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# ADVENT

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**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday through Saturday:

**First Friday:**

(Mass followed by Adoration)

9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

**PASTORAL TEAM**

Fr. Joseph Kalluvila, O. Carm., Pastor

Fr. Felix Antony, O.Carm., Assoc. Pastor

Fr. Sebastian Joseph, O.Carm., Assoc. Pastor

Rev. Mr. John Cannon, Deacon

Sr. Ria T. Angostura, MSCS, Pastoral Associate

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

Mon	Dec 19	Judges 13.2-7, 24-25; Luke 1.5-25
Tues	Dec 20	Isaiah 7.10-14;8.10; Luke 1.26-38
Wed	Dec 21	Zephaniah 3.14-18; Luke 1.39-45
Thurs	Dec 22	1 Samuel 1.24-28; Luke 1.46-56
Fri	Dec 23	Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6; Luke 1.57-66
Sat	Dec 24	2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8-12,16; Luke 1.67-79
Sun	Dec 25	Isaiah 62.11-12; Titus 3.4-7; Luke 2.15-20

**CHURCH**

Sun	Dec 18	Candlelight Carol Service 6:30 p.m.
Tues	Dec 20	St. Richard Advent Mass 7:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 21	Band practice 8 -10 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 22	Folk Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Fri	Dec 23	St. John Family Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.

**SEMINAR ROOM**

Mon	Dec 19	RCIA 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Tues	Dec 20	Adult Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 21	Prime Time Crafts 2 – 4 p.m.

**NESSINGER HALL**

Sun	Dec 18	Candlelight Carol Service 5 -9:00 p.m.
Tues	Dec 20	St. Richard 6 – 9:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 21	PS Confirmation 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**Christmas Schedule**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: SATURDAY, DEC 24th**

At the Church: 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM, 10:00 PM,  
And 12:00 MIDNIGHT

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: SUNDAY, DEC 25th**

At the Church: 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

(Note: There will not be an 8:00 AM or 4:00 PM Mass)

**FEAST DAY MARY MOTHER OF GOD**

VIGIL MASS, SATURDAY, DEC. 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES, SUNDAY, JAN. 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Schedule is also posted on our website:

[www.saintjohnofthecross.com](http://www.saintjohnofthecross.com)

Perhaps you've been wondering about the Advent First Readings. All the Old Testament readings for the season of Advent are messages of hope and promise. They come from prophets whose mission was to remind God's people that they were indeed "called by a promise of peace and justice." Perhaps questions we might ask ourselves are: "How do I say yes to the Lord's invitation?" "How do I put into daily practice what I hear God's Word saying?" "Which actions of mine flow from charity and which from justice?" The prophets remind us of a kingdom that is yet to come: a kingdom where there will be peace and justice for all. In some of the most beautiful poetry of the Bible, the prophets speak of that peace and justice that is the birthright of every person. The hopes and visions that God has for us, his chosen ones, is what we wait for. Each week, after the Our Father, the Presider prays, "... keep us free from anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. Copyright © 2009 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.



**PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS**

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 <sup>rd</sup>	OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 <sup>th</sup>	OFFICE CLOSED
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 <sup>th</sup>	OFFICE CLOSED
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 <sup>th</sup>	OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
MONDAY, JANUARY 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017	OFFICE CLOSED

**CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE**

December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Please join us in the Church. A lovely family evening that helps us put Jesus into our Christmas



**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF THE SICK**

## Fourth Sunday of Advent & A Time To Prepare



### ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY GROWING IN FAITH

#### **REFLECTION OF THE WEEK**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Welcoming light.

**“May the Lord come in, He is the King of Glory.”**

Lord, I find it difficult to welcome certain people in my life,  
how can I overcome this?

### SPONSOR APPEAL

Each year we need some sponsors to accompany those who want to find out more about the Catholic Church. This is an opportunity to grow ourselves and to help others in their journey of faith. We meet Monday evenings with a wonderful group of people from now through to Easter. Please take some time to think seriously as to whether this is the year you can help. We need each of you to look and see if you can say yes to this invitation - now. To find out more about what is involved please call Sr. Ria, ext. 226 at the parish office. Thank-you!

### **PRIME TIME CLUB - (a social group for those over 50)**

New members always welcome – Membership is \$10 per year.  
Events include monthly dinner in Nessinger Hall  
and a local restaurant outing.

Craft group meets every Wednesday 2 to 4 in Seminar Room.  
For membership - Julienne-Anne Rodrigues 905 670-0020  
For Crafts - Barb Reinhart 905 819-9099  
For activities - Mary Wong 905 824-8537

### PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

We have several ministers who will come to your home on a weekly basis if needed. We also distribute Holy Communion to you if you are hospitalized at Credit Valley or Trillium Hospital. Please contact Muriel Haney at 905 507-1581 if you or your loved one is sick or shut-in and would like to receive Holy Communion at your home.

### PROCEDURES FOR THE ORDERING OF PAPAL BLESSING SCROLLS

Papal Blessings scrolls are only available directly from the Vatican. To order Papal Blessing parishioners can visit the Vatican website, [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) under the Roman Curia tab the office of Papal Charities.

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2017

Are available for pick-up in the Rotunda. Envelopes are arranged numerically. Parishioners who do not know their envelope number can check the list on the table by the envelopes. Boxes are labelled with your name and address. Please verify your name and address on the box. Please pick-up at your earliest convenience.

### **Offering Envelopes**



### 2017 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 please use your 2017 Envelopes.

**DO NOT USE** any previous year's envelopes. Envelopes not picked-up will be re-instated in the computer and given out to new parishioners, assuming that you have moved out of the area. Year will be finalized on the computer the last week of January, 2017 and the 2016 Tax Receipts will be available for pick-up shortly thereafter.

### CHURCH YEAR END

Thank you to all those who donated this year. If you would like to make a donation to be included on your 2016 tax receipt, please do so on or before Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. This will allow us to record the amount on the computer and deposit the money by, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

### Ministry to the Bereaved

The ministry is intended to offer spiritual support and the healing comfort of God to all who mourn a loss through death. Support is offered in a group setting or on an individual basis. Our ministers journey with the person through their grief, offering consolation and compassion as wounded healers. This ministry is offered to all who feel ready to take this step in their journey of grief.

We ask that the person who wishes to begin this program, contact the parish office personally. Please pass on the word and let us be a parish of compassion and consolation, reaching out to those who suffer alone.

Individual sessions are scheduled on mutually convenient times.  
Contact the parish office 905 1331 or  
Muriel Haney 905 507 1581

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416- 968-0997.** Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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