

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Please Pray For All The Sick

Ann MacGillivray, Kenneth Hill, Christina Garde, Miyanna Figueroa, Brian Cabral, Lovrenco Zuvic, 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.



Making Room for Jesus

As Christmas fast approaches and Advent is drawing to a close, let us remind ourselves of the importance of this liturgical season. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas as well as His final coming at the end of time. However, the great saints of the church also speak of an intermediary coming, the coming of Christ to our present lives. Let us take a moment to ask ourselves, if the Lord showed up in our life today, would there be room for Him?

As stewards, we often face the temptation to let our works of charity become a life of volunteering instead of a spirituality of service. Our many works may begin to take precedence over our relationship with Christ which should always remain as the source of our stewardship. This Advent, as we are waiting for Christ, Christ is also waiting for us. Jesus says in the Book of Revelation, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you" (Revelation 3:20). He is waiting for us to open the door and let him in.

We can let him into our lives as stewards by realizing it is not ourselves ministering to our neighbour, but the love and presence of Christ within us. St. Teresa of Calcutta says it best when she proclaims that, "it is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at someone and offer them your hand." St. Teresa of Calcutta fully embodies the spirit of stewardship that makes room for Christ to love others through her. Let us strive to let Jesus into our lives as we approach Christmas.



Masses For The Week

8:30 am Monday, December 20

For the repose of the soul of Jose Fernando Serraõ;
Requested by Maria and Family

For the repose of the soul of Enzo Dal'bo;
Requested by Andrew D'Souza

Special Intentions for Austin Sauco;
Requested by the Sauco Family

8:30 am Tuesday, December 21

For the repose of the soul of Siluvai Pichai;
Requested by the Thomas Family

For the repose of the souls of Stephanie Van Nguyen & Marulen;
Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Anny Yopez;
Requested by Marjorie Valencia and Family

8:30 am Wednesday, December 22

For the repose of the souls of;

*Lawson Sylianco
Segundina de Leon
Benita, Floro & Emilia Ayson
Amy Chan Wee*

8:30 am Thursday, December 23

For the repose of the soul of Uday Sawant;
Requested by the Fernandes Family

For the repose of the soul of Jose Manuel Cabral;
Requested by Eduarda Maida

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

5:00 pm Friday, December 24

For the repose of the soul of Ramon Bollozos;
Requested by the Malabanan Family

7:00 pm

For the repose of the soul of Anthony Moses;
Requested by the Fernandez & Mozes Family

9:00 pm

For the repose of the soul of Bento Pereira;
Requested by the Cordeiro Family

12:00am

For the repose of the soul of Carlos Melo;
Requested by Maria Melo and Family

10:00 am Saturday, December 25

For the repose of the souls of Joe & Helen Boyd;
Requested by the Grant & Boyd Families

For the repose of the soul of William Eleazar;
Requested by the Family

12:00 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 2021

*For the repose of the soul of Manuel Rebelo;
Requested by the Rebelo Family*

*For the repose of the souls of Joseph Patrick & Sebastian Pillai;
Requested by the Family*

8:00 am Sunday, December 26

*For the repose of the soul of Fidelina Notario;
Requested by the Marco Family*

*Thanksgiving and Special Intentions for the Marucot Family;
Requested by Maria Leite*

*For the repose of the souls of Arnedo & Erlinda Saucó Berlin;
Requested by Saucó Family*

10:00 am

For the Intentions of the Parishioners.

12:00 noon – Multiple Intentions

+ *Severina Gatto*

Sponsor a Catholic Christian Pakistani Refugee Family

“I was a stranger and you welcomed me”

The refugee sponsorship is a one-year commitment, where the parish community welcomes and accompanies the refugee family during their first year of arrival to Canada. The Archdiocese of Toronto has asked many parishes to help welcome one of these refugee families from Pakistan to start a new life here in Canada. I recognize the challenges that this pandemic has created for our parish to take on this commitment, but with your help, the lives of many refugees can be saved through the sponsorship efforts of our parish.

Alam, his wife Seemab, children Aaron Joshua and Divine Mary have been living in a refugee camp in Thailand since 2014 following death threats in Pakistan for standing up for the rights of Pakistani Christians. Our parish has agreed to sponsor them, and I am delighted that they are in the final stages of medical and security clearances before arriving in Canada within the next few months. At present we need parishioners to join our Refugee Committee to assist with the planning and welcoming of this family, and their orientation and adjustment to life in Canada.

If you can assist, please contact the parish office to leave a message.



May the Christmas GIFTS remind us of God’s greatest gift, His only Son.

May the Christmas CANDLES remind us of Him who is the “Light of the World.”

May the Christmas TREES remind us of another tree upon which he died.

May the Christmas CHEER remind us of Him who said, “Be of good cheer.”

May the Christmas FEAST remind us of Him who is “the Bread of Life.”

May the Christmas BELLS remind us of the glorious proclamation of His birth.

May the Christmas CAROLS remind us of the son the angels sang, “Glory to God in the Highest!”

May the Christmas SEASON remind us in every way of Jesus Christ our King!

Extending you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas....

Father Gijo, Father Shyju, Deacon Miguel



Registration for all masses is required through eventbrite on our website www.stmartinoftoursmi.archtoronto.org
Special link for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be posted and available to take registrations beginning:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 AFTER 6:00 PM

Christmas Eve-Friday, December 24th, 2021

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

Christmas Day-Saturday, December 25th, 2021

10:00am and 12:00 noon

No Saturday evening mass

Sunday, December 26th, 2021

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

Special link for New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day will be posted and available to take registrations on our website beginning:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 AFTER 6:00PM

New Year’s Eve-Friday, December 31st, 2021

5:00pm 7:00pm

New Year’s Day-Saturday, January 1st, 2022

10:00am 12:00 noon

No Saturday evening mass

Sunday, January 2nd, 2022

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

Parish Office Holiday Hours

December 24 – 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, no morning mass

December 25 – Closed

December 26 – Closed

December 27 – Closed, Holy mass celebrated at 9:00 am

December 28 – Closed, Holy mass celebrated at 9:00 am

2022 Offertory Envelopes are available to be picked up.

Once again they are arranged in numerical order.

Tax Receipts: To be eligible for tax receipts for donations made in the 2021 year the deadline is Sunday, December 26th, 2021, receipts will be issued for a minimum donation of \$50.00



*Thank you to everyone who generously
donated to Last week’s offering.
Weekly Total: \$5,694.25*