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*Prepare the way...*

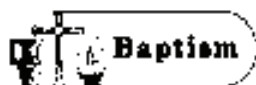


# ADVENT



## MASSSES OF THE WEEK

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| <b>Monday, December 19</b><br>Special Intention  | 8:00 am |
| <b>Tuesday, December 20</b><br>Lucina Munz (Deceased)<br><i>Requested by Jing Estrelon</i>             | 8:00 am |
| <b>Wednesday, December 21</b><br>Special Intention – In Thanksgiving<br><i>Requested by Teresa Lam</i> | 8:00 am |
| <b>Thursday, December 22</b><br>Adriano Ferreira (Deceased)<br><i>Requested by the family</i>          | 8:00 am |
| <b>Friday, December 23</b><br>Laurence Victor (Deceased)<br><i>Requested by Maria Victor</i>           | 8:00 am |
| <b>Saturday, December 24</b><br>Special Intention  | 9:00 am |



*We welcome to our Parish through the  
Sacrament of Baptism*

**Liam Paul Kennedy, Romeo Josias Choy,  
Letizia Elianna Chung,  
Ametiss Emiss Farivar-Arabi**

## 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 17 <sup>th</sup> | 9:30 am – 11:30 am |
| Monday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>   | 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  |



## Knights of Columbus

**General Meeting – Mon, December 19<sup>th</sup>**



## Catholic Women's League Annual Dinner Dance – "Winter Gala"

**Saturday, January 28, 2012**

Tickets (\$50) are now available

Would make a good Christmas present

Please call Velma Letterio at 416-226-0590

## First Executive Meeting for 2012

Tuesday, January 3 at 10:00 am.



## CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

**Nativity of the Lord Vigil - Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Masses: 6:00 pm, 9:00 pm & Midnight

**Solemnity of Nativity of the Lord**  
Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm  
(No 7:00 pm Mass)

Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
Mass: 9:00 am

**Holy Mother of God Vigil – Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Mass: 4:30 pm

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm  
(No 7:00 pm Mass)

Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
Mass: 9:00 am

## 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 Parish Hall  
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon  
Dates: January 21, February 4, February 11,  
February 25, March 3, 2012

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

**Marriage Preparation Classes** - Classes begin on Monday, January 9, 2012 and continue for the next six Mondays until February 27, 2012, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, plus one Saturday on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The class meets in the Parish Hall. Please register by calling the office at 416-226-0262.

**'Mass for the Unborn'  
Feast of the Holy Innocents**

**Wednesday, December 28, 2011  
St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto**

The Mass for the Unborn will be celebrated at St. Michael's Cathedral at 5:30 pm by Rev. Ed McGovern. All are welcome.

**On Line Giving – Donate Now** – The Archdiocese of Toronto is pleased to announce that you can now support your parish or favourite charity of the Archdiocese by making a gift over the internet using your credit card.

As of December 1, 2011, a new button is accessible on the Archdiocesan website [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org). Clicking the button "DONATE NOW" will take you to a page where you can make a gift using your credit card. Some of the options will include:

- Blessed Trinity (for offertory or building fund)
- ShareLife
- St. Michael's Choir School
- St. Augustine's Seminary
- Tribute (in Memoriam & Living Gifts)
- Archdiocese of Toronto
- Sunday Television Mass
- Humanitarian Relief (coming January 1, 2011)

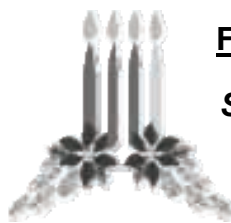
Thank you for your support of the Church

**Bereavement Group** – For those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, the Paulist Centre offers a support group starting from Wednesday, February 15 – March 14, 2012 at 7:00 pm for 5 weeks. The Paulist Ministry Centre is located at 830 Bathurst Street, Toronto. For more information call 416-534-2326, ext. 231.



**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.

**Vocations** – From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes" ... and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Hansoo at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca).



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

***Spiritual meaning of Christmas***

" ..... In days of Advent that directly prepare us for the Nativity of the Lord, the *Christmas Novena* which in many Christian communities is celebrated with liturgies rich in biblical texts, all oriented to fostering the expectation of the Saviour's Birth. Indeed, the whole Church focuses her gaze of faith on this Feast that is now at hand, preparing herself, as she does every year, to join in the joyful singing of the Angels who will announce to the shepherds in the heart of the night the extraordinary event of the Birth of the Redeemer, inviting them to go to the Grotto in Bethlehem. It is there that the Emmanuel lies, the Creator who made himself a creature, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a poor manger (cf. Lk 2: 13-16).

Because of the atmosphere that distinguishes it, Christmas is a universal celebration. In fact, even those who do not profess themselves to be believers can perceive in this annual Christian event something extraordinary and transcendent, something intimate that speaks to the heart. It is a Feast that praises the gift of life. The birth of a child must always be an event that brings joy; the embrace of a newborn baby usually inspires feelings of kindness and care, of emotion and tenderness. Christmas is the encounter with a newborn baby lying in a humble grotto. In contemplating him in the manger, how can we fail to think of all those children who continue to be born today in great poverty in many regions of the world? How can we fail to think of those newborn infants who are not welcomed, who are rejected, who do not manage to survive because of the lack of care and attention? How can we fail to think also of the families who long for the joy of a child and do not see their hope fulfilled? Unfortunately, under the influence of hedonist consumerism Christmas risks losing its spiritual meaning and being reduced to a mere commercial opportunity for purchases and the exchange of gifts! However, it is true that the difficulties, the uncertainties and the financial crisis itself that numerous families have had to come to terms with in recent months and which is affecting all humanity could be an incentive to rediscover the warmth of simplicity, friendship and solidarity: typical values of Christmas. Stripped of its consumerist and materialistic encrustations, Christmas can thus become an opportunity for welcoming, as a personal gift, the message of hope that emanates from the mystery of Christ's Birth."

*Pope Benedict XVI, December 17, 2008*



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