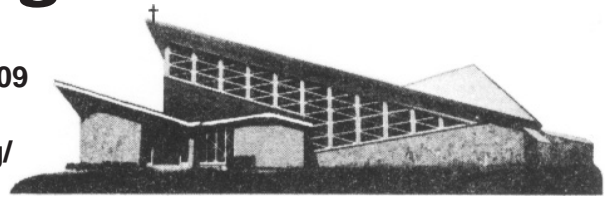


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SUNDAY LITURGY — Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
SPANISH MASS — Sunday 2:00 p.m.
WEEKDAY MASSES — Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:20 a.m.
 Wednesday (Rosary at 6:30 p.m.) 7:00 p.m. (OLPH Devotions)

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

On first Friday of each month following morning mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION — Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. By appointment any time.

PARISH REGISTRATION — All parishioners especially those who live outside our parish boundaries are expected to complete a Parish Registration form and use Sunday Offertory Envelopes. This will greatly assist the Parish Team when parishioners request sacraments, funerals or letters of reference.

N.B. — When parishioners move you are asked to notify the parish office.

INFANT BAPTISMS — Two Sundays per month at 4:00 p.m. Contact the parish office at least two months in advance of the birth of their child. Parents are obliged to participate in our baptismal preparation program.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE — The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding and that you participate in a marriage preparation course.

PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM — Children attending public, private or alternative school are required to participate in this program from grade 1 - 7 in order to prepare to receive the sacraments.

VISITATION OF THE SICK — Please notify the Rectory when a member of your family is in the hospital.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. We start a new liturgical year, and we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Isaiah, presents to us the consoling words of Isaiah inviting people to find God's peace by going up to the Temple of the Lord in Jerusalem. We are all called to find the Lord through the sacraments and the word of God. We need to be guided, to find strength in front of our struggles and we certainly need the hope that comes from the Lord. In Him we will find true peace and a lasting fulfillment. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, encourages the community to be ready for the coming of the Lord. It is a time of expectation since the Lord always comes to renew us and to offer us new life. It is easy to get complacent and to go on with the flow, but the Lord calls us to rekindle our trust in the Lord. He is coming soon, and He wants to help us and to give us a life full of joy, peace, and happiness. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, gives us a teaching on the coming of the Lord. During Advent, we prepare ourselves and get ready for the Second Coming of the Lord. The Lord will come at the end of times to save us. He comes as well at the end of our lives. However, every day the Lord comes to our lives through the events that He allows and His word. The Lord invites us to have a welcoming heart to His coming, certain that He comes to fulfill our lives with peace, joy, and hope. Let us open our hearts for the joyful coming of the Lord of life!

Advent has a twofold nature: it prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the First Sunday of Advent (December 1, 2019)

Today, the first Sunday of the time of Advent, a new liturgical year begins. In these four weeks of Advent, the liturgy leads us to celebrate the Nativity of Jesus, while it reminds us that He comes into our lives every day, and will return gloriously at the end of time. This certainty leads us to look trustfully to the future, as we are invited to do by the prophet Isaiah, who with his inspired voice accompanies the entire Advent journey.

In today's first reading, Isaiah prophesies that "it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it" (Is 2: 2). The temple of the Lord in Jerusalem is presented as the point of convergence and meeting of all peoples. After the Incarnation of the Son of God, Jesus Himself revealed himself as the true temple. Therefore, the marvellous vision of Isaiah is a divine promise and impels us to assume an attitude of pilgrimage, of a journey towards Christ, the meaning and end of all history. Those who hunger and thirst for justice can only find it through the ways of the Lord, while evil and sin come from the fact that individuals and social groups prefer to follow paths dictated by selfish interests, which cause conflicts and wars. Advent is the time to welcome the coming of Jesus, Who comes as a messenger of peace to show us the ways of God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to be ready for His coming: "Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming" (Mt 24: 42). Staying awake does not mean to have one's eyes materially open, but to have one's heart free and facing the right direction, that is disposed to giving and to service. This is staying awake! The slumber from which we must awaken is constituted of indifference, of vanity, of the inability to establish genuinely human relationships, of the inability to take charge of our brother who is alone, abandoned or ill. The expectation of Jesus Who is coming must therefore be translated into a commitment to vigilance. It is above all a question of wondering at God's action, at His surprises, and of according Him primacy. Vigilance also means, in a concrete sense, being attentive to our neighbour in difficulty, allowing oneself to be called upon by his needs, without waiting for him or her to ask us for help, but learning to prevent, to anticipate, as God always does with us.

May Mary, the vigilant Virgin and Mother of hope, guide us on this journey, helping us to turn our gaze towards the "mountain of the Lord", the image of Jesus Christ, which attracts all men and all peoples.



The Advent Season

- The Catholic Church Liturgical Year starts with the 1st Sunday of Advent
- Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas.
 - Latin "adventus" (Preparation)
- Marks the four Sundays before Christmas
- Developed as a way of helping Christians prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ
- Turn our attention more fully to the true meaning of Christmas.

It was historically known as "*little Lent*," because, like Lent, it is a time of repentance, with prayer, fasting, and Reconciliation.

Advent Wreaths

Part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas. Christ is "the Light that came into the world" to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God (John 3:19-21).

- The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life.
- The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the everlasting life found in Christ.
- The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent.
- The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time.
- The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday which is called Gaudete Sunday. It is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas.
- Only one purple candle is lit during the first week, two in the second week, three (incl. the pink one) in the third week, and all four during the fourth week of Advent

- The gradually increasing light symbolizes the approach of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, the light of the world.
- A fifth candle (white) can be added in the middle of the wreath for Christmas Eve and Day (or replace all four purple and pink candles with white ones) symbolizing the arrival of Christ, the light of the world. Light the white candle(s) until The Baptism of the Lord.

Families are encouraged to observe Advent by gathering around a wreath for brief Advent prayers and readings lighting the appropriate number of candles for each week.

Traditions assign specific symbolism to each of the candles:

- 1) The Prophet's Candle, symbolizing Hope
- 2) The Bethlehem Candle, symbolizing Love & Faith
- 3) The Shepherd's Candle, symbolizing Joy
- 4) The Angel's Candle, symbolizing Peace.

Suggested Daily Readings

Leader: The Lord is our faith and our life.
All: May the Lord's peace be with us all.
Leader: And may his love shine in our hearts.
All: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

Light the candle(s). During the week, relight whenever the family gathers together.

Scripture Reading

Leader: Let us pray that our faith may be strengthened for the coming of the Lord.
All: Amen

1st Week – one purple candle is lit

Suggested daily readings:

Sunday Romans 13:11-14
Monday 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Tuesday Mark 13:33-37
Wednesday John 1:1-5
Thursday John 1:6-9
Friday Jeremiah 33:14-16
Saturday Isaiah 6



Christmas Auction benefitting the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation (DCCF)

The Durham Catholic Children's Foundation (DCCF) is hosting a virtual auction fundraiser this Christmas with all proceeds supporting students and families in DCDSB schools. "We have amazing items to bid on including Oshawa Generals tickets, National Ballet of Canada signed merchandise, and many local activities for the whole family to enjoy such as passes to Reptilia and Putting Edge," said Kim D'Cunha, Foundation Coordinator.

Visit DCCFaction.ca from November 28 to December 2, 2022, to access the virtual auction and bid on items for sale. For more information, please email info@durhamcatholicfoundation.ca.

**Parish Bake Sale
December 3&4, 2022
In the foyer**

CONFIRMATION

(Grade 7)

RITE OF ENROLMENT

**at the Church (parents & children)
Saturday, December 3 at 5:00 pm or
Sunday, December 4 at 9:00 am or 11:00 am**

**Archdiocese Day of Confessions in St. John's Parish
Tuesday, December 13, 2022**

**9:30am – 11:30am
2:00pm – 4:00pm, 7:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Reconciliation Evening Service
Sunday December 18, 2022 at 7pm in the church
Several priests available**



Masses For The Week

Sat Nov 27 – 5:00pm

+Stewart Hamilton
req. by Bryan & Lynne Childerhouse

Mon Nov 28 – 8:20am

+Judy Tayeb
req. by Gail Stewart

Tues Nov 29 – 8:20am

+Giovanni & Rosina Ciardullo
req. by Natale & Anna Ciardullo

Wed Nov 30 – 7:00pm

+Belarmino Moniz
req. by Herminia Moniz & Minnie Chillingworth
+Mike Reilly
req. by Maureen LaBarre & Family
+Cynthia Alcala
req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family
+Catherine Anthoniamma
req. by Yesu Naveen
Int. for the Owners and Staff of Carruthers Creek Golf Club
req. by Judy & John Morris
+Eva & Fernando Castro
req. by Her Sons

Thurs Dec 1 – 8:20am

+Marie Marguerite Cleary
req. by Catherine Ingram

Fri Dec 2 – 8:20am

+John & Doris Garden
req. by Pat McDonald

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday Dec 7, 2022 at 8PM at the Knights Hall at 133 Brock St North with masking and social distancing still recommended but not mandatory. For further information assisting the St John's community and becoming a Knight through our online virtual application and exemplification process taking less than an hour, contact Membership Director Bryan Childerhouse bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com or call 416-508-9877

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