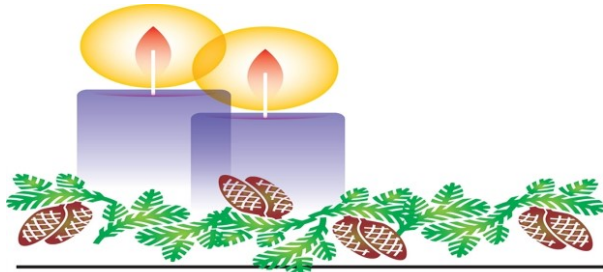


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please Pray For All The Sick

Barbara Correa, Annie Hurley, Gregory Kelly, Fred Weber, Miyanna Figueroa, Brian Cabral, Mariana Weglinski, and Aissa Aro.

And we pray for those whose death anniversaries occur about this time that they may live in glory forever with God and all the Saints.



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Advent is...a wreath of evergreens and light!

The Advent wreath is a prominent symbol of the Advent season and is used in our churches and our homes as a way to prayerfully count the four weeks of the liturgical season. It consists of a wreath made of evergreens into which four candles have been placed. Beginning on the eve of the First Sunday of Advent, the wreath is blessed and one candle is lit to mark the start of the first week of the Advent season. As each week begins, another candle is lit until all four candles are burning brightly by the Fourth Sunday of Advent. According to tradition, three of the candles are purple and one candle is pink, although all four candles may be purple. The pink candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday (from the Latin word which means "Rejoice!"), as the focus of the season shifts from the Second Coming of Christ to the First Coming of Christ. In the northern hemisphere, the days grow shorter at this time of the year, and the trees and plants drop their leaves as they "die back" in preparation for the long winter ahead. The evergreens on the Advent wreath remind us of the everlasting life promised to us by the gift of Jesus Christ, who came among us to save us from sin and death. The lighting of candles banishes the darkness as a reminder of Jesus Christ, the Light who has come into the world through his birth, and who continues to shine brightly through his Church.

JOIN US!!!

The Prayer Group invites you to join them for
Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
on Wednesday, December 13, 2023
Praise and worship begins at 7:30pm followed by
Exposition / Benediction.
ALL ARE WELCOME!



Advent Confessions-Tuesday, December 19th, 2023

7:00pm to 9:00pm

Christmas Eve-Sunday, December 24th, 2023

5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm and 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day-Monday, December 25th, 2023

10:00am and 12:00 noon

Tuesday, December 26th, 2023

Morning Mass at 9:00 am

Tuesday, December 27th, 2023

Morning Mass at 8:30 am

New Year's Eve-Sunday, December 31st, 2023

5:00pm 7:00pm

New Year's Day-Monday, January 1st, 2024

10:00am 12:00 noon

Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024

Morning Mass at 8:30 am

MOVIE NIGHT

The Planning Committee of our parish invites you all to enrich the Advent season with Monday night movies!

Monday, December 11 @ 7pm, Carmel Hall "Heaven is for Real"

Based on the incredible True Story, unlock the Mystery

The film stars Greg Kinnear as Todd Burpo and co-stars Kelly Reilly as Sonja Burpo, the real-life couple whose son Colton claims to have visited Heaven during a near death experience. Colton recounts the details of his amazing journey with childlike innocence and speaks matter-of-factly about things that happened before his birth...things he couldn't possibly know. Todd and his family are then challenged to examine the meaning from this remarkable event.

Please join us for this special night!

Information meeting for PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE MEXICO

The reps from International Heritage Tours will be holding an Information Session on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00pm in the Assisi Room for those who signed up for the trip and for anyone who would like more information for consideration.

For information and registrations of the trip contact: International Heritage Tours at 416-444-6666, www.ih Tours.com, Stan - ext.339 or 647-463-9057 stan@ihtours.com or Liliana - ext. 324 liliana@ihtours.com

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 2023



Masses For The Week

8:30 am Monday, December 11

For the repose of the soul of Carmelo Cini;

Requested by Viviane Gabelle

Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Rose and Chris;

Requested by Family

For the repose of the soul of Francisco Ponferrada;

Requested by Angelica Ponferrada

8:30 am Tuesday, December 12

For the repose of the souls of Ed & Anne Soye;

Requested by the Soye Family

Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Rodrigo Escubil;

Requested by Glenda

Special Intentions and Healing for Raad Ghazala;

Requested by Cecilia & Family

8:30 am Wednesday, December 13

For the repose of the soul of Fr. Alexander Affonso;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Floro Ayson;

Requested by the Family

Birthday Blessings and Healing for John Marco;

Requested by the Family

8:30 am Thursday, December 14

For the repose of the souls of Alejandro, Jose Topacio, Luisa

Corpuz and all deceased members of the Family;

Requested by the Mascarenhas Family

For the repose of the soul of Angel Lee;

Requested by the Lee Family

Special Intentions for Lucy Wu;

Requested by the Wu Family

8:30 am Friday, December 15

For the repose of the soul of Ben Batara;

Requested by the Batara Family

For the repose of the soul of Mary Ann Bonus;

Requested by Odyss & Lawina

Birthday Blessings and Healing for Armando Gomes;

Requested by Alzira Monteiro

9:00 am Saturday, December 16

For the repose of the soul of Mary Ann Bonus;

Requested by Cecilia Hortillo

5:00 pm

For the repose of the soul of Antony Mendez;

Requested by Carmen Mendez

For the repose of the soul of Ruperto Halili;

Requested by Leticia Halili

For the repose of the soul of Kenneth Hill;

Requested by Ernie & Vida Nerona

8:00 am

Sunday, December 17

For the repose of the souls of Alex & Bienvenido Yap;

Requested by the Yap Family

For the repose of the souls of Robert & Olerie Fernandez;

Requested by the Fernandez Family

For the repose of the soul of Kenneth Hill;

Requested by the Ceolin Family

10:00 am

For the Intentions of the Parishioners.

12:00 pm - Multiple Intentions

+ **Denise Rondeau**

+ **Domenico Fatigati**

+ **Teresita Cortes Sr.**

+ **Wilfrida Manuel**

Thanksgiving and Special Intentions for the Gomez Family

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 11

7:00 pm Movie Night – Carmel Hall

LINE DANCING CANCELLED

Tuesday, December 12

10:30 am Memorial Mass-Philip Ferrao – Church

7:00 pm Pilgrimage Information Session – Assisi Room

7:30 pm RCIA – Padua Room

Wednesday, December 13

10:00 am St. Gerard School Advent Mass - Church

7:30 pm Prayer Group Adoration and Benediction - Church

Thursday, December 14

7:30 pm Choir Practice - Church

Friday, December 15

6:00 pm Children's Choir Practice – Church

6:00 pm God's Family Choir Practice – Assisi Room

LINE DANCING CANCELLED

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Appointments will be booked before and after mass this weekend December 9 & 10. New dates are available for booking - January 10, 11 and 12. You will receive a free parish photo directory. For those who were planning to have professional photos taken of your family, this is your chance to do so at no cost to you and should you wish to purchase additional photos for your use, or as gifts, you could also get them at less than studio prices but are under no obligation to purchase any such additional photos. Let's make the best St. Martin of Tours Parish Photo Directory ever!



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