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*prepare the way...*



# ADVENT



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 19**

*Judges 13:2-7,24-25 Psalm 71*

*Luke 1:5-25*

5:30 pm Patricia Cobham

**Tuesday, December 20**

*Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10*

*Psalm 24 Luke 1:26-38*

5:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. Domingues  
Amaral

**Wednesday December 21**

*Zephaniah 3:14-18 Psalm 33*

*Luke 1:39-45*

5:30 pm Ed Benson +

**Thursday December 22**

*1 Samuel 1:24-28 1 Samuel 2*

*Luke 1:46-56*

5:30 pm Frank Orsini +

**Friday, December 23**

*Malachi 3:1-4, 4:5-6 Psalm 25*

*Luke 1:57-66*

5:30 pm Giovanna Gaetano +

**Saturday, December 24**

*2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12, 16*

*Psalm 89 Luke 1:67-79*

5:30 pm Parish Community

10:00 pm Parish Community

12:00 pm Parish Community

**Sunday, December 25**

10:00 am The Parish Community

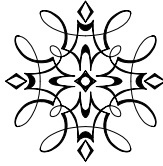
12:00pm The Parish Community

Monthly comparison for November

Offertory	2015	2016
Envelopes	\$19,413	\$ 17,236
Loose	\$6,231	\$ 4,413
PAG	\$ 6,438	\$ 6,250
Total	\$32,082	\$ \$27,899

Monthly comparison based on 4 weeks in 2016 and 5 weeks in 2015.

Building & Maintenance \$3,101. for November



**The Pastor's Corner**

*Peace and Goodness to All!*

As we enter the final week of Advent we are drawn into the miraculous wonder of the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel to Mary, inviting her to become the mother of God. Mary's word, "let it be done to me according to your Word" provides the model of life and fulfillment of God's plan for salvation of the World. The whole advent season is a time of hope filled waiting for the coming of our Savior; both in the remembrance of his Nativity and the anticipation of his Coming again in Glory. Mary is the model and symbol of the whole Church who listens to the Word of God and is invited to say yes to the power of the Holy Spirit who will conceive in her to birth the Savior Jesus Christ to a world that awaits its salvation. Each of us has been invited through this time to hear the word of God revealed in the scriptures and to give our assent to the Holy Spirit of God in our lives to live according to the word of God revealed to us in the Sacred Scriptures. It is in this way that the Lord continues to be born in our world that is so in need of God's saving power. In this final week of prayer and hope let us prepare to receive Him in our hearts for Christmas so the world may believe.

Throughout this week the parish has been preparing for our celebrations. Last Sunday the parents of the children in the Christmas pageant gathered to rehearse for the vigil mass. It is sure to be a spectacle. The youth group meanwhile held a great BINGO game in the hall to raise funds for their good work and activities throughout the year. The St. Vincent de Paul Society gathered on Monday night to prepare the gifts for the families on their Santa list. Their ministry to the poor is a prayerful and sacred service to Christ whose presence in the "least among us" gives opportunity to serve Him. The Development and Peace community gathered on Monday to continue their plans for the coming year. On Tuesday evening we hosted the annual Christmas Party for all who serve our Stewardship organizations. It was great fun and a way to say thank you to all who make this parish the wonderful place of worship, life and welcome to the whole community. A special thanks to Cyndy and Larry O'Grady who helped in making it a party. Thank you to all who give so much to grow our parish vitality and mission; to live and proclaim the Gospel and welcome all. The drive to collect gifts for the Winter Welcome table has been very successful, and we will deliver these wrapped gifts to the Christmas dinner on Monday of this coming week. Thank you to all for your love and generosity in this effort.

On Monday of this past week the students from Morocco Merton High School came to the church celebrate their Advent Christmas liturgy. What a wonderful gift these young people bring to our parish. The teachers, leaders and staff make this school a light of faith for so many. It was the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and I was able to share with them the great spirit of the incarnation that is celebrated throughout Mexico and much of Latin America on this special feast of Our Lady. My years of service to the Mexican Community in South Central Los Angeles gave me stories to share my experience with the people who are made holy through their devotion to this great patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Wednesday the RCIA group gathered as ever to decorate the Church with "Fr Griswold" insisting on "more lights" to symbolize the great light of the World Jesus Christ whose birth we will celebrate in our Christmas liturgies. So we are just a week away from the celebration of the Birth of our Savior

Jesus Christ in our Christmas Liturgies. Thank you to all of you who make this a rich and wonderful time to celebrate the holy season of peace and light.

*In the love and joy of Christ Jesus! Fr. Dan*

**Please Pray for:**

**The Sick:** Moira Casey, Joaquin Martins Walter Paversa

**The Deceased:** Michael Lewis, Stephen Quigley, Maria Schulz

**Wedding Banns**

First Publication

Michael Ritterhaus & Ciara Lee

**2016 Christmas Pageant**

After the 12 noon mass today, we will have our second rehearsal for the Christmas pageant. All the children of the parish are invited to participate. We need Mary & Joseph, shepherds, soldiers, angels and towns people. Just show up for the rehearsal, no pre registration required. Adults wishing to help out are also welcome.

**Archdiocese of Toronto Celebrates 175th Anniversary**

December 17 marks the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, kicking off a year-long celebration of this historic milestone. Originally part of the Diocese of Kingston, on December 17, 1841, Pope Gregory XVI formally created the Diocese of Toronto and named Michael Power its first bishop. The Archdiocese of Toronto is planning numerous historical and spiritual activities to commemorate the 175th anniversary, including a large-scale celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on May 30, 2017. In acknowledging this significant anniversary, Cardinal Thomas Collins remarked:

"It is a tremendous blessing to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Over the next year, we will honour the past, energize our present faith community and look forward to an exciting future."

More information on the Archdiocese of Toronto 175th celebrations can be accessed by visiting: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).



**Christmas Schedule**

Christmas Eve	5:30 pm	Christmas Liturgy with Pageant
	9:30 pm	Christmas Liturgy
	12:00 am	Christmas Liturgy
Christmas Day	10:00 am	Christmas Liturgy
	12:00 pm	Christmas Liturgy
December 26 & 27th	No Masses	
December 31	5:30 pm	Octave Day of the Nativity
January 1	10:00 am	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
	12:00 pm	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
January 2	No Mass	

**This Week**

**Monday, December 19**

5:30 Youth Group

**Wednesday, December 20**

Staff

4:30 pm Religious Education

**Thursday, December 21**

7:00 pm Marriage Prep

**Future Dates to Remember**

**December 26 & December 27**

No Masses

Parish office will be closed.

**Tuesday, January 3**

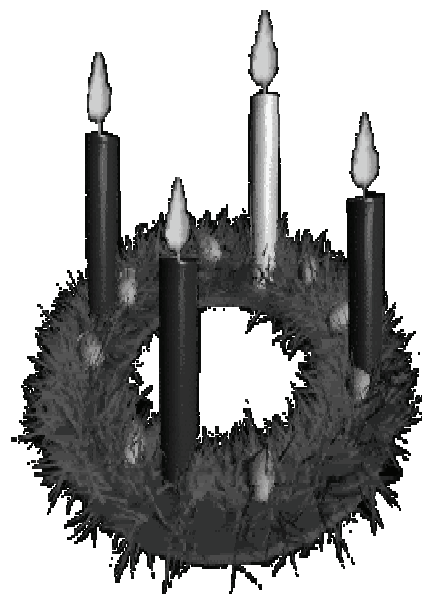
7:30 pm Ministry Meeting

**Wednesday, January 11**

First Reconciliation for Year 2 class

**Thursday, January 12**

7:00 pm CWL Executive



*Fourth Sunday of  
Advent*

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