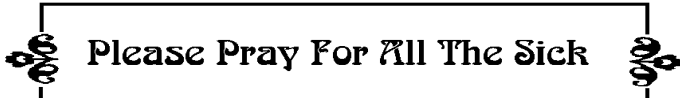


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.



Preparing Ourselves for Christ

This Sunday marks the beginning of the beautiful season of Advent, a time to deepen our relationship with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to "keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." This exhortation doesn't imply that we are expected to never sleep, or sin, again, but that we must consistently strive to move from a life of running towards sin, to a life of running away from sin.

One tremendous way we can do this is to receive God's merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is important to remember that the Lord eagerly and lovingly awaits to forgive us. The whole purpose of the Incarnation was for this reason, as St. John says in his first letter, 'in this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.' Jesus became man for our salvation. In going to confession, we are enabling the Lord to fulfill His salvific mission in our lives which brings Him boundless joy.

This cleansing of our sins will greatly help us live out our lives as stewards by infusing all of our actions with the grace that flows from the sacrament. In order to receive the graces well, let us foster a sense of contrition for our sins, a firm purpose of amendment for our lives and a commitment to penance. All parishes in the Archdiocese will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions to make it easier for us to avail ourselves to this sacrament. Let us take this season of preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.

Wishing you all a grace-filled Advent!



Light Up For Christ

Join the Knights of Columbus on Tuesday, December 5th at 7:50pm. At precisely 8:00 pm the lights will be lit in the manger scene and will simultaneously be lit all over Ontario!! Please Join us for refreshments in the parish hall after the lighting. Everyone is welcome!

Parish Advent Confessions

Parish Advent Confessions scheduled for
Tuesday, December 19, 2023 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm or by
appointment.



Masses For The Week

8:30 am

Monday, December 4

For the repose of the souls of Henry Grasso & Vivienne Portelli;
Requested by Polly & George Grasso

For the repose of the soul of John Luis;

Requested by Virginia Luis

Birthday Blessings for Sherly Palomares;

Requested by Dianah Millano

8:30 am

Tuesday, December 5

For the repose of the soul of Margaret McMurray;

Requested by Catherine & Dan Kaloutsky

Special Intentions for Mariana Weglinski;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Michael Citrome;

Requested by Angely Pacis & Family

8:30 am

Wednesday, December 6

For the repose of the soul of Alois Lack;

Requested by Lawina Notario

For the repose of the soul of Kenneth Hill;

Requested by Mer Hidalgo & Family

For the repose of all soul of Philip Balasbas;

Requested by Aclo & Arce Family

Birthday Blessings for Shane and Sr. Lourdes;

Requested by the Family

8:30 am

Thursday, December 7

For the repose of the soul of Denis Noronha;

Requested by the Mascarenhas Family

For the repose of the soul of Prince Machado;

Requested by the Devarajah Family

7:00 pm

For the repose of the soul of Mary Ann Bonus;

Requested by Micheline Venner

8:30 am

Friday, December 8

For the repose of the soul of Crescencia Sylianco;

Requested by the Family

Special Intentions & Birthday Blessings for Demetrio Notario;

Requested by Odys & Lawina

Special Intentions and Healing for John Marco;

Requested by the Pinto Family

7:00 pm

For the repose of the souls of Gerald & Rita Lobo;

Requested by the Lobo Family

9:00 am

Saturday, December 9

For the repose of the souls of Barbara Kwasek, Josef Piecarczyk & Wiesia Wisniewska;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the souls of Ngoc Luu & Michael Choo;

Requested by the Choo-Campbell Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, 2023

For the repose of the souls of Domingo & Loreta Topacio;

Requested by the Family

5:00 pm

For the repose of the soul of Santiago St. Ana;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Kenneth Hill;

Requested by the Tencic Family

For the repose of the soul of Marie Maclsaac;

Requested by Liam & Annie Hurley

8:00 am

Sunday, December 10

For the repose of the soul of Alois Lack;

Requested by the Ceolin Family

For the repose of the soul of Joseph Mascarenhas;

Requested by the Rebello Family

For the repose of the soul of Saluzinho & Juliet Rebello;

Requested by the Family

10:00 am

For the Intentions of the Parishioners.

12:00 pm - Multiple Intentions

+ **Deodato Da Silva**

+ **Vincenzo Presuth**

+ **Mario Anden**

+ **Ruben Javier**

ADVENT RETREAT

Please join us for an advent retreat with Fr. Selva.

Beginning with Mass on Thursday, December 7 at

7:00pm and concluding with our

FEAST DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF



THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday, December 8, 2023 at 7:00pm

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!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 4

7:00 pm
– Carmel Hall

Beginners Line Dancing (Last session for the year)

Tuesday, December 5

7:50 pm

Knights of Columbus – Light up for Christ

Wednesday, December 6

6:00 pm

Catholic Women's League Christmas Dinner – Carmel Hall

Thursday, December 7

7:00 pm

Mass

Friday, December 8

7:00 pm

Mass

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

Happy New Year!

This weekend we begin a new liturgical year with the first Sunday of Advent. As we approach the holy season of Christmas, the music ministry is looking for new members. Do you play piano or another musical instrument? We would love to hear from you too! Please contact Esteban Cambre at 416-271-3710 or email him at ecambre@gmail.com

Rite of Enrolment

A reminder to parents of students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024 please check the schedule for the Rite of Enrolment dates for your schools. You must attend ONE of the Masses on the calendar and submit the ROE Form with the Sponsors Confirmation Certificate.

St. David of Wales, St. Bernadette and Private and Public Schools is scheduled for December 9th & 10th.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Appointments will be booked before and after mass next 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!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, 2023

*Thank you to everyone who generously donated to
Last week's offering. Weekly Total: \$5171.35*