



JESUITS SPEAK

St. Ignatius believed that gratitude was 'the' crucial attitude. All creation is a gift and gratitude is how we respond to gifts. Gratitude leads us to other virtues. It strengthens humility. It prompts us to generosity. Gratitude allows the grace of God to touch us again and again.

Jim Manney



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
PARISH CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION**
Saturday, December 13, 2025
1:30pm–4:30pm

*Let us feel the joy and spirit of
Christmas. A time to sing
together and have your photo
taken with Santa. Help us
spread this joy and spirit of
Christmas.*

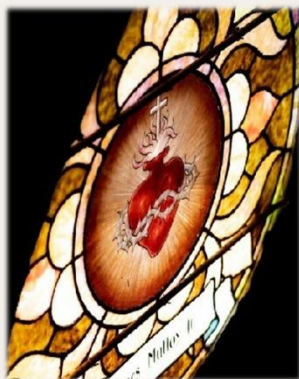
All are welcome



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

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.

Under the care of the Society of Jesus, Our Lady of Lourdes has produced a brochure of Jesuit and other prayers to promote the personal, communal, and ongoing spiritual enrichment and formation of its parishioners. You will find a copy in your pew for your use. We kindly ask that you leave the brochure in the pew. As we continue to develop the brochure, your feedback is welcome.

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.

Presentations are on December 11, and 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

2025 DONATIONS & TAX RECEIPTS

According to Tax Laws, the Church can only issue income tax receipts for 2024 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 8

12:10pm Hilary Pereira + [Ana Mariana & Family]

5:15pm Thanksgiving Mass [Pat & Family]

Tuesday, December 9

8:00am Thanksgiving [Ancy Mathew]

12:10pm Fr. John Sullivan's Birthday [Estela V]

Wednesday, December 10

12:10pm Bertram Pevera + [Loretta Fernando]

5:15pm Berlita Cabahug + [Divine]

Thursday, December 11

8:00am Berlina Montescclaros + [Divine]

12:10pm Charles Clark + [Beatrice Park]

Friday, December 12

12:10pm Denise Glasgow + [5:15 Welcomers]

5:15pm Poddiappuhamy Selvarajah + [Family]

Saturday, December 13

8:00am Thanksgiving [Francisco]

12:10pm Ian Thompson's Birthday [Nancy Pham]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Edwin Dodoy Ocbena, Rizalina Ramos

John Mary Gift Ssentenza, Bonnie Dew

Florentiana Seva, Aurelio Binamira



Our Lady of Lourdes Advent & Christmas Schedule 2025

Parish Mass Schedule

Communal Penance Service

Monday, December 8, 6:00pm

There will be a number of priests available to hear individual confessions.

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*)



Our Lady of Lourdes Development and Peace welcomes all parishioners to its last meeting of the year Tuesday, December 16 in Lynch Hall, 6:30 to 8pm. Come celebrate with us our achievements this year and our plans for next year on behalf of the people we support and serve in 34 poor countries around the world.



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.



Our Lady of Lourdes 2026 Car Raffle Event



Toronto Honda

Ticket cost
\$10 per ticket

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

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
Lic # M871590



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.