

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Please Pray For All The Sick

Ann MacGillivray, Kenneth Hill, Armando Gomes, Christina Garde, Miyanna Figueroa, Brian Cabral, Lovrenco Zuvic, Mariana Weglinski, Boguslawa 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, December 7<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 29

*For the repose of the soul of Julius Amor Artes;*  
Requested by the Artes Family

*For the repose of the soul of Carla Ferrari;*  
Requested by Rosa Villa

*For the repose of the soul of Irene Santiago Funk;*  
Requested by Almira Whittaker

### 8:30 am Tuesday, November 30

*For the repose of the soul of Eddie Moniz;*  
Requested by the Rebello Family

*Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Jeanette Fernandes;*  
Requested by the Fernandes Family

*Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Callum Phoenix;*  
Requested by the Couto Family

### 8:30 am Wednesday, December 1

*For the repose of the soul of Stan Couto;*  
Requested by the Family

*For all souls;*  
Requested by the Thomas Family

*For the repose of the soul of Mary Josephine Sebastian Avuran;*  
Requested by Bernadette and Family

### 8:30 am Thursday, December 2

*For the repose of the souls of Bart & Sircula Noronha;*  
Requested by the Fernandes Family

*For the repose of the soul of Margaret Walker;*  
Requested by Stephen & Odette

*Thanksgiving and Special Intention for Dari Paul;*  
Requested by the Family

### 8:30 am Friday, December 3

*For the repose of the soul of Lucinda Fernandes;*  
Requested by the Travasso & D Souza Family

*For the repose of the soul of Leo Amio;*  
Requested by the family

*For the repose of the soul of Annama Joseph;*  
Requested by Bernadette and Family

### 9:00 am Saturday, December 4

*For the repose of the soul of Joan D’Souza;*  
Requested by Ian D’Souza and Family

*For the repose of the souls of Ngoc Luu & Michael Choo;*  
Requested by the Choo Family

*For the repose of the soul of Fidelina Notario;*  
Requested by Rob & Pauline Young

5:00 pm  
*For the repose of the souls of Henry and Harry Grasso;*

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Requested by Pauline & George Grasso

### ***Special Intentions and Thanksgiving;***

Requested by the Fernandes Family

### ***For the repose of the soul of Margaret Walker;***

Requested by Liam & Annie Hurley

### **8:00 am Sunday, December 5**

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

Requested by the Leite Family

#### ***For the repose of the soul of Margaret McMurray;***

Requested by Catherine & Dan Kaloutsky

#### ***For the repose of the soul of Fidelina Notario;***

Requested by Jimmy Dy and Family

### **10:00 am**

#### ***For the Intentions of the Parishioners.***

### **12:00 noon – Multiple Intentions**

#### ***Special Intentions 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  
Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 7:00pm followed by  
Benediction and Adoration

### **Advent Mission 2021: Hope for the Church**

Begins on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 2:00 PM  
Concludes on Wednesday, December 01, 2021 at 3:00 PM  
Zoom/YouTube

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Matthew 3:3

Join us and prepare the way of the Lord! These have been trying times. We could use some Good News, couldn't we?

We invite you to join us in preparing for the Good News we need: Jesus Christ. This mission promises to give us all hope for the Church!

Led by the seasoned General Superior, Fr. Roger Vandenakker, the newly ordained Fr. Brenton Cordeiro, and Dcn. Juan Pablo Orozco, begin this season of joyful anticipation with this uplifting and encouraging Advent Mission. We'll also be joined by the seminarians of the Companions of the Cross for worship!

Please visit [www.companionscross.org](http://www.companionscross.org) to register.

### **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 available in the lobby or you may pick one up in the parish office. Thank you for your contribution to prepare our altar for this beautiful season.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS**

#### **Keep Christ in Christmas – December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**

Knights of Columbus will be distributing "Keep Christ in Christmas" Bracelets after all masses.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

#### **Rite of Enrolment**



A reminder to students from St. Gerard School, St. John XXII School and St. David of Wales 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 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm

Sunday, December 5<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.



### **Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule** **REGISTRATION FOR ALL MASSES IS REQUIRED** **THROUGH EVENTBRITE ON OUR WEBSITE.**

#### **Advent Confessions-Thursdays, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

7:00pm to 9:00pm

#### **Christmas Eve-Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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

#### **Christmas Day-Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

10:00am and 12:00 noon

No Saturday evening mass

#### **Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 noon

#### **New Year's Eve-Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

5:00pm 7:00pm

#### **New Year's Day-Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

10:00am 12:00 noon

No Saturday evening mass

#### **Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 noon

### **St. Joseph's Missals**

The 2021/2022 missals are available in the Parish Office for a donation of \$5.00 each.



**OFFERING**

*Thank you to everyone who generously donated to Last week's offering. Weekly Total: \$4,471.00*