help end the violence. Eat bacon.

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, 19 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."

Advent Day of Confessions

Wednesday, 7 December: 4-5 pm, 7.30-8.30 pm

As part of our ongoing program of spiritual growth, **Cardinal Collins** invites Catholics of the Archdiocese to receive the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* on a DAY OF CONFESSIONS in Advent.

In our parish, it will be on: **Wednesday, 11 December.**

Parishioners may come for Confession from 4.00 – 5.00 pm, and again following the 7.00 pm evening Mass, from 7.30 – 9.00 pm.

Stewardship

2023 Sunday Envelopes

Parishioners are invited to pick up their 2023 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!

Donation amounts

Some new parishioners have missed the instruction to ensure that the *donation amount* should be written in the space provided on the front of the envelope. If this is not done, our financial advisors must stop to do so when the collection is counted, and this really slows down the process.

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

Upcoming Weddings

Edwin Kalapan Kumarasamy and Alina Rodrigues
27 May 2023, St. Francis Xavier Church, Mississauga

Wagner Dos Santos Silva and Maria Cristina Blanco
2 August 2023, Playa del Carmen, Mexico

Ian Christopher Oliva and Elysse Janine Dagmang
October 2023, Cristo Rei Parish, Mississauga

ShareLife 2022

Living the Gospel!



ShareLife is the official annual charitable appeal of the Archdiocese of Toronto, raising funds to support over 40 Catholic agencies and grant recipients.

Today, we reflect on Living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

“Without you, *ShareLife* could not fulfill its mission to Live the Gospel by providing for those in need.

Together we are making a real difference! My prayer is that we may continue to respond to God's love by going forth from ourselves to seek the good of others.”

- **Cardinal Thomas Collins**

Thanks to all for your support of our parish 2022 *ShareLife*. This is a real blessing, a tribute to the generosity of every donor, at a time of great need.

We are entering the final weeks of the 2022 *ShareLife* Parish Campaign. Please make a sacrificial gift through our parish this Sunday, 5 June.

Remember our SHARELIFE Agencies on 11 December 2022

Community / Family Services

Catholic Community Services of York Region, Catholic Cross-cultural Services, Catholic Family Services of Durham, Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, Catholic Family Services of Simcoe Country, Catholic Family Services of Toronto, *FertilityCare* Toronto, Natural Family Planning Association

People with Special Needs

Mary Centre, *Our Place* Community of Hope, Saint Elizabeth Health Care, St. Bernadette's Family Resources Centre, St. Michael's Homes / Matt Talbot Houses, *Silent Voice* Canada (*ministry to the deaf*)

Children and Youth

Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto, Catholic Settlement House Day Nursery, *Covenant House*,

Sancta Maria House / **Young Parents:** Rosalie Hall, Rose of Durham, Rose of Sharon, Vita Centre / **Seniors:**

Les Centres d'Accueil Heritage, Loyola Arrupe Centre, Providence Healthcare, Society of Sharing

Affiliated Organizations

Camp Ozanam (*Society of St. Vincent de Paul*), Good Shepherd Ministries, Birthright International



Catholic Women's League of Canada
St. Maria Goretti Council invites you to

An Advent Reflection Day Talk on ...

“THE SIXTH JOYFUL MYSTERY”

December 10 (Saturday)
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
St. Maria Goretti Parish



Speaker:

REV. ERIC RODRIGUES

**Director of Spiritual Formation and Liturgy;
Lecturer in Systematic Theology
at St. Augustine's Seminary**

<https://staugustines.on.ca/rev-eric-rodrigues>



(Please scan the QR code for the
short biography of Rev. Eric Rodrigues.)



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Exclamations of Praise

[1]

The following titles of Jesus can be used in various exclamations of praise by beginning with such statements as:

“Praise you Jesus, you are (my)...”

“Blessed are you, Jesus (my)...”

“I love you oh (my)...”

“Glory to you oh (my)...”

Redeemer King	Deliverer
Fortress	Son of God
Bread of Life	Name above all names
Lion of Judah	Word made of Flesh
Beloved	Lamb Who Was Slain
Living Water	Good Shepherd
Living Lord	Promise of the Father
My Life and my Love	Font of all holiness
Christ our Saviour	Healer
Most High	King of the Universe
Christ the King	Prince of Peace
King of Kings	Light of the world
Lord of All	Lord of Lords
Messiah	Alpha and Omega
Bridegroom of the Church	Wonderful Counsellor
Great High Priest	Holy One of Israel
True Vine	

[2]

Exclamations of praise can focus on qualities and attributes of God. For example: “You are...”

Holy	steadfast
Glorious	beautiful
faithful and just	true to your word
loving	good
tender-hearted	forgiving
merciful	awesome
merciful	a Just Judge

[3]

Exclamations of praise can focus on attributes of God in relation to us. For example: “You are...”

my rock	my song
my Father	my Strength
my Salvation	my Defense
my refuge	my Glory
my Righteousness	my Provider
my Strength	my Hiding Place
my God and my All	my portion and Cup
my Sanctification	my Justification

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your divine love!

[4]

Exclamations of praise can be simple statements of our disposition toward God:

I praise You	I bless in You
I worship You	I adore You
I love You	I magnify You
I seek You	I desire You
I bow before You	I hope in You
I glory in You	I thirst for You

[5]

By your Cross and Resurrection, you have set me free.
Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.
You have conquered sin and death.
You have won the victory.
By Your blood I have been redeemed.
You are the light that shines into the darkness.
You are the long-awarded Saviour of the world.
You are the First-Born from the dead.
You are seated at right hand of the Father.
Your Kingdom lasts from age-to-age.
There is no other God but You.
By Your wounds I am healed.
You have broken the chains that bound me.
You have set the captives free.
You have put a new song into my heart.
You have called me by name and I am yours.
You have been my stronghold against the enemy.
You are the Way, the Truth and the Life.

[6]

Miscellaneous

statements of praise:

Holy is the Lord
Worthy is the Lamb
Who was slain
Alleluia!
Glory and honour to You
My God and my All
All creation worships You
Blessed be Your Name
Bless the Lord, O my soul





The O Antiphons

During the Advent season churches everywhere ring out with the hymn “**O Come, O Come Emmanuel.**”

The hymn is one of the oldest Advent traditions, deeply tied to the liturgy leading up to Christmas.

Throughout history the verses of the hymn were known as the “*O Antiphons*” or “Great Antiphons.” **Father William Saunders** explains, “Boethius (c. 480-524) made a reference to them; by the 8th Century, they were used in the Roman liturgy.” The use of the *O Antiphons* can be traced back to the very early Church.

Traditionally these verses are sung during the Liturgy of the Hours (also known as the Divine Office), and precede the recitation of the “Magnificat” (see Luke 1:46-55). **Dom Guéranger** explains in his *Liturgical Year* the symbolism of singing these verses during Evening Prayer (Vespers).

The canonical *Hour of Vespers* has been selected as the most appropriate time for this solemn supplication to our Savior, because, as the Church sings in one of her hymns, it was in the Evening of the world (*vergente mundi vespere*) that the Messiah came among us. These Antiphons are sung at the *Magnificat*, to show us that the Savior, whom we expect, is to come to us by Mary.

Each antiphon (or each verse of the hymn) is recited / sung on successive days leading up to Christmas, starting on 17 December and ending on 23 December. The antiphons are biblically based and feature a different title of the Messiah from the Old Testament.

In various monasteries they added additional antiphons, such as one to “Our Blessed Lady, *O Virgo Virginum*,” and the other to the Angel Gabriel, *O Gabriel*; or to St. Thomas the Apostle, whose feast comes during the Greater Ferias; it began *O Thoma Didyme*.

The antiphons are a beautiful way to prepare for Christmas and have always had a special place in the hearts of Christians. Following are the traditional O Antiphons and the day on which they are sung.

17 December

O WISDOM OF OUR GOD MOST HIGH,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

18 December

O LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

19 December

O ROOT OF JESSE’S STEM, sign of God’s love for
all his people: come to save us without delay!

20 December

O KEY OF DAVID,
opening the gates of God’s eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

21 December

O RADIANT DAWN, splendor of eternal light,
sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell
in darkness and in the shadow of death.

22 December

O KING OF ALL NATIONS and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

23 December

O EMMANUEL, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!





