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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Call the office

Eucharistic Ministers
Catrina Bova

Lectors:
Luz Sucilan
10:00AM Choir
Susan McElcheran
Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM
12:00 Noon Choir

Greeters/Ushers: Call the office

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday

5:30 PM

Sunday

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
and after First Friday mass or by
appointment.

BAPTISMS

Arrangements are made through the
Religious Education office. Couples
expecting a child are encouraged to
contact the office before the child is
born. Please contact ext 1003, for
more information.

MARRIAGE

Please contact Fr. Anish at least one
year prior to the planned wedding date.

Pastoral Visitation of the Sick:

To arrange for a visit
Call the office ext 1007

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

10:00 AM 4:00 PM

Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 PM

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League
4th Monday of the Month

Children's Liturgy
10:00 AM Mass

Creation Care Ministry
2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm.

Development and Peace
www.devp.org
3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM

Merrymakers
3rd Thursday of the month 12:00 PM

Knights of Columbus
1st Thursday of the Month

Parish Council
Every two months

St. Vincent de Paul Society
2nd Saturday of the Month 4:00 PM



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 8

5:30 pm Wanda & Gaston
DaCunha

Tuesday, December 9

5:30 pm Anna & Stanislaw Gwozdz

Wednesday, December 10

5:30 pm Amilai Czeslaw Witwicki
2) Fausto

Thursday, December 11

5:30 pm Tadeusz & Janusz Glab

Friday, December 12

5:30 pm Zofia Tadeusz & Edward
Grzybowski

Saturday, December 13

5:30 pm Lidia & Stanislaw
Janakwicz

Sunday, December 14

10:00 am For the Parish
Community
12:00 pm Regina Ryan,
Elisa & Titio

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Maryann Chard, Mark Szuba, Anne
Szuba, Ted Daniel, Cecilia Salazar
and Ted Kowalczyk and Anna
Maria Silva

The Deceased

Trudi Cortens & Greg Sullivan



Second Sunday of Advent – A People Preparing in Hope and Peace

As we enter the Second Sunday of Advent, we continue our sacred pilgrimage as God's family moving forward in hope toward the fulfillment of His ancient promise. Today, the Church echoes a compelling cry from the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." Advent is a season rooted in hope: hope in the Messiah foretold, hope in God's unfailing love, and hope in the peace only Christ can bring.

In Isaiah 11:1-10, we are given a powerful vision of the long-awaited Messiah, the shoot from the stump of Jesse, filled with the Spirit of the Lord. Isaiah paints a picture of a world renewed where justice flourishes, righteousness guides, and peace overcomes fear. Even the wolf lives with the lamb. This is not a distant fantasy but a promise becoming real when we welcome Christ deeply into our hearts. As St. Augustine beautifully said, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in You, O Lord." True peace begins there.

St. Paul in Romans 15:4-9 reminds us that Scripture ancient yet ever new strengthens and encourages us. Hope is not passive; it transforms how we live, pray, and love. As St. John Paul II declared, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song!" Even in Advent's quiet waiting, this joyful hope sustains us.

In the Gospel (Matthew 3:1-12), John the Baptist calls us to conversion: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near!" Advent invites not only external preparation but interior renewal. It is a time to straighten the crooked paths of our hearts and make room for the One who brings lasting peace. St. Teresa of Calcutta reminds us, "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to one another." Repentance restores both our relationship with God and our communion with one another.

The peace of Advent is not the absence of troubles but the presence of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us guiding, strengthening, and calming our hearts. St. Francis de Sales wisely said, "Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset."

This week, let us welcome Christ's peace by embracing repentance, seeking reconciliation, and allowing the Holy Spirit to shape our thoughts, words, and actions. Let us take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, inviting Christ to heal what is wounded and renew what is weary.

May this Advent strengthen our hope, deepen our faith, and fill us with the peace that only Jesus the Prince of Peace can give.

"Prepare the way of the Lord!" May we prepare not only our homes but our hearts.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Jesus I Trust in you.

Parish Advent confession will on December 18, 7pm - 8:30pm

2026 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES & PAG

2026 Sunday Offering Envelopes are now available in the parish hall. If your previous box number was above 220, you've been assigned a new lower number. Can't find your box? Please contact the parish office. We also invite you to consider Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) a simple, automatic way to support the parish each month. Forms are available at the entrance of the church or in the parish office. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR TRUDI CORTENS – DEC. 09

Madonna House invites you to a Memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of Trudi Cortens. Trudi started the Madonna House in Toronto, and served here beautifully for 35 years. The Mass will be at 11 AM on Tuesday December 9 and will be followed by a reception in the Church Hall.

FAIR TRADE WEEKEND – DEC. 13/14

Development and Peace is proud to host our last Fair-Trade Weekend for 2025 next weekend – December 13/14 - as part of the SJA Christmas Fair. These Fair-Trade products make wonderful Christmas gifts that give back to the world. We invite folks from the 12:00 Mass to come to the hall just before their Mass (11:30-11:50) to make any purchases they want. See you there.

ADVENT RETREAT – DEC 13

Join us for a peaceful and reflective Advent Retreat, that will be hosted by the Xaviere Sisters and friends, on Saturday, December 13 from 9:30am to 12:00pm. It will be a special time of spiritual renewal as we continue our journey through the Advent season - all in preparation for the celebration of Christmas. We look forward to stepping back and sharing this spiritual experience together. Consider stopping by the Christmas Fair afterwards.

CHRISTMAS WINTER FAIR - DECEMBER 13 & 14, 2025

Join us for our Christmas Winter Fair two days of festive fun, shopping, food, and community. Santa will be visiting St. Joan of Arc, and we'll host **Bingo and a Raffle Draw on Saturday at 2–4 PM**. Tickets are available from volunteers or the parish office, with great prizes to be won. For details please contact the parish office.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 18 - 7:00 pm Advent Confession

December 24 - 5:30 pm Children's Christmas Mass

8:30 pm Christmas Mass

12:00 am Christmas Midnight Mass

December 25 10:00 am Christmas Mass

12:00 pm Christmas Mass

December 27 & 28 Regular mass times

December 31 5:30 pm Feast of Mary Mother of God

January 1 10:00 am Feast of Mary Mother of God

12:00 pm Feast of Mary Mother of God

January 2 No Mass

January 3 & 4 Regular mass times

Your Gifts to God

Monthly Comparison November

Offertory	2025	2024
Envelopes	\$7,468	\$4,860
Loose	\$2,888	\$3,417
PAG	\$5,999	\$6,157
Total	\$16,355	\$14,434

Activities this week

Monday December 8

7:00 pm D & P

Tuesday December 9

12:00 pm Madonna House

Wednesday December 10

Setting up tables

Friday December 12

1:00 pm setting up vendor's Tables

Saturday December 13

Christmas Fair

2:00 pm SVdP Meeting

Sunday December 14

Christmas Fair

Future Dates to Remember

December 18

2:00 pm Meeting of Merrymakers Team

7:00 pm Advent Confession

December 20

10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Is not collecting Toys this year.

Please Note The Parish Contact Information Has Changed

Parish Website is:

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Our parish email is:

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