



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 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 **Rhea Fortuno & Kevin Turner**
- 9.00 am **Justine & Carol**
- 10.30 am **St. Vincent de Paul Conference**
- 12.00 pm **Liam, Santina, Octavia & Talia**
- 7.00 pm **Greeters/Ushers**

Parish Week - Sunday, 9 December 2018

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

Monday, 10 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Cecile Espinoza & family (Dana Mazare)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Deceased members, Edgar and McConkey families (Bill & Marg)

Tuesday, 11 Dec. / St. Damasus I, pope

- 8.00 am Mass: † Irene Toner (Patrick McConkey)
- 9.15 am ► St. Albert School Reconciliation
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Ossie Ameresekere (family)

Wednesday, 12 Dec. / Our Lady of Guadalupe

■ *Advent Day of Confessions*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Helen Kafun (Eileen Egan)
- 9.00 am Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School Mass
- 4.00 pm Confessions (to 5.00 pm)
- 6.30 pm St. Albert School Christmas Carols
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Aloysius Bastiampillai (Christa Mariathas) - St. Albert School Family Advent Mass
- 7.30 pm Confessions (to 9.00 pm)

Thursday, 13 Dec. / St. Lucy, virgin & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Elizabeth, George & Claudia La Guerre (Georgenia & family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Helen Kafun (Bill & Joan Hartford)

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

- 8.00 am Mass: † Helen Kafun (Evelyn Walsh)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Loretta D'Mello (friends)

Saturday, 15 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Kevin Anthony Pierre (mom)
- 10:30 am Memorial Mass: † Eduardo Villanueva
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Eddie Juan (Shirley & children)

SUNDAY, 16 DEC. / ADVENT 3-C

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Petra Zulueta (Rosalina Mopas)
- 10.30 am Mass: Int. Birthday Peter Joseph (Mom, Agnes)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Gary Lynn Faulkner (Justin & Joey Saturno) - Altar Servers Novice Installation
- 1.30 pm Greeters' Advent Lunch
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Pray for the Deceased

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| Amado Mutuc | Marianna Chacko |
| Homer Yarcia | Baburam Bridgnauth |
| Salvatore Porzio | Ramesh Rampersaud |
| Edith Williams | Jasmattie Shirley Kissoon |

The 36 victims of Hurricane Michael in Florida



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.

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- 17 Dec. **Pope Francis**, birthday (1936)
- 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
Feast of the **Holy Family**;
- 2nd Collection: Maintenance;
- New Year Eve Masses begin at 5.00 pm
- 31 Dec.

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

For more information on the *Catholic Women's League* and the RCIA, see page 3 in the bulletin on our website.

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:
R. **And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. **Be it done to me according to Your Word.**

Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made flesh,
R. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. **That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.**

V: Let us pray:

**Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,
Your grace into our hearts;
that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ,
Your Son, was made known by the message
of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.
Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The *Angelus* is a prayer recalling the Incarnation. The name comes from the Latin: *Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae* ("THE ANGEL OF THE LORD DECLARED UNTO MARY"); it is practised by reciting 3 verses of the Bible as *Verse & Response*, alternating with the *Hail Mary*. The *Angelus* is traditionally said three times daily: 6 am, noon, and 6 pm, but it may be used devotionally at any liturgical gathering. The "ANGEL" is **Gabriel**, the messenger of God who revealed to Mary that she would conceive God's Son (Luke 1.26-38).

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Pray for all in our parish RCIA (and RCIC) processes,
who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at the
Early Initiation Rite at the 5 pm Mass, 24 November 2018:

Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist
Carter, Nichola CECELIA

Reception, Confirmation, Eucharist
Ramtahal, Leon LEO
Ramtahal, Sue Ann MARY

Profession
Ramtahal, Leya Suri Ann MARY

See Photo on page 3 of website bulletin.



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 Friday, 21 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.

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, at the 12.00 noon Mass.



[Photo: RCIA and RCIC Early Initiation Rite, 24 November 2018]

Parishioners are asked to remember in their prayers all Candidates, Sponsors and Facilitators in our parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children.



Christmas Pageant 6.15 pm, 24 December

Parents of children who would like to participate in the Christmas Pageant at 6.15 pm on 24 December are invited to call: **Anastasia Williams**, 416-285-5303. Rehearsals are starting.

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The 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.

Among the priorities of the League is the importance of lay movements working to evangelize youth and young adults, especially on university campuses. It is important to help young people build community.

THE 2018-19 CWL PARISH EXECUTIVE

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