

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Advent is 'Waiting'

'Waiting' is a word very familiar to all of us. We have the experience of waiting in our day-to-day events of life. I read in one of the health magazines, if we live to be ninety years old, we will spend four years of our life just waiting. Waiting in line at the grocery store, waiting in the doctor's office, waiting for lunch/dinner to be ready, waiting for recess time at school. Everyone is just waiting.

Advent literally means coming or arrival and practically it is waiting, waiting for the coming of the Saviour of the world. Christmas is coming, Christ is on his way. What can we do to make this time of waiting for Christmas more than just a useless time in the waiting place? We may find the best image of waiting/Advent in Mary in the Gospel. By reflection and prayer, by reading the Scripture and meditation, Mary was waiting in the waiting place. The waiting place of Mary was the presence of God. During the times of doubts, struggles and darkness of her life, she remained faithful in her waiting place-to God and his commandments. And God opened and cleared her ways of her trouble, sending to her womb the Saviour of the world.

Advent is a call and challenge of waiting in our waiting place. Four weeks of Advent/waiting gives us four words to reflect: Faith, Hope, Joy and love. Faith does not come from human ingenuity or craftiness. Hope does not come from material wealth. Joy does not come from comfort. Love does not come from the bottom up. Faith, hope, joy and love come from God who gives us our identity and our mission. Mary knew what she was doing. Joseph knew what he was doing. Their waiting place was in the presence of God, and they responded to the will and Word of God, being and living in the waiting place of God's presence. This is what brings joy/peace to their family- to the world, to us. We turn this waiting place a useful one, to celebrate Christmas in a meaningful way. Have a Blessed Advent!



Light Up for Christ

Join the Knights of Columbus on Tuesday, December 2nd 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!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! CALLING ALL SINGERS AND MUSICIANS!

The 1st Sunday in Advent is the Church calendar's New Year's day as it marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. Can you think of a better Church New Year's resolution than to join the music ministry? Neither can we! If you have ever considered joining one of our groups, please contact our coordinator, Esteban Cambre at 416-271-3710 or ecambre@gmail.com

St. Martin of Tours is fortunate to have a number of choirs that sing in a variety of musical styles. There is something for everyone. Come join us as we minister through sharing our love of praising through music.

FEAST DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF



THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7:00pm

Parish Advent Confessions

Parish Advent Confessions scheduled for
Wednesday, December 17, 2025 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm or by
appointment.

JOIN US!!!

The Prayer Group invites you to join them for
Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
on Wednesday, December 10, 2025
Praise and worship begin at 7:30pm followed by Exposition /
Benediction.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 1

7:00 pm Beginners Line Dancing – Carmel Hall

Tuesday, December 2

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting

7:00 pm RCIA – Padua Room

7:50 pm Knights of Columbus "Light up for Christ"

Wednesday, December 3

1:00 pm The Sewing Social – Lisieux Room

Thursday, December 4

7:30 pm Choir Practice – Church

Friday, December 5

6:00 pm Children's Choir Practice - Church

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

7:00 pm Line Dancing – Carmel Hall

Saturday, December 6

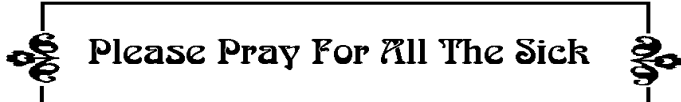
8:45 am First Communion Prep Class – Church

6:30 pm Concert Night

Gifts of Flowers

At this time of preparation, we offer parishioners the opportunity to donate funds to our Christmas Altar Flowers. Please use envelope in the donation box or pick one up on the table in front of the parish office. Thank you for your contribution to preparing our altar for this beautiful season.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 2025



Lenny Naluz, Felix Pires, Annie Hurley, Miyanna Figueroa, 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.



Masses For The Week

8:30 am Monday, December 1

For the repose of the soul of Stan Couto;

Requested by the Couto Family

For the repose of the soul of Ursula Brunk;

Requested by the Family

Special Intentions and Healing for John Marco;

Requested by the Family

8:30 am Tuesday, December 2

For the repose of the soul of Fred Weber;

Requested Mary, Joseph and Family

For the repose of the soul of Guia Reyes;

Requested by Penny Hipolito

Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Shaun Mascarenhas;

Requested by the Family

8:30 am Wednesday, December 3

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

Requested by the Soye Family

For the repose of the soul of Berlynn Miranda;

Requested by Catherine & Elvin Vieira

8:30 am Thursday, December 4

For the repose of the soul of Anthony Fernandes

Requested by Alex & Zita DeSa

Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Jan Wos;

Requested by Elizabeth Wos

Special Intentions and Healing for Dari Paul;

Requested by the Family

8:30 am Friday, December 5

For the repose of the soul of Yvon Monteiro;

Requested by the Thomas Family

For the repose of the soul of Margaret McMurray;

Requested by Dan & Catherine Kaloutsky

For the repose of the soul of Aramita Noronha;

Requested by the Family

9:00 am Saturday, December 6

For the repose of the soul of Vincent Gomes;

Requested by Neville D'Silva

For the repose of the soul of Vincent Silveira;

Requested by the Family

Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Chris Concepcion;

Requested by the Hortillo Family

5:00 pm

For the repose of the souls of Henry & George Grasso;

Requested by Pauline Grasso

For the repose of the soul of Maria Jorgina Pereira;

Requested by the Prayer Group

For the repose of the soul of Emparatriz Sychangco;

Requested by Alex & Zita DeSa

8:00 am

Sunday, December 7

For the repose of the soul of Tiago Leite;

Requested by Maria Leite

For the repose of the soul of Denis Noronha;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Savariamall Nayagam;

Requested by Carmie and Teresa

10:00 am

For the Intentions of the Parishioners.

12:00 pm - Multiple Intentions

+ **Catherine Pagan**

+ **Eula Azevedo**

+ **Miguel & Joao Norberto Melo**

+ **Josefina Baltazar**

+ **Harris Thompson & Ann Morrison**

+ **Cornelio Manon-Og**

+ **All Souls in Purgatory**



Sale of the Christmas Angels will continue on the weekend of December 6 & 7 and December 13 & 14 in the Church Lobby.

2026 Donation Envelope Boxes are available for pick up, please check in with the parish office with your current envelope number. If you are interested in obtaining your own envelope numbered box, please contact the parish office. Registration details will be confirmed and updated before a number is assigned.

If you haven't picked up your envelope box from **2024 or 2025** your number has been deleted and assigned to new parishioners. To avoid a discrepancy in donations received/recorded, it is important for parish members who are **using outdated** envelope numbers please contact the office.

MUSIC CONCERT at ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Join us for our Music Ministry celebration concert on Saturday, December 6 at 6:30pm in the church. The concert features the different choirs of our parish as well as our cantors and instrumentalists.



Thank you to everyone who generously donated to:

Weekly Total: \$5,846.10