St. Mary's Church

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PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Larry Léger, Pastor - ext. 104 Rev. Jeremias Inoc, Associate Pastor - ext. 107 Deacon Ron MacLellan - ext. 110 Deacon Del Allan - ext. 125 Susan Scarff, Administrative Assistant - ext. 101 Catherine Ecker, Coordinator of Ministry with Maturing Adults and Parish Catechist -ext.115 Shannon Barks, Music/Youth Minister - ext. 116 or 705-229-7426 Clint Tyler, MSW Counsellor, ext. 101 Pat Borho, Finance - ext. 102 Cathy O'Connor-Horgan,Custodian of Records-ext113 Dennis Cormier, Building Manager

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ADVENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 23 **Tuesday, December 24** Wednesday, December 25 Thursday, December 26 Friday, December 27 Saturday, December 28

12:10 p.m. **.SEE BELOW** SEE BELOW 9:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 9:00 a.m.

† Edith Driscoll **Christmas Eve** Christmas Dav **†** Desmond Magannis Intentions of Rosemary Kavan Intentions of Connie DiNicola Intentions of Pina Smalley Intentions of Eric Bergeron Intentions of Maryanne Bergeron



† Bill Huetl

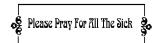


Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24 5:00 p.m. (Sun. 4pm Choir) 7:00 p.m. (Sat. 5pm Choir) 9:00 p.m. (Traditional Choir) Midnight (Traditional Choir)

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25 10:00 a.m. (Traditional Choir) 12:00 p.m. (Cantor)

Boxing Day – Thursday, December 26 9:00 a.m. (No Mass at 12:10 p.m.)



Please remember to pray for those who are sick especially May Flynn,

Rosita Bearisto, Tibor Toth, Russ Cadeau, Antony Gariepy, Mike Prior, Marilyn Wolfe, Myrna Belza and Mike Carbone.

Please remember to pray for those who have died especially Domenico Menegon and Adelma DeNarda.



HOSPITAL VISTING



Please be reminded that if a family member or friend is in the R.V.H. the parish

makes regular visits, more than once a week to the hospital. It is necessary however, that you let us know the name, and if possible, location of the patient. With the patient's permission, we would be most happy to visit them. Please do not presume that there is some automatic way that we discover who is in the hospital. It is required that the family contact the parish.

Feast of the Holy Family Saturday, December 28 - 5:00 p.m. Sunday, December 29 - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. <u>New Year's Eve – Tuesday, December 31</u> Vigil of the Feast of Mary, Mother of God 5:00 p.m. (No Mass at 12:10 p.m.)

> New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Wednesday, January 1 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL LAMP **& SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

December 21st to December 28th



Our sanctuary lamp is lit -In loving memory of my dear little sister

† Marie Lespérance

Who is forever in our hearts and prayers.

Requested by: Big sister, Shirley Vaillancourt



CLOSED Wednesday, Dec. 25 Friday, Dec. 27

Thursday, Dec. 26 Wednesday, Jan. 1

OPEN 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 24 Tuesday, Dec. 31 Friday, Jan. 3



As we celebrate the presence of Emmanuel – "God-With-Us" I want to take this opportunity to thank so many people for your warm and wonderful welcome to me as I have arrived at St. Mary's parish. In your hospitality, in word and in deed, you have reflected the compassion of our God. A God who chooses to come into our human existence, and elevate us to the divine.

May you and your Family know the Love, Peace, and Joy that our God desires for each of us! With Gratitude for each of you, as we endeavour to extend the reign of God! Fr. Larry





EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

During the 2019 Christmas Season, the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel hours will be: **Monday, Dec. 23, Thursday, Jan. 2, First Friday, Jan. 3 – OPEN** for usual hours. **Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24 up to and including New Year's Day, Jan. 1 CLOSED** On **New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31 – OPEN** <u>after</u> the 5:00 p.m. Mass until 12:00 a.m. (Only if there are enough people interested). To commit to the extended time please see the sign-up sheet posted outside of the chapel or contact Mary Bond at 726-6641. *Come and thank the Lord for the blessings of 2019 and ask for continued blessings in 2020.*

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION: A Sign of our Communion with God and Union with Others

Beginning the first Sunday of Advent at every liturgy, we shall be invited to share both the Body and Blood of Christ. It is always good for those of us who come to the table each week to pause and recall the proper way to receive Holy Communion.

At the time of Holy Communion, when the person in front of you has received Holy Communion and you are in the front of the procession you will bow your head, the Minister of the Body of Christ will say, *"The Body of Christ"*, you will reply, *"Amen"*. It is important to note that the only appropriate response is *Amen*. The Church expects that *Amen* is said in a voice that can be heard by the Minister of Holy Communion.

After saying *Amen* you will consume the host immediately and if receiving the Precious Blood you will move to the Minister of the Chalice who will say, *"The Blood of Christ"*, you will reply, *"Amen"* and take a sip from the chalice. You will not bow a second time for the act of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is one ritual gesture. (GIRM, paragraph 160) The Canadian Bishops have instructed that our common sign of reverence be a bow of the head. As a sign of our unity and respect for the Body of Christ we join in singing the Communion hymn. After everyone has shared in Holy Communion there will be a time of silence for prayer.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

<u>VON SMART</u> (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) Exercise Program will not meet on December 23rd and 30th. The program will resume January 6, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

ADVENT: A SEASON OF DEVOUT AND EXPECTANT DELIGHT! PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH WEEK



Before your family meal, light three purple candles and the pink candle on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath you may light a taper before you pray. *God of all hope, you have chosen*

us to be a witness to your love. Help us and guide us in all that we do in your name. May we rejoice in the coming of your Son. Amen. Leader: Come, O Emmanuel, presence of God among us, and fill our hearts with every good gift.

All: Come Lord Jesus!

December 24 - On Christmas Eve, you may replace the candles with new white ones for use during the Christmas season.

Leader: Lord Jesus, we approach that holy moment when Your coming in the flesh is renewed in our hearts. Give us peace and allow us to celebrate Your presence with joy, that we may someday share Your glory.

We ask this of You, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, as One God, now and forever. All: Amen.

PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION OR FIRST SHARING IN HOLY COMMUNION

All families are reminded the check the list in the parish hall and to record the date of enrolment for both Confirmation and first sharing in Holy Communion. If you have questions please contact Catherine Ecker at caecker@archtoronto.org.

