

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.

PREPARATIONS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

In preparation for Advent & Christmas, we have many activities coming up. We need volunteers for decorating the church and halls and helping with events like our Parish Christmas party. If you are interested, please call the Parish office at 416-924-6257 or send us an email at info@lourdes.to.

CHURCH DONATION ENVELOPES

2024 Church donation envelopes are available now at the back of the church. Please do not use the old envelopes because we cancelled all unclaimed boxes. For those who did not claim their 2023 envelopes box but still want to keep one, please call the Parish office at 416-924-6257 or send us an email at info@lourdes.to.



SHEPHERD'S TRUST

This weekend, November 18 & 19 during all Masses, we will have the annual appeal for the Shepherd's Trust collection, in aid of retired priests. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Nativity Play



Our children's Nativity Play will be held at **6:30 pm on Sunday, December 24th** in the Church. If your child is in Grades 2 - 4 and would like to participate, please join us for rehearsals. Please contact Fr Daryl Miranda (dmiranda@jesuits.org) if you need more information. The first meeting will be on **Sunday, November 19, 2023** in the 2nd Floor Halls of the Church (Library and Loyola) at 2:45 pm.

Tickets will be available beginning December 1st

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.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE NEWS

On November 18-19, members of D+P will be collecting signatures at all masses in support of farmers + villagers in Honduras against iron ore mining on environmentally-sensitive land. You can help by signing a petition.

Join us in the Library on Tuesday, November 21, at 7 PM for a conversation with Jenny Cafiso, executive director of Canadian Jesuits International, who will speak about our many partner organizations throughout the world.

FIRST SPIRITUAL RETREAT BEGINNING NOVEMBER 25, 2023

The First Spiritual Retreat is a great opportunity to make Advent a special spiritual experience. Times of personal prayer at home and group elements help you to experience more deeply the Love of God and Jesus Christ in your day-to-day life. We will meet once a week to share our experiences.

Please register through the homepage of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish or scan the QR code with your smartphone. We are looking forward to walking with you through Advent in the presence of God's Divine Love! Registration link:

<https://forms.gle/AF115zr3GX1zC8kHA>



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*)

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

Christmas cards are on sale once again at our Welcome Desk. The proceeds from these cards goes to help the work of Fr. Jack at the Jesuit Refugee and Migrant Service.
A package of 10 cards for \$10.



**The first movie screening is on
Thursday, November 30th at
7pm. The title is
L'Assassinat du Père Noël
(Who Killed Santa Claus?)**

(France 1941). Produced during the Nazi Occupation of France, this classic mystery uses traditional iconography to tell a story of hope for a time of darkness. In a small, frozen village, the local church's treasured relic of St. Nicholas goes missing as the body of a man dressed as Santa Claus- turns up in a snow bank. (Filmed in Chamonix.) In French with English subtitles.

All Adults are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 20

8:00am Berlita Cabahug (Divine Montesclaros)
12:10pm Chito Verdadero + (Estela)
5:15pm Anto Santic + (Ana)

Tuesday, November 21

8:00am Nora Serallegri's Intention (Joseph Roy Gillis)
12:10pm Liu Cheng Shih + (Mary Liu & Family)
5:15pm Robin D'Souza + (Family)

Wednesday, November 22

8:00am Mercedes Arandia + (Arandia Family)
12:10pm Gretzen Balatero's Birthday (Cora Balatero)
5:15pm Harry Bilof + (Joseph Roy Gillis)

Thursday, November 23

8:00am Rodolfo Agustin + (Evelyn Bautista)
12:10pm John Slattery + (Gloria Wright)
5:15pm Emily Malcolm + (Elizabeth Tighe)

Friday, November 24

8:00am Luciano & Ursula Quintero + (Arandia Family)
12:10pm Pombo Family + (Pombo Family)
5:15pm Thanksgiving for the Hyppolite Family

Saturday, November 25

8:00am Candelaria & Leobardo Ellazo Sr + (Arandia Family)
12:10pm Deceased Legion of Mary Members + (Legion of Mary)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jerry Lehane, Dairo Jaramillo
Luisito Alibutod, Josephine Quisan