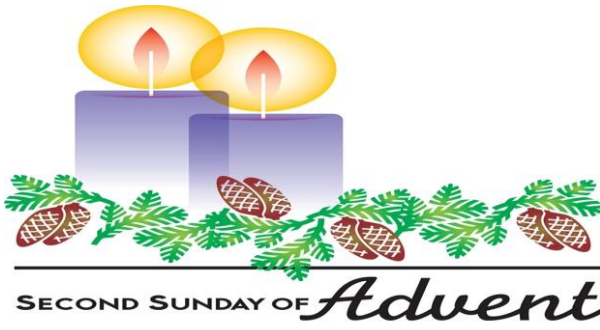


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Advent is...a wreath of evergreens and light!

The Advent wreath is a prominent symbol of the Advent season and is used in our churches and our homes to prayerfully count the four weeks of the liturgical season. It consists of a wreath made of evergreens into which four candles have been placed. Beginning on the eve of the First Sunday of Advent, the wreath is blessed, and one candle is lit to mark the start of the first week of the Advent season. As each week begins, another candle is lit until all four candles burn brightly by the Fourth Sunday of Advent. According to tradition, three of the candles are purple and one candle is pink, although all four candles may be purple. The pink candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday (from the Latin word which means "Rejoice!"), as the focus of the season shifts from the Second Coming of Christ to the First Coming of Christ. In the northern hemisphere, the days grow shorter at this time of the year, and the trees and plants drop their leaves as they "die back" in preparation for the long winter ahead. The evergreens on the Advent wreath remind us of the everlasting life promised to us by the gift of Jesus Christ, who came among us to save us from sin and death. The lighting of candles banishes the darkness as a reminder of Jesus Christ, the Light who has come into the world through his birth, and who continues to shine brightly through his Church.

FEAST DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF



THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7:00pm

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!



Advent Confessions-Wednesday, December 17th

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Christmas Eve-Wednesday, December 24th

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

Christmas Day-Thursday, December 25th

10:00am and 12:00 noon

Friday, December 26th

Morning Mass at 9:00 am

New Year's Eve-Wednesday, December 31st

6:00pm

New Year's Day-Thursday, January 1st

10:00am 12:00 noon

Friday, January 2nd

First Friday - Morning Mass at 8:30 am

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 8

7:00 pm Holy Mass

Tuesday, December 9

7:00 pm Beginners Line Dancing – Carmel Hall
7:00 pm RCIA – Assisi Room

Wednesday, December 10

9:30 am Bereavement Group – Lisieux Room
7:30 pm Prayer Group Adoration and Benediction - Church

Thursday, December 11

7:30 pm Choir Practice – Church

Friday, December 12

6:00 pm God's Family Choir Practice – Assisi Room
7:00 pm Line Dancing – Carmel Hall

Saturday, December 13

8:45 am Confirmation Prep Class – Church
9:30 am Lay Carmelites Meeting – Lisieux Room

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 joining 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 several 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 praise through music.



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 8**

For the repose of the soul of Crescencia Sylianco;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Michael McIntosh;

Requested by Junia Fulgence

Thanksgiving and Special Intentions for Haydeliz & Hayley Ligaya;

Requested by the Family

7:00 pm

For the repose of the soul of Harris Thompson;

Requested by Micheline Venner

8:30 am **Tuesday, December 9**

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

Requested the Family

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

Requested by the Lobo Family

For the repose of the soul of Vicente De Los Reyes;

Requested by Virginia Damasco

8:30 am **Wednesday, December 10**

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

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Mario Anden;

Requested by Linda Anden

For the repose of the soul of Harris Thompson;

Requested by Lawina

8:30 am **Thursday, December 11**

For the repose of the souls of Fatima & Albano Monteiro

Requested by Cristina & Danny Fernandes

Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Sr. Gertrude Marindoque;

Birthday Blessings and Healing for John Marco;

Requested by the Family

8:30 am **Friday, December 12**

For the repose of the soul of Anthony Fosberry;

Requested by the Jackson Family

For the repose of the souls of Audrey & Austin Fernandez;

Requested by the Fernandez Family

For the repose of the soul of Lucinia Parial;

Requested by Bert and Minda Cacho

9:00 am

Saturday, December 13

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

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the souls of Tessie and Hazel Fernandez;

Requested by the Fernandez Family

For the repose of the soul of Lilia Pinto;

Requested by the Dcruz Family

5:00 pm

For the repose of the soul of Fr. Alexander Affonso;

Requested by Fernandes & Affonso Family

For the repose of the soul of Maria Jorgina Pereira;

Requested by Alex & Zita DeSa

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

Requested by Marthese Krasinski

8:00 am

Sunday, December 14

For the repose of the souls of Robert & Olerie Fernandez;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Sarvariammal Moses;

Requested by the Moses-Fernandez Family

For the repose of the soul of Lourenco Tavares;

Requested by Maria Melo

10:00 am

For the Intentions of the Parishioners.

12:00 pm - Multiple Intentions

+ **Deodato & Teresa Da Silva**

+ **Mary Joseph**

+ **Conceicao & Miguel Matias**

+ **Vincent Silveira**

+ **Kazimiera Latala**

+ **Pedro and Eric Alonsozana**

Catholic Women's League News.....

Sale of the Christmas Angels will continue this weekend 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.

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.



Thank you to everyone who generously donated to:

Weekly Total: \$6,981.70