

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Augusta D'Souza, Joanne Milligan, Ann MacGillivray, Gregory Kelly, Kenneth Hill, Fred Weber, Miyanna Figueroa, Brian Cabral, Mariana Weglinski, Boguslaw Cop, 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, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:50pm.

At precisely 8:00pm the lights will be lit in the manger scene and will simultaneously be lit all over Ontario!! Everyone is welcome!



### Masses For The Week

**8:30 am** **Monday, November 28**

**For the repose of the soul of Antonia Foster;**

*Requested by Rosa and Family*

**8:30 am** **Tuesday, November 29**

**For the repose of the souls of Denis & Aramita Noronha;**

*Requested by Michael & Cynthia Mascarenhas*

**8:30 am** **Wednesday, November 30**

**For the repose of the soul of Edward Joaquin Moniz;**

*Requested by Isabela Rebelo and Family*

**Special Intentions and Healing for Baby Lily Skye Felske;**

*Requested by the Choo-Campbell Family*

**Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Jeanette Fernandes;**

*Requested by the Family*

**Special Intentions and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blessings for Magdalene and Anthony D'Cruz;**

*Requested by Alex & Zita DeSa*

**8:30 am** **Thursday, December 1**

**Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for An Nguyen;**

*Requested by the Lai Family*

**Special Intentions and Healing for Baby Lily Skye Felske;**

*Requested by the Choo-Campbell Family*

**For the repose of the soul of Nieves Balias;**

*Requested by Zenaida Mallilin*

**8:30 am** **Friday, December 2**

**Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Shaun**

**Mascarenhas;**

*Requested by the Family*

**For the repose of the soul of Stan Couto;**

*Requested by the Couto Family*

**For the repose of the souls of all deceased members of the Fernandes Family;**

*Requested by the Pinto Family*

**9:00 am** **Saturday, December 3**

**For the repose of the soul of Lucinda Fernandes;**

*Requested by the Travasso & DSouza Family*

**For the repose of the soul of Leo Amio;**

*Requested by the Family*

**Special Intentions and Healing for Baby Lily Skye Felske;**

*Requested by the Choo-Campbell Family*

**5:00 pm**

**Special Intentions for Carmen & Rudy;**

*Requested by Carmen Mendez*

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**For the repose of the souls of Ziggy Krasinski & Henry Grasso;**

*Requested by Marthese & Kimberly Krasinski*

**For the repose of the soul of Joan D'Souza;**

*Requested by Ian and Family*

**8:00 am Sunday, December 4**

**For the repose of the soul of Tiago Leite;**

*Requested by the Leite Family*

**For the repose of the souls of Henry Grasso & Theresa Mangion;**

*Requested by Polly & George Grasso*

**For the repose of the soul of Jenny Benick;**

*Requested by Lidia & Silvio Sacco*

**10:00 am**

**For the Intentions of the Parishioners.**

**12:00 pm - Multiple Intentions**

+ **Cynthia Nazareth**

**S.I. and Birthday Blessings for Anelia D'Souza**

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE  
FEAST DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF**



**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

With a special mass on  
Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 7:00pm followed by  
Benediction and Adoration

### **Parish Advent Confessions**

Parish Advent Confessions scheduled for  
Thursday, December 15, 2022 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm or by  
appointment.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

#### **Rite of Enrolment**



A reminder to students from St. Gerard School, St. John XXII School and St. Jerome School who have registered and are preparing to be Confirmed in 2022. You must attend ONE of the following Masses to receive the Rite of Enrolment.

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:00pm

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

Please bring the completed Confirmation Commitment/ Sponsor Form (with a copy of your Sponsor's confirmation certificate attached) to hand in during Mass. If you have not handed in a copy of your own baptism certificate, you must submit it BEFORE the Rite of Enrolment.

## **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday, November 28**

No Activities

**Tuesday, November 29**

7:00 pm RCIA – Assisi Rm

7:50 pm Light up for Christ

**Wednesday, November 30**

6:00 pm Catholic Women's League Members Christmas Dinner

**Thursday, December 1**

7:30 pm Choir Practice-Church

**Friday, December 2**

9:00 am Miracle Exhibit – Carmel Hall

6:00 pm God's Family Choir Practice – Church

## **The Eucharistic Miracles of the World**

**Friday, Dec. 2 to Sunday, Dec. 4**

Please join us as we host the Vatican approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit. The exhibit, which was designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place.

St. Martin of Tours Carmel Hall

Friday – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday – 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### **Now Available**

The 2022-2023 missals are now available in the Parish Office for a donation of \$5.00 each.

2023 Donation Envelope Boxes are available to be picked up in the parish office. Staff will assist with distribution. Please check labels and inform us of any changes to your address or telephone number.

### **Gifts of Flowers**

At this time of preparation, we offer parishioners the opportunity to donate funds towards our Christmas Altar Flowers. Please use the envelopes attached to the bulletin or you may pick one up in the parish office. Thank you for your contribution to prepare our altar for this beautiful season.



**Thank you to everyone who generously  
donated to Last week's offering.**

**Weekly Total: \$3,935.95**