



Parish Week

Sunday, 2 December 2018

Saturday, 1 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Pedro Espanozo (Dana Mazare)
12:00 pm Wedding: Nicolai Tacsuan & Kay Espinoza
5.00 pm Mass: † Sister Admirabilis (Gwen, Rudy & Ena)

SUNDAY, 2 DEC. / ADVENT 1-C

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Bastiampillai family (Caroline)
10.30 am Mass: † De Verno & Shea families (Pamela)
12.00 pm Mass: † Virgilia Refamonte (Gina Rosero)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

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

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Alagaratnam family (Caroline)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Theresa Johnson (family)
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 4 Dec. / St. John Damascene, priest & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Alagaratnam family (Caroline)
7.00 pm Mass: † Jose Sr. & Felicisima Turiano (family)

Wednesday, 5 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Paul Vaz (Elizabeth & family)
12.45 pm St. Maria Goretti School Advent Mass
7.00 pm Mass: † Percilia Claire Copland (Anne Marie)

Thursday, 6 Dec. / St. Nicholas, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Regie Cerbatos (Miaral family)
7.00 pm Mass: † Josephine Ombac (family)

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

- 8.00 am Mass: † Leonila Chan (Rosalina)
6.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)

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

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Arnold & Jen, Don & Alex)
5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas
(Antania Ambrose)

SUNDAY, 9 DEC. / ADVENT 2-C

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

■ *Religious Articles Sale*

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Anatiza & Charles Chai (Lydia & family)
10.30 am Mass: † Gumersindo Figueroa (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Harry Yu (Belen & family)
1.30 pm Infant Baptism
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

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: **Delma Singh, Narisa De Guzman & Chito**
9.00 am: **Daphne Dias & Joyce Durban**
10.30 am: **Valentine Rego & Adrian Pereira**
12.00 pm: **Deborah Paciej**
7.00 pm: **Corine Maulion**

Pray for the Deceased

Leonidez Lopez Simeona Trinidad
Alice Rego Jason Ramkishun

The **2,256** victims of the
Tsunami in Indonesia



A New Liturgical Year

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

25 November 2018.

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

2 December 2018.

It begins a new Liturgical Year, "C" in our three-year cycle of readings. The Sunday Gospels will be from the evangelist **Luke**.

A number of information sheets have been inserted in the bulletins this weekend, describing the GOSPEL OF LUKE. If you did not receive one in your bulletin, check the table beside the Ministry Room; or inquire at the Parish Office.

COMING UP

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- 11 Dec. ► St. Albert School Advent Reconciliation (9:15 am)
12 Dec. Advent Day of Confessions;
- Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School Mass (9:00 am);
- St. Albert School Christmas Carols (6:30 pm);
- St. Albert School Family Advent Mass (7:00 pm)
16 Dec. Knights of Columbus Meeting (1:00 pm)
19 Dec. St. Maria Goretti School Caroling (6:30 pm);
- St. Maria Goretti School Family Advent Mass (7:00 pm)
22 Dec. **Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers**, death anniversary (1988);
- Memorial Mass: † James Samadhin (11:00 am)
23 Dec. **4th Sunday of Advent**
24 Dec. **Christmas Eve** Masses begin at 7.00 pm
25 Dec. Christmas: Feast of the **Nativity of Our Lord**
2nd Collection: Christmas
31 Dec. Feast of the **Holy Family**;
2nd Collection: Maintenance

Wait for the Lord

Psalm 130

Waiting for Divine Redemption; A Song of Ascents.

- ⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.
⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

Children's Choir

Concert, 6:30 pm, 29 December

The St. Maria Goretti Children's Choir, founded in 1997, welcomes all parishioners to join in celebrating its 21 year anniversary, with a concert:

"Singing the Joy of the Gospel in Songs"

Featuring all the music ministries in the parish, with guest appearances, steel pan & more. Refreshments to follow.



ShareLife 2018

You can work wonders !

ShareLife has released its annual REPORT TO DONORS, sharing the results of the 2018 Campaign and detailing how your generosity is making a difference in the lives of those in need. Copies of the report have been distributed through the Parish Office. If you missed receiving one, it can be read online at: www.sharelife.org



Archdiocesan Day of Confessions

Wednesday, 12 December: 4-5 pm, 7.30-9 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, 12 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.

Family of Faith

Implementing the Pastoral Plan

Many thanks to all parishioners who are participating in our diocesan *Family of Faith* campaign, to implement the Pastoral Plan developed by **Cardinal Collins**.



Family of Faith

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, 18 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."

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.

Christmas Cakes & Cards 9 December

For parishioners who missed getting their Christmas cakes and cards when they were on sale at the beginning of November, *it's not too late!* We have a small supply which will be available at all Masses on 8 and 9 December.

CAKES: \$15 for oblong, \$25 for round cakes.

CARDS: \$8 for a package of ten.

Holy Land Religious Articles 9 December

Beautiful olivewood religious articles from the Holy Land will be on sale in the Vestibule after all Masses on 8/9 December.

Stewardship

2019 Sunday Envelopes

Parishioners are invited to pick up their 2019 *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 community of faith.

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. Matt. 6:21	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	Amount: _____

Altar Servers Novice Installation, 16 December

Would you like to be an Altar Server? Applicants must be members of registered parish families, and have made their 1st Communion. For servers who have completed the Fall Training series, the installation of Novices will be held on 16 December.

Our Three Seminararians

On 16 September 2018, St. Maria Goretti Parish was honoured to be assigned three students from St. Augustine Seminary to assist at our Sunday Masses. Below are their biographies:

Hilton Chiu

My name is Hilton Chiu and I was born and raised in Richmond Hill, Ontario. In my spare time, you can find me “doing work” at a coffee shop, cooking up a storm, or going on a spontaneous adventure. Even as a child, I understood the importance of my Catholic faith and have tangibly felt God’s presence at every turn of my life.

I lived in Kingston for six years while studying at Queen’s University, where I completed an undergraduate degree in Biology, followed by a graduate degree in Molecular Genetics. During this time, I nurtured a deeper relationship with the Lord through my prayer, the Sacraments, and involvement with various ministries. The Eucharist has been central to my discernment, and it was through various profound encounters with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament that I heard His gentle whisper, inviting me to follow Him. Despite the many, many plans I had imagined for myself, I have accepted the Lord’s invitation to enter St. Augustine’s Seminary, to follow Him in a specific way, to listen more attentively, and to draw closer to His Most Sacred Heart.

As I embark on this discernment adventure and learn to abandon myself more to God’s will, please remember me in your prayers. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

James Cyfko

My name is James Cyfko, and I am in my 4th year of formation at St. Augustine’s Seminary, fulfilling my philosophy requirements in an undergraduate at Ryerson University! I grew up in a pretty practicing Catholic family, but it took a while for me to take the Faith seriously. When I was 8, the pastor at St. Joseph Church in Streetsville brought us into the sacristy to explain what all of the vestments meant. It was the first time that I realized that the Mass is not a play but that something far beyond any human was taking place. In reading saints books left lying around the house, I also started to crave that happiness which seemed to come from sacrificial love.

Going through Elementary and High School, I lived a bit of a double life — being one way around my friends, and another way at Church. I wanted to make the NHL, get married, and have children, with a possible career in communication or politics as my back-up plan. Even though I was on the ice almost every day and had an agent, I felt deep down in my heart a deep longing for happiness which was not being fulfilled on the ice. Even though I had good friendships with girls, I felt that there was a part of my heart which I could not offer — a part that was being reserved for something more.

I found a Spiritual Director who encouraged me to grow in holiness. Upon cultivating a prayer life, the call to give myself in sacrificial love kept getting stronger. After I talked to the diocesan Vocations Director, I applied and was accepted at St. Augustine Seminary. It is still a journey with difficult moments; but so far, the prospect of becoming a Priest has satisfied the deepest longings of my heart which God has placed there. Please pray for me and my brothers as we continue to discern!"



Alvin Joys

Hello! My name is Alvin Joys, and I am a first year seminarian studying philosophy from St. Augustine Seminary. I was born in India but raised in Canada, where I have lived since the age of 5. I grew up in a very faithful house, and I can confidently say the faith I received has been a gift from God and my parents. I have one uncle who is a Priest in India, and he was the first encounter I had with what a Priest is. He planted the seeds of the Priesthood in my heart from a very young age. I grew up in Woodbridge, attending Elementary School and High School there. Upon graduation, I moved away to the University of Waterloo to study Computer Engineering. I have also been part of a Catholic Movement called *Jesus Youth* for about 10 years, and it has been a huge part of my life and faith formation. Through it, I have made amazing friends and role models, who push me every day to grow deeper in my faith and love of God. Having come to a decisive point in my life, I could no longer ignore God’s call to enter the Seminary. Trusting in his plan I decided to apply and join. I am looking forward to my time here at St. Maria Goretti, and I hope you will pray for James, Hilton and myself as we all continue to discern our vocation. God bless!

DECEMBER: Advent/Christmas feasts

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

- 6 **St. Nicholas:** Sainly Bishop of Myra (in present day Turkey); inspiration for our modern Santa Claus.
- 7 **St. Ambrose:** Bishop and Doctor of the Church; he said: “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 Martyr of the New Testament.
- 27 **St. John the Evangelist:** The youngest Apostle, and the writer of the Fourth Gospel and three Epistles.
- 28 **Holy Innocents:** The youngest Martyrs for Jesus.
- 29 **St. Thomas à Beckett:** Bishop and Martyr.