

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – (LOVE)

“Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

-Luke 1.28-29

PARISH OFFICE HOURS DURING HOLIDAYS

Sunday, December 24th – 10am – 1pm
 Monday, December 25th – CLOSED
 Tuesday, December 26th – CLOSED
 Saturday, December 30th – 10am – 1pm
 Sunday, December 31st – 10am – 1pm
 Monday, January 1st - CLOSED

Office resumes on December 27, 2023 and January 2, 2024 at 10am.

*SEASONS GREETINGS
 from the Jesuit Community
 & Parish Staff*

Dear Parishioners,

With deep joy and gratitude, we extend to you our prayerful wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas. In the midst of life's daily challenges and concerns, we should never forget that true peace on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives. “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,” St. John tells us. The Almighty and All-powerful God became a helpless, vulnerable infant, subject to suffering and death.

When you peer into the manger this Christmas, realize that before you is a glimpse of the tremendous love that God has for you and me. Remember that he knows our life, because he lived life, and that he remains with us at all times. Thank you for your generosity and dedication throughout the year. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus, and our beloved Lady of Lourdes, watch over you and our precious parish always.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

2023 DONATIONS & TAX RECEIPTS

According to Tax Laws, the Church can only issue income tax receipts for 2023 donations received 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.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

Sacrament of First Communion class will begin on Sunday, January 14th, 2nd floor upstairs Halls.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOOD BANK

On behalf of Our Lady of Lourdes Food Bank, we thank you for your very generous contributions, kindness, and generosity. Your donations have made such a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. Again, many thanks for your continued support.

**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)



A NIGHT OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS
(Liwanag sa Dilim)

Friday, December 29, 2023
7pm – 9pm

In-person & via Zoom
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
ALL ARE WELCOME

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament;
Inspirational Reflection & Fellowship

For more information, please contact:
Violy – 416-315-7013
Lita – 647-773-9665

Zoom link will be provided upon request.

THAI PONGAL

Sunday, January 14th, the Tamil members of Our Lady of Lourdes community will celebrate **THAI PONGAL**. The celebration will begin at 4:30pm with a mass at the church followed by a Tasty Tamil Treats in Lynch Hall to celebrate PONGAL. All are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2024

February 11, 2024
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Pilgrimage to Mexico
February 26 – March 6, 2024

Car Raffle Event
April 6, 2024

First Communion
May 2024

Confirmation
June 2024

Parish Bazaar
June 2024

Jesuit Ordination
June 2024

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. # M821123
10,000 Tickets Printed

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

Please help us make this raffle a HUGE success! Pick up a book (or two) after Mass from our Welcome desk, at the front entrance of the church and the Parish office during the week.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 26

8:00am

12:10pm Manuel Navarra Oliver + (Oliver Family)

5:15pm Yi Mu + (Xiu Lan Wang)

Wednesday, December 27

8:00am Armando De Lara + (Marybel)

12:10pm Gabriel Alexander & Frida + (Virginia)

5:15pm Sabina Sahni Family Health (Sabina & Family)

Thursday, December 28

8:00am David Campbell + (The Family)

12:10pm Manuel & Leona Oliver + (Oliver Family)

5:15pm Deceased Dolanjski Family + (Millie)

Friday, December 29

8:00am Honorato Bolus & Cecily Foss + (Sylvia-Macinnis)

12:10pm Wilfredo Agulay + (Lillia Agulay)

5:15pm Family peace & Health Intention (Xiu Lan Wang)

Saturday, December 30

8:00am Miguel Paolo Manalo + (Darly Manalo)

12:10pm Thanksgiving (Rose Avendano)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: