



## Weekly Bulletin

### **Parish Mission Statement:**

*We are God's Instruments who strive to grow by sharing and nurturing our joint commitment to Christ's message of love. And by committing ourselves to serve the needs of the parish as stewards for the sake of God's kingdom.*

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Mrs. Rhoda Marcoccia, **Administrative Assistant**

#### Masses

Monday to Saturday - 9:30 am

Saturday - 5:30 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday - 7:45 am, 9:00 am (Italian)  
10:30 am, 12 noon &  
7:00 pm (English)

#### Office Hours

Monday to Friday  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please contact the parish office.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Contact the Office 1 year in advance.

**Sacrament of Penance:** Every Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm

#### Schools

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*"Please remember us in your will"*

### JOHN THE BAPTIST

Last Sunday, the liturgy invited us to experience the Season of Advent and of anticipation of the Lord with an attitude of vigilance and also of prayer: “be mindful” and “pray”. Today, the Second Sunday of Advent, we are shown how to give substance to this anticipation: by undertaking a journey of conversion, how to make this anticipation concrete. As a guide on this journey, the Gospel presents the figure of John the Baptist who “went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Lk 3:3). To describe the Baptist’s mission, the Evangelist Luke refers to the ancient prophecy of Isaiah which says: “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be brought low” (vv. 4-5).

### ADVENT & THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

To live this Advent period more authentically and fruitfully, the liturgy urges us to look at Mary Most Holy and to set out in spirit together with her towards the Bethlehem Grotto. When God knocked at the door of her young life, she welcomed him with faith and love. In a few days we will contemplate her in the luminous mystery of her Immaculate Conception. Let us allow ourselves to be attracted by her beauty, a reflection of divine glory, so that “the God who comes” will find in each one of us a good and open heart that he can fill with his gifts.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict>

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Please join us as we celebrate a special Bilingual Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on this coming Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Rosary is at 6:30 pm. The Feast will be followed by a potluck in the parish hall at 8 pm. Donations for the potluck will be appreciated.

Novena is from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 8<sup>th</sup> (Sunday in the chapel at 3 pm). Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

On Dec. 12, we celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, rejoicing that Our Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego and assured him of her motherly protection and assistance. On the fourth Sunday of Advent, we encounter the Annunciation of Mary in the Gospel reading. Here, the Gospel invites us to receive the fruit of Mary’s “Yes” and imitate her trust in God’s love and plans for our good.

<https://www.occatholic.com/a-marian-approach-to-advent>

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the last week was \$9,550.00. We are grateful for your donation and support to our parish. The Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.) program is also available for your consideration ... kindly inquire with the parish office.

### PARISH DONATION ENVELOPES 2025

Envelopes for the year 2025 are available in the parish hall for pick-up. They are arranged numerically. Refer to the binder provided for your name or donation envelope number. Please do not start using these envelopes until the new year.

### TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

The CWL’s Christmas get together will take place on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Service Pins will be presented. Come and have fun, enjoy good food & fellowship.

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: CHRISTMAS

Last year at Christmas we helped 78 families. Income tax receipts will be mailed out for donations of \$20.00 and over. Please include your name, address (and/or your envelope number if applicable). Cheques should be made payable to Society of St. Vincent de Paul. If you would like to sponsor a family, please leave your name and phone number at the parish office and one of our members will get in touch with you. Thank you.

### KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus have implemented a Coats for Kids Program. The goal of this program is to ensure that no child in our community goes without a coat during the winter season. If you want to assist the Knights in their mission, please pick up a donation envelope by the parish entrance marked “Coats for Kids” and support them. The envelopes will be available the whole month of December. Thank you for your generosity.

### PANETTONE

The Knights of Columbus will be bringing back an old tradition of theirs by selling Panettone for \$10.00 each after all morning Masses on the Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> in the vestibule.



Prayer Requests

### PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

**Antonio De Francesco, John Stibler**

**Milroy Arulnesarajah, Terressina Reda, Richard Rozanov**

### ALTAR SERVERS AND YOUTH GROUP

On Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, following the 5:30 pm Mass, Altar Servers and members of the Youth Group are invited to celebrate with refreshments in the parish hall.

On the weekend of December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> all Altar Servers will receive a special blessing from the priest and a commissioning of service to the Parish of Transfiguration. ALL Altar Servers are required to attend one Mass on these days.

We are looking for adults who have a bit of time on their hands to bake cookies, brownies, etc.. for the youth group members when we gather. Water and juices are also welcomed.

**Please contact Sr. Patricia at this email:**

[youthattransfiguration@gmail.com](mailto:youthattransfiguration@gmail.com)

**ADVENT SEASON: SECOND SUNDAY**

The **second candle**, also purple, represents faith. It is called the “Bethlehem Candle” as a reminder of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

Please join us as we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare for Christmas.

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am to 12:00 noon

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am: Morning Mass

5:30 pm: Family Christmas Mass

11:15 pm Carols with the Choir Members

12 Midnight: Christmas Mass

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 am, 9:00 am Italian, 10:30 am, 12 Noon & 7:00 pm

**ADORATION**

Adoration will take place at 4 p.m. on Christmas Day until Boxing Day. We will keep the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, please enter by using the security code.

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This has been a tradition dating back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a “Holy Year”. The frequency has changed over time, with a Jubilee year originally celebrated every 100 years, later every 50 years and, more recently, every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father.

**In the Archdiocese of Toronto**, we will open the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass taking place on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica. All are invited to join in this special celebration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to the Eucharist from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**IL BATTISTA**

Domenica scorsa la liturgia ci invitava a vivere il tempo di Avvento e di attesa del Signore con l’atteggiamento della vigilanza e anche della preghiera: “vigilate” e “orate”. Oggi, seconda domenica di Avvento, ci viene indicato come dare sostanza a tale attesa: intraprendendo un cammino di conversione, come rendere concreta questa attesa. Come guida per questo cammino, il Vangelo ci presenta la figura di Giovanni il Battista, il quale «percorse tutta la regione del Giordano, predicando un battesimo di conversione per il perdono dei peccati» (Lc 3,3). Per descrivere la missione del Battista, l’evangelista Luca raccoglie l’antica profezia di Isaia, che dice così: «Voce di uno che grida nel deserto: Preparate la via del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri! Ogni burrone sarà riempito, ogni monte e ogni colle sarà abbassato» (vv. 4-5).

<https://www.vatican.va>



**MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**Sunday December 8** Second Sunday of Advent

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish

9:00 am †Antonio Virido, †Giuseppe Battaglia, †Vince Trelle, †Enrico Filangi, †Rosalia Carnovale, †Vincenza Riccio

10:30 am †Maria Teresa & Angelo Napoli, †Emily Narvaez, †Vittorio Simone, †George Piertrangelo, Thanksgiving for all the Blessings Received

12:00 pm †Domenico & Francesco Durzo, †Mario Bellisario, †Pat Durzo, †Vera Bellisario, †Francisco & Rosalina Brum, †Milroy Arulnesarajah, †Mario De Rose, †Richard Rozanov

3:00 pm Rosary/Novena: Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 pm †Charles & Joan Kelly, †Gawhara Nalbandian, †Marion O’Farrell, †Eugeniusz Wisniewski, A Special Blessing for Concetta Fata

8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

**Monday December 9** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30 am †Mary & Kenneth Falzon, †Natasha Raciopa, †Carmen & Francesca Maietta, †Clervin Adrien, Anthony Falzon (L)

10:15 am Mass at Dante Alighieri School Auditorium

6:30 pm Rosary

7:00 pm †Vincenzo Panacci, †Maria Teresa, Angelo & Attilio Napoli, †Caterina Fortuna

**Tuesday December 10** Advent Weekday / Our Lady of Loreto

9:30 am †Leucia Coia, †Fermin De Souza, †Mary De Silva †Pasquale Morra, †Luigi Zampella, †Annina Oliverio, †Nicola D’Angelo

10:15 am Parish Advent Day of Confessions

7:00 pm Parish Advent Day of Confessions

**Wednesday December 11** Advent Weekday/St. Damasus I, Pope

9:30 am †Anto & Ivka Soldan, †Salvatore Mammone, †Maria Cristina Cirillo, Special Blessing for Hilda Riviera (L), For conversion of sinners and Souls in Purgatory

1:15 pm Advent Mass at St Marcellus School Gymnasium

7:00 pm 1-Month Memorial Mass: Pierina Vendittelli

**Thursday December 12** Advent Weekday

9:30 am †Nicola Fonte, †Gianluigi Lijoi, Souls in Purgatory, Albina & Amanada Lijoi (L), Domenico (L)

10:30 am Confessions at St. Maurice School

7:00 pm 1-Month Memorial Mass: Sabrina Tucci

**Friday December 13** Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

9:30 am †Mato Pavlakovic, †Mary & Kenneth Falzon, †Natasha Raciopa, Special Blessings for Anthony Falzon & Irish Dico & Family

**Saturday December 14** Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9:30 am †Vespino De Marco, Thanksgiving to Our Mother of Perpetual Help in Gratitude for Blessings Received

2:00 pm Baptism

3:30 pm Mass at Parkland

4:30 pm Confessions

5:30 pm †Tony Picchiello, †Francesco Furlano, †Felice & Elisabetta Tarantino, Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday December 15** Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am †Rocco & Tommaso Coia, †Isidoro Spinato, †Enrichetta Mazzacchi, †Michelangelo Ferraro, †Ugo Sisinni

10:30 am †Maria Teresa & Angelo Napoli & Deceased Family Members, †Nunziata Pasquale, In Thanksgiving & Special Blessings for Rochelle Oswyn, Noah & Cleo

12:00 pm †Douglas, Theresa & Azam Lyall, †Gregorio Mule, †Tony Picchiello, †Salvatore Fata, †Pietro & Angela Mule, †Pierina Vendittelli, †Sabrina Tucci, †Richard Rozanov

1:30 pm IGBO

7:00 pm †Charles & Joan Kelly, †Gawhara Nalbandian, †Vittorio Terzini, Thanksgiving from Ivy D’Souza

8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

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