



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



The first Sunday of Advent alerts us to the season of Christmas, when we celebrate God's climactic breaking into time and space. But it also reminds us how unexpectedly God appears in our midst. We must be ready.

In today's gospel Jesus cautions us that he will come suddenly – as unexpectedly as a burglar! In our day-to-day concerns we may forget that

now is the time to be converted from sin and to put on the Lord Jesus who saves us. For the Day of the Lord (symbolized by light) is dawning. Isaiah's prophecy looks toward that final day when all people will stream to God in worship and rejoicing. In the presence and light of the Lord, the world will finally know the peace for which it yearns.

Christ's coming in glory at the end of time will surprise all of us. But the peace and joy of those who have welcomed Christ into their hearts can prepare the world to experience the joy of God's presence. Then the whole human community will recognize the Prince of Peace and discover their Father's House.

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"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to ministerial service, call Fr. Chris at 416-968-0997 or email at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or call Fr. Victor at email him at [olfatima@rogers.com](mailto:olfatima@rogers.com) or call him on 416-757-2806 for further information.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy today, Sunday Nov. 27, during the 10:30 am Mass.

These gatherings will resume after the Christmas holidays, on January 15, 2017.

**A BLESSED CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.**



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our Lady of Fatima's annual **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** is next Sunday, December 04, 2016.

Registration at the back of church this weekend and next



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

is this weekend Nov 26/27, and next!

The SVDP Christmas Collection is next weekend, Dec 03/04

**We count on your support ... God reward you**



**R.C.I.A. Program 2016 – 2017**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program – a journey of prayer, reflection and instruction for anyone wishing to explore the beauty of the Catholic faith – in our hall

Next sessions: **Saturdays Dec. 3 & 10 at 10am.**

For updates visit our website: [www.fatimashrine.ca](http://www.fatimashrine.ca)

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ... proceeds to the RENOVATIONS**

The prize is an artistic, Nativity Set. **TICKETS** are selling at 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10. One may purchase tickets from the office on weekdays or from volunteers at the back of the church after Masses on weekends.

The draw will be made on Sunday, December 18, 2016 – in the church – at the end of the 12:15 pm Mass.

**Try your luck and ... support your parish ... Thank you!**



		<b>Nov 28 – Dec 04 2016</b>
Mon 28	8:00 am	Sylvia Groene [D]
Tues 29	8:00 am	Gererd Kirkpatrick [D]
Wed 30	7:00 pm	All Souls in Remembrance Bk.
Thur 01	8:00 am	Danny & Lorna Borbon [D]
Fri 02 First Friday	12:30 pm	Mr & Mrs Sebastiampillai [D]
	7:00 pm	Holy Souls
Sat 03 First Saturday	9:00 am	Joseph Badali [D]
	4:30 pm	Flor Vendiola [D]
Sun 04 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of ADVENT - A	9:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Eileen Mildred Cochrane [D]
	12:15 pm	Armando Deniega [I] – 75 <sup>th</sup> Birthday

**TODAY** **OLF Fabulously Festive Christmas**  
 Sunday Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> **Craft & Gift Sale!**  
 10am-4pm! @ OLF Catholic School in the Gym!  
 Handmade crafts & gifts for everyone on your list!  
 Gift Wrapping Station! Photo's with Santa! 50/50 Draw!  
 Tables available! Contact Christine @ 416-755-9638 or get application in the school office!

**2016 – Knights in Action – 2017**



Tickets in our **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** are on sale during these weekends. Raffle will be drawn on Sunday, Dec. 18 after the 12:15 pm Mass. The **SOCK DRIVE** continues during the coming weeks of Advent.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** for Right to Life Association are on sale during the coming weekends at the back of the church after all of the weekend's Masses.

Please support these charitable initiatives. **Thanks.**



**Advent "WEEK OF CONFESSION"**



'Reconciliation/Confessions' in our church:  
**Monday & Wednesday, Dec. 12 & 14**

09:30 – 11:30 am

05:30 – 06:30 pm

**Saturday, Dec. 17**

9:45 – 10:30 am

3:40 – 04:25 pm

**Our Lady of Fatima Shrine**

**Presents: O Come Divine Messiah!**

**A Christmas Novena of prayers, song, Mass & fellowship for parish families**



Daily from Thursday, Dec. 15 to Friday, Dec. 23 @ 7:00 pm in church and fellowship in the hall.



# ADVENT

WEEK 1

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – Sunday, Nov 27

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. Visit the **Crafts Sale** taking place at Our Lady of Fatima School from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The parish has a table with various crafts and gifts on sale. It is worth visiting. The **LORD'S FLOCK** prayer group has no prayer meeting this afternoon.

## Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Nov 30

Devotions begin at 6:30 pm followed by Holy Mass. *Prayer and Mass intentions include all the requests made in the intentions list and envelopes reserved at the shrine.* All are welcome to join us.

## First Friday devotions – Friday, Dec 02

Prayers start at 12:15 pm followed by Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Prayers resume at 6:30 followed by Benediction. Mass at 7:00 pm concludes the day's devotions.

## Weekend Activities – Saturday, Dec 03

The **RCIA meeting** is at 10:00am in the hall. The Sunday anticipated Mass is at 4:30 pm. **Right to Life** volunteers and the **Knights of Columbus** will be at the back of the church selling **Christmas Raffle** tickets during all weekend Masses. This is also the last weekend in the **SVDP Christmas Food Drive** and there is also a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection – **The SVDP Christmas Offering** – during all of this weekend Masses.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Sunday, Dec 04

The **Children's Christmas Party** takes place today from 1:30 pm. The last **LORD'S FLOCK** prayer meeting before the break is on Sunday, December 18.

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

Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon

All seniors are welcome

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

# Senior Citizens

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS .....

### ➤ 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 [including your regular envelope number, if you want your donation to be included in the tax receipt] seal envelope with offering and place it in the candle box at the shrine.



Flowers for Christmas Offering

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your generous support!

Remember to regularly visit our website ...

[www.fatimashrine.ca](http://www.fatimashrine.ca)

Regular updates and weekly announcements

## Advent

To be prepared, great news to come.  
The Word made Flesh for everyone.  
We meditate, four weeks to know,  
The Savior's birth, God will bestow.

Isaiah told the virgin birth,  
Would change mankind and bless the earth.  
The Son of God, would raise us higher,  
From Galilee, our true Messiah.

In Bethlehem, no Inn had room,  
but birth would come from Mary's womb.  
The poor, the meek, was only able,  
to have her child within a stable.

Three wise men came, and shepherds too.  
With peace on earth to good men true.  
The Son of God, the Savior born.  
He is the light, the new day's dawn.

So baby Jesus, Christmas time,  
With joy, with song, burst forth and shine.  
With prayer and praise, let angels sing,  
Our homage to our New Born King!

Dennis Hayes

By the grace of God

## Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Presents:

☉ Come,

Let us adore Him!

An Evening  
of Christmas Songs  
performed by  
our 3 choirs

Sunday, December 11, 2016 @ 5.00 pm in church hall

## FEAST OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

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

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

>> Evening devotions begin at 6:15 and include

the Rosary, Evening Prayer [Vespers] and

Holy Mass starting at 7:00 pm.

The Secular Carmelites and parishioners  
are encouraged to participate.



## DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2017

The boxes with your donation envelopes for 2017 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. *Complete & updated information is a requirement for the issue of tax receipts.*



Thank you