



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – C**

**Advent**



Prepare a way for the Lord

Advent is here. We begin our preparations for Christmas, joyful for God's great gift of Christ the redeemer. We celebrate the beginning of the Christ-event, not simply as a past moment in history but for the future hope it gives us. Although Jeremiah's prophecy alludes to Jesus' historical coming, this first Sunday of Advent emphasizes

another coming: the glorious arrival of Christ our Lord at the end of time. Luke's gospel uses traditional imagery – so familiar to our modern world – to picture the end. Luke's point is not the cosmic catastrophe itself but the people it overtakes. Some are not ready. Others, whose lives have been deeply human and filled with prayer, have nothing to fear and everything to look forward to. They can stand tall; Christ is coming to complete the liberation of the world from sin. On a more intimate note, St. Paul has a special prayer for his beloved converts: that their love for all humanity may be like his great love for them. May we grow in holiness together until that great day.

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"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Chris** at 416-968-0997 or email at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or call **Fr. Victor** at 416-757-2806 or email at [olfatima@rogers.com](mailto:olfatima@rogers.com) for further information.



		<b>Nov 30 – Dec 06 2015</b>
Mon 30	8:00 am	<i>All Souls in Remembrance Bk.</i>
Tues 01	8:00 am	<b>Cristina Fernandes [I] - Birthday</b>
Wed 02	7:00 pm	<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Sebastiampillai [D]</b>
Thur 03	8:00 am	<b>Flor Vendiola [D]</b>
Fri 04 <i>First Friday</i>	12:30 pm	<b>Sever Zagrai [D]</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>Holy Souls</b>
Sat 05 <i>First Saturday</i>	9:00 am	<b>Joseph &amp; George Chooravady[D]</b>
	4:30 pm	<b>Agnes Gomes [D]</b>
Sun 06 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of ADVENT - C</b>	9:00 am	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	10:30 am	<b>Peter &amp; Jean Osaduke [D]</b>
	12:15 pm	<b>Caporusso &amp; Trentadue Fam. [I]</b>

**Kindergarten Registration in Elementary Schools**

Kindergarten Registration begins on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 – for children born in the years 2011 and 2012. Registrations will be accepted online at <http://soar.tcdsb.org>.

**For more details contact the Schools office**

**Solemn Prayer Octave – Holy Year of Mercy  
From Wed. December 2 to Wed. December 9**

The 2000 **HAIL MARY DEVOTION** will be prayed over 8 days – December 02 to 08 – *with two petitions every day at 6.00 pm* during the octave. The prayer timings will be different on *1<sup>st</sup> Friday, Saturday & Sunday*. A Solemn celebration of the **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** of **BVM** on December 8, marking the start of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, will include the blessing and unveiling of the icons of *St. Faustina Kowalska* and *St. John Paul II* at the **Divine Mercy Shrine**.



**Details will be posted on our website shortly.  
All are welcome to join us in prayer.**

**KOLBE EUCHARISTIC MINI-RETREATS**



**On Sat., Dec. 5, Fr. Seamus Hogan will speak on  
"God the Father's Mercy: a Love  
revealed in Jesus and shared by the Church".  
This Kolbe Eucharistic Mini-Retreat will be held at  
St. Brigid's Church, from 2.00 to 4.30 pm.**

For more information go to [www.kolbeapostolate.com](http://www.kolbeapostolate.com)

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Our Lady of Fatima's annual  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** is next  
**Sunday, December 06, 2015**

*... registrations at the back of the church after Mass.*



**CENTER  
your Christmas  
in  
CHRIST**

**The SVDP Christmas Collection  
& Food Drive ...**

**this weekend and next  
28/29 + Dec 05/06**

**We count on your support ... God bless**



The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** have already placed containers in the church for the annual **SOCK DRIVE**. The campaign goes on through Advent, Christmas and until the beginning of the New Year. These are given to needy persons living on the streets or in Shelters.

The sale of **CHRISTMAS CARDS** at the back of the church and **RAFFLE TICKETS** in an artistic **NATIVITY SCENE** [for fundraising purposes] are also on sale during these weekends. This will be drawn on Sunday, Dec. 20 at the end of the Fatima Christmas Concert.

The **CHRISTMAS CARDS SALE** for **BIRTHRIGHT** will be during the weekends of Nov 22/23 & 29/30 at the back of the church after all of the weekend's Masses. Proceeds go to support pro-life groups and activities.



**Thanks for supporting these good causes!**



## Our Parish

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – Sunday, Nov 29

This liturgy starts our preparations for Christmas as 'we wait for the coming of the Messiah'. We start using the **new People's Missal** today. Copies are still available from our custodian. This weekend we have the **last meeting** for the Children's Liturgy; these will resume after the festive season. This is also the 1st weekend for the **SVDP Christmas food drive**. Get your last **Right to Life Christmas Cards** from volunteers at the back of the church. Tickets in our **Christmas Raffle** are also on sale and the **Knights of Columbus' SOCK DRIVE** is now on. The **LORD'S FLOCK** prayer group meets at 2.00 pm in the hall for their **last** prayer gathering before the festive break.

### Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Dec 02

The **2000 Hail Mary Devotion** in our **PRAYER OCTAVE** ahead of the start of the **HOLY YEAR OF MERCY** starts today at 6.00 pm. The first 2 petitions are prayed and holy Mass follows. **Details of this Prayer Octave** are posted on our website: [www.fatimashrine.ca](http://www.fatimashrine.ca) and on all church bulletin boards.

### First Friday devotions – Friday, Dec 04

Prayers start at 12.15 pm followed by Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. The **2000 Hail Mary Devotion** continues at 6.00 followed by Benediction. Mass at 7.00 pm concludes the day's devotions.

### Weekend Activities – Saturday, Dec 05

The **RCIA** meeting is at 10.00 am in the church hall as usual. Today's **Confirmation class** is at 2.30 pm. This is the last weekend in the **SVDP CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE**. There is a second collection – THE SVDP CHRISTMAS OFFERING – during all of this **weekend** Masses.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Sunday, Dec 06

The **2000 Hail Mary Devotion** continues at 1.30 pm followed by Benediction. The **Children's Christmas Party** is today from 1.30 pm onwards. There is **NO LORD'S FLOCK** prayer meeting for the next three weekends.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION .....

### ➤ **FLOWERS for CHRISTMAS OFFERING;**

We welcome all offerings of support for the purchase of Christmas flowers to decorate the altar and the church during the coming festivities. Kindly pick up an envelope, and fill in the requested information and your regular envelope number [if you want your donation to be included in the tax receipt] seal envelope with your offering and place it in the candle box at the shrine.



**Thank you for your generous support!**

The **SENIORS ACTIVITY CLUB** is hosting their **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER** at our church hall on



**Thursday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon – All seniors are welcome** and tickets are \$14 each. For tickets and information, please contact: Sylvetta: 416-759-4699 or Anne: 416-261-1479  
**Bring with you ... ONE item for the FOOD BANK**

## FEAST OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

*Doctor of the Church and co-founder of the Discalced Carmelite Order*

### Monday, December 14, 2015

>> Morning Mass is at 8 o'clock as usual  
>> Evening devotions begin at 6.15 and include the Rosary, Evening Prayer [Vespers] & Solemn Mass starting at 7.00 pm.



*The Secular Carmelites and parishioners are encouraged to participate.*

## Advent "WEEK OF CONFESSION"

**'Reconciliation/Confessions' in our parish:**



**CONFESSIONS**

**Monday to Wednesday,  
December 14 - 16**

between: 9.30 – 11.30 am  
and 5.30 – 6.30 pm

**Friday & Saturday,  
December 18 - 19**

between: 9.00 – 10.00 am  
and [Saturday only] 3.30 – 4.15 pm

## Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

**Presents: Christ the Saviour is born!**

**An Evening of Christmas songs  
performed by our 3 choirs**



**Sunday, December 20, 2015 @ 5.00 pm in church hall**



## DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2016

The boxes with your donation envelopes for 2016 are being prepared for pick up.

They will be sorted in trays in alphabetical order according to the family's **last name**.

Registered parishioners are kindly asked to inform the office of any changes to their personal data. **New** parishioners are encouraged to register and get their personal box number so that contributions will be acknowledged by the issuing of a tax receipt at the end of the year. Updated information is always a great help to the office.

**Thank you.**

# HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE Christ ADVENT Season

"CANDLE OF HOPE" means His promise and hope. We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises He made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

