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Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm Sunday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm

15 minutes before each Sunday Mass. Weekdays: Appointment with the priest

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2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am

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ADVENT

When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (Catechism of the Catholic Church #524)

Advent has a twofold character. As a season to prepare us for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered: as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of devout and joyful expectation.

From December 17th on, there is a notable shift in emphasis as the events immediately preceding the Lord's birth are present in the gospel readings while the first readings proclaim the most important Messianic prophecies.

During Advent, each Sunday's gospel has a specific theme. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamps this week burn for:

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Monday, December 3rd, St. Francis Xavier, Priest St. Francis Xavier was one of the first Jesuits. He was ordained a priest in Venice and sailed for the East Indies in 1541. In 1542, he landed in Goa and from there set out to preach the Gospel in different lands. He died in, China in 1552. He is patron of the missions.

Friday, December 7th, First Friday of the Month. We honour the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Friday, December 7th St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor, St. Ambrose was born at Trier about the year 340. In 374, while living in Milan, he was elected bishop of the city by popular acclaim and ordained on December 7th. He devotedly carried out his duties and was an effective pastor and teacher. He died in 397.

Saturday, December 8th, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Solemnity celebrates the sinlessness and purity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." Rosary at 8:30 a.m., Sung Mass at 9:00 a.m. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

11:00 a.m. CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED (ESPECIALLY MEN) Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the choir loft. If interested, please see Rob after Mass or at the rehearsal or phone the Parish Office.

PUBLIC NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY To celebrate our patronal feast and to mark the Year of Faith, there will be a Public Novena to the Immaculate Conception beginning on Thursday, November 29th and ending on December 7th, the Vigil of the Feast. Each evening at 7:30 p.m. there will be recitation of the Rosary, Novena Sermon and Novena Prayers. Saturday, December 8th, 8:30 a.m. Rosary 9:00 a.m. Sung Mass. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

OUR LADY'S PSALTER: The Rosary of the Mystery of Christ, A More Ancient Way of Praying the Rosary by Fr. Marco Testa is available at the Parish Office. This is reminiscent of the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, contains the oldest rosary clausulae in Latin and their English counterparts. This ancient form of the Rosary is eminently suited to the observance of the Year of Faith.

TWO HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP invites everyone to pray the 4 mysteries of the Rosary on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Church. This Wednesday, we will incorporate the Third Psalter taken from *Our Lady's Psalter*.

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NEW BEGINNINGS: For those who lost a loved one through Death, Separation or Divorce. "Through a Lens Darkly: Grief, Loss and C.S. Lewis:" DVD Seminar on Tuesday, Dec. 4, from 7:30 p.m. to 9: p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge St. 4th Floor, (NE corner of Yonge and Shaftesbury Ave., free underground parking off Shaftesbury and is beside the Summerhill Subway station. No registration required. There is also a Retreat Weekend Friday, Dec. 7 at 7:00 p.m. to Sunday Dec. 9, at 4 p.m. at Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. Info: Deacon James at 416-921-1163 ext. 2227 or email at jshaughn@cfstoronto.com.

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE for those experiencing grief this Christmas on Monday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at Chapel Ridge Funeral Home, Markham. Refreshments served after service. For info, please call 905-305-8508.

GAUDETE A Family Christmas Concert by the Blessed Trinity Choir. Children's Choir and Festival Orchestra on Sunday, Dec. 16th at 3 p.m. at Blessed Trinity Church. Tickets: \$15, \$10 for students under 21. For info or tickets, please call Jeff at 416-733-0210.

HANDMADE ROSARIES (Brigittine or Dominican) are available for order from the Parish Office. Please call for details.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT on Sunday, Dec. 16th at 4 p.m. at the Unionville Alliance Church, Unionville. Guests: Michael Burgess, Jackalyn Short, Mark Masri, Toronto Mass Choir & Upper Canada Children's Chorus. For tickets / info, call 905-887-5896 or 905-294-5230.

SAINT ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Mateo Burbano, Rory Burke, Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Enrico Carusi, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Joe Cinno, Manuela Clement, Moira Davidson, Caterina De Grano, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Martha Haffner, Carmela Harrison, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Elena Iacobelli, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Anna Jedlicsek, Terry Jennings, Margaret Kelly, Derek Lai, Olivera Lambeta, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Margaret McConnell, Paul Melotte, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Anthony Morse, Susan, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Giuseppe Racco, Rosa Rostirolla, Todd Santaguida, Wolfgang Saul, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Joan Scott, Vincenzo Sorbara, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Ted Zygmunt, Helen & Catherine.

2 dicembre 2012- 1a di Avvento

Cè una tribolazione che noi stessi dobbiamo trovare. Ci capitino pure quelle tribolazioni: ce nè una che dobbiamo cercare e trovare noi stessi. Di che cosa si tratta? Non parlo di quello che in questo mondo è detto felicità, labbondanza dei beni temporali: non si tratta in tal caso di una tribolazione, ma di un sollievo alla nostra sofferenza. Di che sofferenza si tratta dunque? Di quella connessa col nostro esilio. Il fatto stesso che non siamo ancora con Dio, il fatto che viviamo qui, in mezzo alle tentazioni e alle persecuzioni, e non possiamo vivere senza timore, ecco la nostra tribolazione. Non è questa infatti la sicurezza che ci è stata promessa. Chi non proverà questa tribolazione connessa al suo esilio, non pensa al ritorno in patria. Ecco la tribolazione, fratelli. (...) Nessuno trova tale tribolazione, se non chi l'ha cercata... Loda colui che promette, loda colui che ti chiama, loda colui che esorta, loda colui che aiuta: e renditi conto della tribolazione nella quale sei posto. Invocalo: sarai liberato, lo glorificherai, resterai con lui (Agostino, Esp. sui Salmi I p. 1279).

La preghiera è incontro e unione tra luomo e Dio; sostiene il mondo e lo riconcilia con Dio, ottiene il perdono dei peccati, è difesa dalle tentazioni e dalle prove, placa ogni lotta interiore; è loccupazione degli angeli, il nutrimento di ogni creatura spirituale. Anticipa la felicità futura, è unattività perenne, fonte di ogni virtù e della grazia di Dio. I suoi slanci invisibili sono un cibo per lanima, una luce per lintelligenza, un sostegno nello sconforto, un appoggio della speranza e fanno dileguare la malinconia. (...) Quando stai per presentarti al tuo Signore nella preghiera il tuo cuore abbia imparato a perdonare e la tua memoria a dimenticare ogni offesa. A nulla serve altrimenti la tua preghiera (G. Climaco, La scala del Paradiso PG 88.1129).

Tu ci hai nascosto il giorno e lora in cui il Cristo tuo Figlio, Signore e giudice della storia apparirà sulle nubi del cielo rivestito di potenza e splendore. In quel giorno tremendo e glorioso passerà il mondo presente e sorgeranno cieli nuovi e terra nuova. Ora egli viene incontro in ogni uomo e in ogni tempo, perché lo accogliamo nella fede e testimoniamo nellamore la beata speranza del suo regno (prefazio la di Avvento).

AVVISO

Si celebra una novena in inglese in preparazione per la festa dell'Immacolata Concezione. Ogni sera, alle 7.30, si recita il S. Rosario, seguito da predica e le preghiere d'uso.

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		+Lucia & Luigi DiTacchio
		+Vito Di Tacchio
		+Filomena Lippa
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		D'Agostini
		+Salvatore Russo
		+Vincenzina De Acetis +Elsa Baldassarra
		+Victoria Domenegato
MON	0.00 a m	+Marcello & Emidio Frasca
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Anton Gal
TUE.	7:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m.	+Jerry Laughlin
IUE.		+Maria & Joseph Ruza
WED	7:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory Deceased Forkan Family
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	7:00 p.m.	In honour of St. Joseph
	, .oo p.iii.	+Alberto Perricciolo
		+Amadio Corvinelli
		+Pietro & Domenico Scalzone
		+Amadeo Corvinelli
		+Egidio & Larry Cervini
		+Iride & Antonio Collucci
		+Dino Morello
THURS	8:00 a.m.	+Alma Gibbons
	7:00 p.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Jillianne Gabriel
	7:00 p.m.	In reparation to the Sacred
	•	Heart of Jesus
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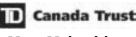
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