




## JESUITS SPEAK

*Who among us is totally honest with oneself? St. Ignatius gives very practical spiritual advice as quoted: "Avoid lies, all lies, especially lies to ourselves. Keep watch on your own lie and examine it every hour, every minute." The Holy Spirit informs our awakened hearts.*

*Fyodor Dostoyevsky, The Brothers Karamazov*



**Simbang Gabi**

Evening Mass begins on Monday, December 15 to Tuesday, December 23 at 7pm. "Simbang Gabi" [Evening 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.

## The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes



Our Journey through Advent into Christmas

United with the Heart that Beats for All  
and for All Time: Part I

Fr Alan Fogarty, SJ, Presenter

Using excerpts from various writings of Pope Francis, with the Sacred Heart of Jesus as the foundation, we will prayerfully seek the graces needed to illuminate our way through this Holy Season and into the New Year. All are welcome to gather in the church on December 20, from 330pm to 5pm for the session that will conclude with the regular celebration of the Eucharist at 515pm.

## DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE INVITES



**Development  
and Peace**  
CARITAS CANADA

Everyone Invited: Development and Peace  
Christmas Party – December 16, 6:30pm  
Lynch Hall.

The King is born in a manger, in a place far from human dignity, in a place where animals ate. Today too we celebrate Christ in places that challenge our hope. Are you ready to rejoice with us? Bring a story or picture of a darkness in which you seek Christ. But not only that. Consider speaking of Christ, the Light of the world, you find in one of today's mangers and "Come Let Us Adore Him" while sharing treats, faith and fellowship.

## Advent Series

**Experiencing Prayer and Spiritual Conversations** is a four-part series designed by Fr. Earl Smith, SJ and others to help participants develop their relationships with Christ Jesus during the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season by praying with the scriptures. The focus of this series is **Advent Characters/Personages: Isaiah, John the Baptist, Joseph, and Mary.** We will have instruction in Ignatian Prayer, scripture passages, quiet time, listening and sharing.

Last presentation is on December 18 at 7:00 Atlantic Time to 8:15 pm. A.T., (7:30 to 8:45 N.T.; 6:00 to 7:15 E.T.).

**Registration:** To register for the Advent Series, please reply to this email. We invite and encourage you to pass along this information to others. Anyone can register by email to [atlanticignatianministry@gmail.com](mailto:atlanticignatianministry@gmail.com)

## ALTAR SERVERS' DEDICATION AWARDS

Our parish extends its warmest congratulations to the following Altar Servers for their outstanding dedication and faithful service during the Mass:

**Brandell Roy Barbecho**  
**Damien Anton Winsles**  
**Julia Villar**  
**Pierbel Moyare**

**Iverson David**  
**Romulo Jr. Yasay**  
**Ryan Diongco**  
**Joseph David**

We are grateful for your commitment and the reverence you bring to our liturgical celebrations.

## MASS INTENTIONS2 FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, December 15

12:10pm Ananias & Guadalupe Velano + [Benedicto Family]  
5:15pm J.S.M. & Irene de Sequeira + [Sequeira Family]

### Tuesday, December 16

8:00am Stokes Family Intention [Anonymous]  
12:10pm Fermin Linares [Sofia]

### Wednesday, December 17

12:10pm Adriano Vega + [Cora]  
5:15pm Susana Saguinsin + [Josie & Mely]

### Thursday, December 18

8:00am David Sequeira + [Sequeira Family]  
12:10pm Intentions for the Living & Dead [Concepcion]

### Friday, December 19

12:10pm Krystyna & Chester Stankiewicz + [Janina]  
5:15pm Thanksgiving [Silva Family]

### Saturday, December 20

8:00am Marilyn & Keith Rydberg's Intention [Juana & Bill]  
12:10pm Anastacia dela Isla + [Marylou34 dela Isla]

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

**Shirley Milner, Rieta Margrieta Cortis**  
**Connie Appelet, Catalino Comis**



# Our Lady of Lourdes Advent & Christmas Schedule 2025

## Parish Mass Schedule



### Additional Confession Times:

Monday, December 15:  
4:30-5pm

Tuesday, December 16:  
11:30am-noon

Wednesday, December 17:  
4:30-5pm

Thursday, December 18:  
11:30 am-noon

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 20, 5:15pm  
(Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, December 21, 8:00am; 9:45am;  
11:30am; 1:30pm; 5pm (Tamil); 7pm



### Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 24

5:00 pm - Mass

6:30 pm - Nativity Play  
7:00 pm - Mass

9:00 pm - Mass in the Tamil language

12 am - Midnight Mass  
Carols begin at 11:15 pm.

### Christmas Day Thursday, December 25

8am; 9:45am; 11:30am; 1:30pm (Last  
Mass of the Day)

### Feast of the Holy Family Masses

Saturday December 27, 5:15pm

Sunday, December 28, 8:00am; 9:45am;  
11:30am; 1:30pm; 5pm (Tamil); 7pm



### New Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31

New Year's Day Mass

5:00pm - Mass

7:00pm - Mass

12am Mass in Tamil Language  
Holy Hour begins at 11:00 pm.

### Feast of Mary Mother of God - New Year's Day Thursday, January 1

8:00am; 9:45am; 11:30am; (Last Mass of  
the Day)

### 2025 DONATIONS & TAX RECEIPTS

According to Tax Laws, the Church can only issue income tax receipts for 2025 donations received in 2025. **If you wish to have a 2025 income tax receipt, kindly make your donation to the church by December 28.** Any donations received after December 28 will be reflected in the 2026 tax year. We are truly grateful for your continued generosity and support for the parish.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



December 2025

### For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

**Car Raffle is ON!!!**  
Tickets are available for sale!

### Our Lady of Lourdes 2026 Car Raffle Event



Ticket cost  
**\$10** per ticket

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



- Participants must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of Ontario to purchase a ticket and be eligible to win.
- Prizes will be drawn from lowest value to highest value.

1st Prize:  
2026 Honda HR-V LX 2WD CVT  
valued at \$38,195.29  
or \$30,300 CASH

2nd Prize: \$2,000.00  
3rd Prize: \$1,000.00

8 Prizes of \$100.00 each

Draw Date: Saturday, May 2, 2026  
9pm at Our Lady of Lourdes School  
444 Sherbourne St., Toronto, ON  
10,000 Tickets Printed  
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