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**SUNDAY EUCHARIST:**

Saturday: 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Monday to Saturday: 9:05 a.m.

**FIRST FRIDAY:**

Exposition 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**BAPTISM:**

Please contact the Pastor at least two months before the proposed date.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:**

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:**

Please let us know if you know someone who would like to receive this Sacrament. Upon request, Communion will be brought to the sick and shut-ins.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER SAINT CECILIA'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**



# Second Sunday of Advent

## December 6, 2020

YEAR B

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- Mon. Dec. 7: St. Ambrose, *bishop and doctor*  
Tues. Dec. 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Wed. Dec. 9: St. Juan Diego  
Fri. Dec. 11: St. John Damasus I, pope  
Sat. Dec. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe, *patroness of the Americas*

### MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Mon. Dec 7 - Sun. Dec 13

**Tuesday 9:05 a.m.**

In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary (INT)

*Req. by Sergia and Rafael Espinos*

**Thursday 9:05 a.m.**

Buenaventura and Floro Recreo (RIP)

*Req. by Sergia and Rafael Espinos*

**Friday 9:05 a.m.**

Ann Clough (INT)

On her Birthday

*Req. by Her Friends*

**Saturday 9:05 a.m.**

Maria Guadalupe Novoa (RIP)

Maria de Guadalupe Castillo (RIP)

*Req. by Noemi*

**Saturday 7 p.m.**

Jardelina Melo and Manuel Umbelina (RIP)

*Req. by Their Children*

**Sunday 9 a.m.**

Intentions of the Parish Community

**Sunday 11 a.m.**

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### LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS

**ALL PUBLIC MASSES CANCELLED**

**OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER:**

Monday - Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 12 NOON

restricted to 10 people

**CONFESSION**

by appointment

**WEDDINGS, FUNERALS AND BAPTISMS**

restricted to 10 people,

including those who are involved in ministry (priest, cantor, etc.).

Dear parishioners,

We want to thank all the parishioners of St. Cecilia for their ongoing support during this period of great uncertainty. It has been wonderful to see so many of you at Mass since we re-opened in June. We are especially grateful to the volunteers who have helped ensure our church is a safe place to gather – they have done incredible work!

As you know, the number of new COVID-19 cases in the Greater Toronto Area has increased significantly in recent days and, at present, Toronto and Peel Regions are in the “Lockdown Stage” as identified by the Province of Ontario. In addition, Premier Ford announced on November 20th, 2020 special emergency measures that need to be taken in our area.

For this reason, as of Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, we must restrict attendance inside the church to 10 people, *including* priests hearing confessions and people required to monitor capacity restrictions. Sadly, due to these measures, public Masses must be temporarily cancelled. Priests will continue to celebrate private Mass daily for the intentions of parishioners and for those suffering from Covid.

Our church will remain open for private prayer and for the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will be open daily for private prayer: Mon.to Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. and Sun. 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Reconciliation will continue to be by appointment. Weddings, funerals and baptisms will now be restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry (priest, cantor, lector etc.). The Confirmations we had scheduled will need to be postponed.

While I recognize it is not a substitute for attending Mass in person, I encourage you to view online/livestream or televised Masses. A full list is available at [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org). Visit our parish website to link our parish Sunday Masses. All non-essential meetings in the parish will move to virtual meetings or they may be postponed. Our staff will be working remotely wherever possible. **Our office hours are: Wednesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

We recognize these measures are extremely challenging. I am also so incredibly grateful for the efforts of our heroic volunteers who have been faithfully welcoming parishioners and cleaning the church between services, ensuring that we can operate safely and responsibly. Your selflessness and generosity is inspiring!

If you would like to continue financial support of the parish during this temporary closure, you may drop your offering off in the mail slot of the office door at 161 Annette Street or mail it to the office. You may also visit the Archdiocese of Toronto: <https://www.archtoronto.org/> to donate on-line to the parish or to sign up for pre-authorized giving.

So many of the faithful rely on the reception of the sacraments and our churches to find solace, peace and support during this period of pandemic. Despite these new restrictions, we will make every effort to continue our outreach to you. We also ask that you find opportunities to assist those who are vulnerable or alone among us. Please visit our website or listen to our phone message for updates. We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. Thank you for your patience and prayers as we navigate this wave. Keep Care. Look after one another and may God bless you.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Joseph Tap Tran



## St. Vincent De Paul Society 'Christmas Star Program' Starts Next Weekend

This year, due to Covid, we will not have the tree displayed with Christmas Stars, however, because of Covid, the need is greater than ever. SVDP is running the program to meet this need! Please place your gift card or monetary donation in an envelope marked **SVDP Christmas Star Program** and deposit in the offertory basket after Mass or in the mail slot of the office at 161 Annette.

**Please make your offering by  
Sunday, December 6th, 2020.**

Gift cards can be purchased at any major department store or pharmacy. Food gift cards can be purchased at all major grocery stores. *The pandemic has had an impact on many in our community. Thank you for giving to our neighbours who find themselves in need this year!*

### DAY OF CONFESSIONS

*Let every heart prepare Him room*

Confession times at St. Cecilia Church  
on December 8th, 10th & 15th:  
9:45- 10:45 a.m., 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.,  
& 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Please note: If the capacity of 10 is reached, people must wait outside the Pacific entrance door.

**2020-2021 LIVING WITH CHRIST MISSALS** are available for purchase. The price is \$5.00. Please purchase from the church during private prayer or contact the office to arrange purchase.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11*

*Psalms Luke 1: My soul shall exult in my God*

*1 Thessalonians 5.16-24*

*John 1.6-8, 19-28*

### OFFERTORY

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Donate Now Nov 1-15	725.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*



PSALMS AND CANTICLES

**THIS SUNDAY!** December 6, 2020

*How Great Is Your Name O Lord Our God  
(Psalm 8 and Psalm 19:1-7)*

One Sunday evening each month, all are welcome to join Cardinal Thomas Collins for Lectio Divina at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond Street, Toronto

Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7 p.m.

Lectio Divina 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.

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### ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY LAY FORMATION PROGRAM ADVENT RETREAT, IMITATION OF CHRIST

December 12, 2020

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

A Virtual Event Hosted By St. Augustine's Seminary

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus. We remember His first coming and we prepare for His second coming. There is, however, the time in between where we are called to be Christ-like, preparing to receive Him in our hearts. This retreat will provide time for reflection on how to be like Christ in our day-to-day lives. Presented by Dr. Josephine Lombardi.

**COST:** \$25

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#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

If you moved this year, please inform the office of your new address. Thank-you

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

*Hang Sam Lee, Richard Mijares, Drew Fiala, Connie Tari-Kornhauser, Lisa Reardon, Stuart Robson, Rosa Maria Santos, Dory Kashin, Bianca Auriemma, Rosie Po, Frank Ferreira, Antonina Koziara, Julia Collins, Mary Ann Cuschieri, Sebastian Carvalho, Anne Tran Fazzalari, Gabriel Sebastian Romano, William (Buddy) O'Hara, Robert Freimuts, Giuseppe R., Mikayla Haswell, Victoria Cooper, Christian Mijares, Anna Solims, Lorenza Varga, Steven McKinney, Krysten Telfer, Natalie Chabane, Edward Spiteri, Maria Ruccolo, John Conforzi, Ignacio Juarez Ednet, Dominic Coccimiglio, Winifred Ismail, Hector Balthazar, Mimi Ashton, Ann Baby, and Theuma Family Members*



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