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OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Thu. 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

WEEKEND SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
12:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the month
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sundays at 2:00 p.m.
by appointment.

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Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the rectory one Year
in advance of desired date.

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Blessed Trinity School 416-393-5289

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St. Joseph's Morrow Park 416-393-5516

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 12 8:00 am

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
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Tuesday, December 13 8:00 am

ST. LUCY, Virgin, Martyr
Nouhad Khalil (Deceased)
Requested by Virginia Nanounis

Wednesday, December 14 8:00 am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS,
Priest, Doctor
Eleanor Roberts (Deceased)
Requested by the Roberts family

Thursday, December 15 8:00 am

Elizabeth Chow Yun-Kin (Deceased)
Requested by John Lo and family

Friday, December 16 8:00 am

Seamus Meehan (Deceased)
Requested by Ray Ferguson

Saturday, December 17 9:00 am

Bridget Flynn (Deceased)
Requested by Pat Sexton

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This Advent be reconciled to God; make the Sacrament of Reconciliation a part of your preparation for Christmas. Msgr. Sheehy, Fr. Mah and visiting priests will hear confessions on:

Saturday, December 17th 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Monday, December 19th 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm



Knights of Columbus

General Meeting – Mon, December 19th



Gourmet Christmas Cakes – On behalf of the unborn, we would like to thank all the parishioners who purchased Christmas cakes.

We were sold out after the 7:00 pm Mass on December 4th. Many thanks from Campaign Life Coalition, to the Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Catholic Women's League, and to all who assisted in the sales.

Vocations – There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Hansoo at 416-968-0997.



A CHILD IN THE MANGER

A family Christmas Concert

Blessed Trinity Liturgical Choir
and Children's Choir
Including selections from
Handel's Messiah with orchestra

Narration by Msgr. Ambrose Sheehy

Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 3:00 pm
Blessed Trinity Church

Tickets: \$10 with partial proceeds going to St. Vincent de Paul Society of Toronto. Tickets will be available after all Masses. For more information: 416-733-0210 or BTconcerts@gmail.com



Thesians – Donations of ladies toiletries

(hand creams, soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, etc.) will be gratefully accepted for gift bags for the Thesians' Christmas lunch guests on December 14th. Our guests are women in transition from St. Clare's Residence, a shelter for abused women. We will need the toiletries by Sunday, December 11th. If you are able to provide toiletry donations to this very worthwhile event, please contact Carol Hanlon at 416-494-4507 to arrange for collection. Thank you for your invaluable support.

Attention all Confirmation Candidates

Msgr. Sheehy, Fr. Eric Mah, Ms. Maria Agovino will be conducting five Saturday mornings for the candidates from all schools on the following dates:

Place: Blessed Trinity Hall
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Dates: January 21st, February 4th, February 11th,
February 25, March 3rd 2012

These mornings are an extremely important part of preparation for the Sacrament.



2012 Envelope Donation Boxes are available in the parish hall for pick up. If there are any questions or errors, please contact the office. Please do not use your 2012 envelopes until January 1, 2012 and previous year envelopes should not be used in 2012.

'Lessons and Carols – A Journey in Advent'

Marshall McLuhan Catholic High School will be performing at St. Monica's Parish (44 Broadway Ave., Toronto) on **Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 pm**. The students will be leading a musical, artistic and spiritual evening focusing on the season of Advent. Come and enjoy an unforgettable evening of amazing talent. Tickets are available at the door or call 416-483-1513.



CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24th - Mass: 9:00 am

Nativity of the Lord Vigil - Saturday, December 24th

Masses: 6:00 pm, 9:00 pm & Midnight

Solemnity of Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 25th

Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm
(No 7:00 pm Mass)

Monday, December 26th – Saturday, December 31st
Mass: 9:00 am

Holy Mother of God Vigil – Saturday, December 31st

Mass: 4:30 pm

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Sunday, January 1st

Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm
(No 7:00 pm Mass)

Monday, January 2nd – Saturday, January 7th
Mass: 9:00 am

Young Adults Dinner – The Blessed Trinity Young Adults group is organizing a dinner event on **Saturday, December 17th at 7:30 pm to be held at Baton Rouge**, which is located at Yonge and Empress and Sheppard Avenue.

This is a great opportunity to meet other young Catholics from the parish. If you are interested in coming, please send your RSVP to Cathy at ccsmiley33@hotmail.com by Sunday, December 11th. Each person is expected to pay for his/her own meal.

Sunday Missals – If you would like to have your own Sunday Missal for the year 2012, they are available in the office for \$5.00 each.



ADVENT

Advent Sundays take on a particular character as suggested by the Gospel reading. The Lord's coming in glory at the end of time (the parousia); John the Baptist and his message of reparation and repentance; events that immediately prepared for the Lord's birth.

The Old Testament readings are prophecies about the coming of the Lord and the promise of messianic fulfillment. The writings of the prophet Isaiah are especially prominent during Advent.

The selections from the writing of the Apostles offer instructions and exhortations on the different themes and ideas of the season.

Advent Weekdays – The readings of the first part of Advent centre on the semi-continuous reading of the prophet Isaiah, with gospel passages that reflect a sense of fulfillment of the reading.

During the second week, the gospel readings introduce us to John the Baptist as the one who prepares for the coming of the Lord (at Christmas and at the end of time) through his message of repentance.

Finally, beginning on December 17th, the gospel readings from Matthew and Luke recount the events that prepared for the Lord's birth.

The Prophets – The writings of the prophets (especially Isaiah) and the images they use in their books find a special place in Advent. However, it is important to remember that we read the prophets not because they somehow detail specific details of the coming of Jesus, but because of the intimate relation between the longing that they express and the fulfillment that Jesus brings. The plan and pattern of the Old Testament directs us to the coming of Christ and to the messianic kingdom that he inaugurates. In the works of the prophets, the Church finds the language and symbols that helps it express the mystery of the coming of the Saviour.

'O' Antiphons – In the week before Christmas, a series of antiphons are found for the Canticle of Mary (*Magnificat*) at Evening Prayer. These are the 'O Antiphons', so called because each one of them begins with the interjection 'O'. They have been a part of the Advent liturgy since the Middle Ages. Each one acclaims a title of the coming Lord and then invites him to act in accord with that title.

Although historically a part of the Office, they are today also found at Mass where they are sung as the verses for the Gospel Acclamation.


These verses reflect the cry of the Church in the last days of Advent: Come, Lord Jesus!

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