

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus and the final coming of the Lord in glory.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 16, 2023

1:30pm-4:30pm



Once again, we will be celebrating our Parish Christmas Party. Let us feel the joy and spirit of Christmas. A time to sing together and take a picture with Santa. All are welcome.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Attention kids ages 11 to 18 years of age, come and join our Youth Ministry for a Movie and refreshments next Sunday, December 10th at 3pm in the Library and Loyola Halls.

2023 DONATIONS & TAX RECEIPTS

According to Tax Laws, the Church can only issue income tax receipts for 2023 donations received by the Church in 2023. *If you wish to have a 2023 tax receipt for income tax purposes, please make your donation to the church either in the offertory basket or by mail by December 27th.* Any donations received after December 27th will be reflected in the 2024 tax receipts. We are truly grateful for your continued generosity and support for the parish.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

There's still time to add your name to the Development and Peace petition in support of farmers and villagers in Honduras as they struggle against iron ore mining near the source of their drinking water. Speak with Lourdes Development and Peace co-ordinator Giselle Otoy to add your name or email her at gioyotoya@gmail.com.

**Advent Mission:
Reflection on the Synod**
Facilitator: Fr. Alan Fogarty, SJ
Saturday, December 9, 2023
9:30am to 11:30am
Library and Loyola Halls
All are welcome.

PARISH EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Advent Mission – Reflection on the Synod: Our Advent Mission will be on Saturday, December 9th from 9:30am to 11:30am in the Library and Loyola Halls. The Facilitator will be Fr. Alan Fogarty, SJ.

Advent Communal Penance Service: Our Advent Penance Service will take place on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7pm. We will have number a of priests available for individual confessions. 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 Friday, December 15th to Saturday, December 23rd at 7pm. "Simbang Gabi" is Filipino language for "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.

Lourdes Advent Film Series: The coming of Christmas, past and present, will light up our movie screen for three evenings here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Movies will be on 3 Thursday nights, November 30th, December 7 & 14th at 7pm in the Library Hall. All adults are welcome.

The second movie screening is on Thursday, December 7th at 7pm in the Library Hall.
The title is **Au Bonheur des Ogres (Ogres' Delight, aka The Scapegoat)**
France 2013). As Christmas approaches, a deadly terrorist bomb explodes at the popular Bonheur Parisien department store. Police suspect Benjamin, the store's young customer-service "scapegoat," whose home life centres on his "tribe" of four younger siblings. Will beautiful journalist "Aunt Julia" help him prove his innocence? (Filmed in Paris' gigantic La Samaritaine department store, now defunct.) In French with English subtitles.
All Adults are welcome.

PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO MEXICO
Under spiritual guidance of Rev. Fr. William Mbugua, S.J., Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Toronto
Tour coordinators: Ligaya and Ujac Cerna Email: ligayacerna46@gmail.com; Tel: (647)918-6951, (416)727-4839
Feb 26 - Mar 6, 2024 10 days \$3,590 (Taxes & tips included) for Toronto departure
Visiting: Mexico City, Teotihuacan, Tlaxcala, Puebla, Acapulco beach, Taxco, Xochimilco
CAS\$100 OFF for registration before Sep 30, 2023! CAS\$70 OFF for non-credit card payment!

INCLUDED:
- AIR & LAND TRANSPORTATION
- HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FIRST CLASS
- 2 MEALS: BREAKFAST & DINNER DAILY
- ALL SIGHTSEEING WITH ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDE

EXCLUDED:
- LUNCHES/DRINKS
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Our Lady of Lourdes Advent & Christmas Schedule 2023

December 24th Sunday Masses
8am, 9:45am &
11:30am (last regular Sunday Mass)



Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24th

6:30 pm—Children's Nativity Play & Mass
8:30 pm—Mass in Tamil language
11:30pm - Christmas Carols
12 am -Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
Monday, December 25th

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



December 31st Sunday Masses
8am, 9:45am, 11:30am &
1:30pm (last regular Sunday Mass)

New Year's Eve
Sunday, December 31st

7:30pm - Mass
11pm - Holy Hour in Tamil language
12am Mass in Tamil Language

Feast of Mary Mother of God
New Year's Day
Monday, January 1st

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

Communal Penance Service

Monday, December 11, 7:00pm

There will be several priests available to hear individual confessions.

Additional Confession Times:

Saturday, December 16:
NO CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 18:
4:30-5pm

Tuesday, December 19:
4:30-5pm

Wednesday, December 20:
4:30-5pm

HOLY LAND HANDICRAFT SALE

This weekend of December 2nd and 3rd, there will be a sale of handicrafts from the Holy Land in Lynch Hall after mass. See all those unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by families in Bethlehem. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

Tickets are available for sale!!!

Win this
2024 Honda HR-V LX-B

Toronto Honda

1ST PRIZE:
2024 HONDA HR-V LX-B 2WD
VALUED AT 34,707.27
OR \$30,714.40 CASH

\$10

2ND PRIZE: \$2,000.00
3RD PRIZE: \$1,000.00

8 PRIZES OF \$100.00 EACH

Proceeds of the raffle will go toward the on-going improvements in the church.

Draw Date: Saturday, April 6, 2024
9pm at Our Lady of Lourdes School
444 Sherbourne St., Toronto, ON
Lic. # M824123
10,000 Tickets Printed

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
T.O. 416.491.1100

• Participants must be residents of Ontario and 18 years of age to purchase tickets.
• Prizes will be drawn from highest to lowest value.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 4

8:00am Cinquina Family + (Catherine Cameron)
12:10pm Martin Bautista + (Angelina Bautista)
5:15pm Harry Bilof + (Joseph Roy Gillis)

Tuesday, December 5

8:00am Cora Twohig-Moengangongo's Intention (Julie)
12:10pm Thanksgiving (Joseph Johnson)
5:15pm Krystyna & Chester Stankiewicz + (Janina Stankiewicz)

Wednesday, December 6

8:00am Alfred C. Masanque + (Merrissa)
12:10pm Ann Boatswain's Intention (Boatswain Family)
5:15pm Charito Racho + (Martin Family)

Thursday, December 7

8:00am Feliza Cadelina + (Carlina & Family)
12:10pm Souls of the Faithful Departed (Violie Mendoza)
5:15pm Jerry Lehane + (Marie Curtin)

Friday, December 8

8:00am Thanksgiving (Pat & Family)
12:10pm Susan Matos & Kathy Bagshaw's Intention (Amy)
5:15pm Eulalia Gomez Suarez + (Elisa Suarez)

Saturday, December 9

8:00am Fr. John Sullivan's Birthday (Estela Verdadero)
12:10pm Fr. John Sullivan's Birthday (Amy Federis)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:
Berlina Montesclaros, Armando De Lara, Fermin Linares
Moise Maravilla, Kendol Bandfield Thompson