



PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Saturday, December 17, 2022
1:30pm-4:30pm

Come and join our Parish Christmas Party. Let us feel the joy and spirit of Christmas. There will be food, ornament making, fun and games for kids, Christmas carols and lots of merry making. Take a picture with Santa and share some Christmas Cheer.

This weekend, December 3rd & 4th, will be the final registration. Please sign-up if you are planning to attend as this will help us to plan how many to prepare for the event. If you would like to donate food for the party, please call the Parish office at 416-924-6257.



Brief update on our Slate Roof Replacement Project - Shelter for Our Lady



Thank you for your support and patience as we replace the slate roof at Our Lady of Lourdes. As you know, we started the project in late Spring of this year and the work is ongoing. We would like to give you a brief update on the progress of the project and so on Saturday, Dec 3rd (after the 5:15 pm Mass) and on Sunday, Dec 4th (after the 8:00 am Mass, after the 9:45 am Mass and after the 11:30 am Mass) we will have some brief presentations in Lynch Hall. We will show you some photos of the ongoing work of the roof and compare them to the state on the roof before the project started. The project is scheduled to be completed in Feb 2023. We will have a more comprehensive report in March after the work has been completed. We are very grateful for your ongoing support!



PLANTS FOR CHRISTMAS



If you wish to contribute any seasonal plants and flowers for our Christmas décor, please leave them on the table by the Sacristy door from Saturday, December 10th to Friday, December 23rd.



Our Parish T-shirts will be available soon for sale at \$10.00 each.



PARISH EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Advent Parish Mission: Join us for our Parish Advent Retreat to be held in the church on December 6th, 7th & 8th, 2022 at 7pm. The theme for the evenings will be **“They Hummed of Mystery: Nature as the Word, Beauty, and Love of the Trinity”**. Fr. John McCarthy, SJ will guide us through these evenings of reflection and prayer. All are welcome.

Advent Communal Penance Service: Our Advent Penance Service will take place on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 7pm. We will have several priests available for individual confession. Join us in celebration of the gift of God’s faithful and merciful love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Simbang Gabi: Nightly mass begins on Thursday, December 15th to Friday, December 23rd. at 7pm. “Simbang Gabi” [Night Mass], a devotional nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas. Simbang Gabi is a wonderful way to prepare for the gift of the Incarnation: the Christ child at Christmas. All are welcome to gather in hope and praise.



Volunteer Opportunities

In preparation for Advent & Christmas, we have so many activities coming up for Christmas preparation. We need volunteers for decorating the church and halls and helping with events like Parish Christmas party. If you are interested, please call the Parish office at 416-924-6257.



The **2023 Church Envelopes** are available for pick up at the back of the church and are set up in alphabetical order. If you do not find your box of envelopes, please call the Parish office to issue a new church box. Please do not use your old envelopes as we cancelled all unclaimed church box of envelopes.



2022 Donations & Tax Receipts

According to Tax laws, the Church can only issue income tax receipts for 2022 for donations received by the Church in 2022. Any money after December 31st (either in offertory basket or in the mail) can only be used for 2023 receipts. Therefore, if you wish to have a donation receipt for income tax purposes for 2022, please make sure that your donation is given to the office or placed in the offertory basket before January 1st, 2023. We are truly grateful for your continued generosity and support for the parish.



The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults or RCIA classes are in progress. They are currently taking place via zoom very Thursday evening at 7pm. If you are interested and would like more information, please call the Parish office at 416-924-6257.



Communal Penance Service

Monday, December 12, 7:00pm

There will be several priests available to hear individual confessions.

Additional Confession Times:

Saturday, December 17: 11am–noon; 4-5pm

Monday, December 19: 4:30-5pm

Tuesday, December 20: 4:30-5pm

Wednesday, December 21: 4:30-5pm

Thursday, December 22: 11:30 am–noon; 4:30-5pm

Friday, December 23: 4:30-5pm



**Advent & Christmas Schedule 2022
Parish Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24th

6:00 pm – Carols & Children’s Nativity play

7:00 pm - Mass (Family)

9:00 pm - Mass in Tamil language

11:00 pm – Christmas Carols

12 am - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25th

9am; 11am; 1pm (*Last Mass of the Day*)



New Year’s Eve

Saturday, December 31

6:30pm – Mass

11:00 pm – Holy Hour in Tamil Language

12am Mass in Tamil Language

Feast of Mary Mother of God -

New Year’s Day Sunday, January 1st

9am; 11am; 1pm (*Last Mass of the Day*)



St. Francis Xavier 1506-1552;

Feast Day: December 3

Francis Xavier was one of the first companions and founders of the Society of Jesus. He became a close friend of Ignatius Loyola at the University of Paris. Xavier came to share Ignatius' vision through making the Spiritual Exercises, and realized that vision through missionary labors in India, Indonesian archipelago and Japan. He was the first Jesuit to go out to people of non-European culture.

St. Francis Xavier Pray for us.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH WITH A GIFT OF SECURITIES THIS CHRISTMAS

As Christmas approaches, it is a good time to call to mind some of the blessings we’ve experienced thus far. Thank you for your support throughout the year!

While you are planning your seasonal giving benefiting the parish and the community, consider making a gift of securities. When you donate stocks, bonds or mutual funds, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full value of your securities. For more information visit the link below:

<https://bit.ly/ArchTOGiftsofSecurities>.

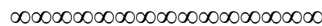


First Reconciliation
&
First Holy Communion



First Reconciliation and First Communion classes are underway. The First Reconciliation will be on Saturday, December 10th at

1:30pm in the church.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 5

8:00am Cinquina Family + [Catherine Cameron]

12:10pm Bernard D’Souza + [Family]

5:15pm Ester Hadlocon’s Good Health [Nereza Frias]

Tuesday, December 6

8:00am Thanksgiving [Anjalina & Family]

12:10pm Anton Boatswain’s Intention [An Boatswain]

5:15pm Krystyna & Chester Stankiewicz + [Janina]

Wednesday, December 7

8:00am Kamalandren Selvarajah + [Anjalina & Family]

12:10pm Adriano Vega + [Cora Maghirang]

5:15pm Thanksgiving & Intention

[Connie Saavedra & Family]

Thursday, December 8

8:00am Feliza Cadelina + [Carlina]

12:10pm Susan Matos & Kathy Bagshaw’s Intention [Amy]

5:15pm Thanksgiving to God [Ramona, Pat & Family]

Friday, December 9

8:00am Restituto Mendoza + [Roselle Makinano]

12:10pm Fr. John Sullivan, SJ’s Intention [Estela Verdadero]

5:15pm Eulalia Rita Gomez Suarez + [Elisa Suarez]

Saturday, December 10

8:00am Krystyna Stankiewicz + [Friends]

12:10pm Fr. John Sullivan, SJ’s Intention [Amy]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bro. Edward Pereire, John Slattery, Francis McNamee

Barbara Lucas