November 30, 2025 -First Sunday of Advent

As we begin our new liturgical year we are reminded of our main purpose in life – to be ready and looking forward to our eventual home with the Lord. Advent is a time to consider the incarnation, the first coming of Christ, in relation to his return.

The way to prepare for the coming of Christ, is not by calculating its date, but by living a life of readiness and response to his invitation to believe and live in and with him.

God reveals enough about the future to give us hope, but not so much that we do not have to live and walk by faith day after day. We have assurance about the things hoped for, and conviction about the things not yet seen, but what we do not have is a timetable given to us in the Scripture.

Jesus, reminds us of the necessity to always be ready to enter into his presence. He calls us to witness faithfully to God's ultimate purpose of life with him in this world and in the world to come. And, he gives us what we need to prepare: his Body, his Blood, his word, his love, his peace, and one another.

Quando iniziamo il nostro nuovo anno liturgico, ci viene ricordato il nostro scopo principale nella vita: essere pronti e guardare avanti per la nostra eventuale casa con il Signore. L'Avvento è un tempo per considerare l'incarnazione, la prima venuta di Cristo, in relazione al suo ritorno. Il modo per prepararsi alla venuta di Cristo non è calcolarne la data, ma vivere una vita di prontezza e risposta al suo invito a credere e vivere in lui e con lui. Dio rivela abbastanza sul futuro per darci speranza, ma non così tanto da non dover vivere e camminare per fede giorno dopo giorno. Abbiamo la certezza delle cose che si sperano e la convinzione delle cose che non si sono ancora viste, ma ciò che non abbiamo è un orario che ci è stato dato nella Scrittura. Gesù, ci ricorda la necessità di essere sempre pronti ad entrare alla sua presenza. Ci chiama a testimoniare fedelmente lo scopo ultimo della vita di Dio con lui in questo mondo e nel mondo a venire. E ci dà ciò che dobbiamo preparare: il suo Corpo, il suo Sangue, la sua parola, il suo amore, la sua pace e l'un l'altro.

Signore, Ti prego per tutti gli ammalati.

Per l'immenso Amore che porti ai sofferenti, agli afflitti, a tutti i bisognosi, Ascoltali, Benedicili, Soccorrili, Consolali e Guariscili. Amen!

PRAYER FOR A SICK PERSON

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant, (NAME OF THE SICK PERSON), for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass Readings for Sunday, 30 November 2025

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalms: Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-14 Alleluia: Psalms 85: 8 Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44



SATURDAY, November 29

5:00 PM – † Emilio Enero; Adoracion Pangilinan; All names written in the all souls envelope and book of life;

SUNDAY, November 30 - First Sunday of Advent Yr A

8:00 AM – ‡ Artemon & Jose Ilagan; All names written in the all souls envelope and book of life

10:00 AM – Tutti i nomi sono scritti nella busta delle anime e nel libro della vita; Salvatore Coniglio, Alberto, Angela e Antonino Fanara

12:00 PM - Thanksgiving for Lolita Manapsal

†Cesar Urbina; Mario Cappuccitti; Stanford Smart; All names written in all souls envelopes and book of life; all souls

5:00 PM - Andres Pangilinan Sr. Eleuteria Soriaso, Merylla Laguno; All names written in all souls envelopes and book of life;

MONDAY, December 1

8: 00 am -‡

7:00 pm - TMerylla Laguno; all souls

Perpetual Mass Cards Available

TUESDAY, December 2

8:00 AM TRinaldo Bussoli

7:00 PM - Therylla Laguno; Placido Visalli

WEDNESDAY, December 3

8:00AM ‡ Lucia Faraldo, Domenico Mucci

7:00 PM TRuben Gueco; Merylla Laguno; all souls

THURSDAY, December 4 - St. John Damascene

8:00 AM – ‡

7:00 PM – Merylla Laguno; Benjamin Palma; all souls

FRIDAY, December 5 - First Friday

8:00 AM - Birthday thanksgiving of Werlito Cezar Aguanta T

7:00 PM - T Merylla Laguno; all souls

7:45 PM - Antonietta Cipolone - Memorial

SATURDAY – December 6

8:00 AM [‡]

11:00 AM - Baptism

2:00 pm - Baptism

5:00 PM – † Merylla Laguno; All souls



On the lighter side......

A little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed around the offering plates. When they came near his pew, the boy said loudly, "Don't pay for me. Daddy, I'm under five."

Blessing of "St. Mary of the Mount" Statue Sunday, December 7 @ 5 pm With Bishop Ivan Camilleri



Advent's Retreat – Sat., Dec. 13

By: Fr. Henry Alva

8:30 am - 12:00 pm Light breakfast provided Everyone is invited. Free Admission.

All ministers are required to attend. Sign-up sheet is available for registration in the lobby



A season of hope, preparation, EXPECTATION & celebrati



Advent is made up of four weeks, December 16 at the end of time 2 December 17 to 24 Focus: Preparation for celebrating the

birth of Jesus Christ

as the focus of prayer

divided into two periods: 1 First Sunday of Advent until Focus: Christ's second coming

The first Sunday of Advent marks he beginning of the liturgical yea

Through prayer, spiritual reading, acts of charity, and participation in Eucharist, dvent helps us to expand the meaning of our ves, so that we are not ends in ourselves, but a people who seek Christ as our hopeful end and joyful fulfilment



CANDLES Our prayer at Advent one of hope and love n our Adven come.

Advent is more than the preparation for Christ's birth. It also celebrates the three-fold coming of the Lord: Remembering the events

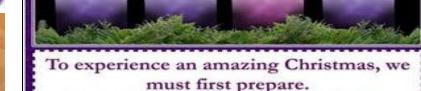
that surrounded the Lord's coming long ago Celebrating his coming

"a coming or arrival"

among us today Looking forward to his final coming in glory







The Journey of Christmas 2025

Blessing of the New Statue "Our Lady of Mount"

Sunday, December 7 @ 5:00 PM Mass

Immaculate Conception Monday, December 8 8 am & 7 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Schools

cember 9 @ 9:00 AM: St. Jerome ecember 10@ 9:00 AM: St. Wilfrid cember 12@ 9:00 AM: Card. McGuigan

Community Advent Retreat 8:00AM - 12:00 Noon

Christmas Tree Lighting urday, December 13 @ 5:00 PM Mass

Advent School Mass mber 15 @ 9:15 AM: St. Wilfrid mber 17 @ 9:00 AM: Card. McGuigan

Sacrament of Reconciliation

of the Parish Community December 19 @ 7:00 PM **English and Italian**

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS

(December 15 - December 23) December 15 @ 7:00 PM - Lectors, EEM, Ushers

December 16 @ 7:00 PM – St. Jerome's School December 17 @ 7:00 PM - Couples for Christ

December 18 @ 7:00 PM - Prayer Grp. Catechists (First Com., Conf., Children Lit.)

December 19 - Community Confession December 20 @ 5:00 PM - Circle of Prayer &

The Loved Flock Community December 21 - El Shaddai Group

December 22 @ 7:00 PM - 5 PM Choir Group December 23 @ 7:00 PM - Altar Servers,

Parents and Youth Group **Christmas Masses**

Wednesday, December 24 Family Mass with Children' **Christmas Play**

Thursday, December 25 nglish Mass: 8:00 AM, 12 Noon & 5:00 PM

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 28 Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Mary, the Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve II day adoration until 6:45 PM followed by

Thursday, January 1 English Mass: 8:00 AM, 12 Noon & 5:00 PM alian Mass: 10:00 AM



Keeping CHRIST in CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE Please consider donating

Grocery Gift Cards for our needy brothers and sisters.



Thank you all for your generosity!

RACCOLTA DI CIBO PER NATALE

The Epiphany of Our LORD

January 4 - Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Si prega di considerare la donazione di buoni regalo per generi alimentari per i nostri fratelli e sorelle bisognosi.

Grazie a tutti per la vostra generosità!

"Truly, I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did it to Me." .. Matt. 33.40



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Monday to Friday

8 am - Italian; 7 pm English

Saturday

8 am - Italian; 5pm - English

Sunday:

10:00 am – Italian 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm - English

CONFESSION

Every Saturday @ 4-5 pm, other days please call for appointment

MEMORIAL MASS

Please call the office @ 416-840-3111

BAPTISM

Contact parish office 2 months in advance of anticipated baptismal date.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance.

COMMUNION OF HOUSEBOUND & ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation are also available. Please notify the parish office.

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

Those who are interested to have Our Lady Of Fatima Statue to visit their home for a week, please call: Edith @ 416-420-5185



Our Priests

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Rev. Binyan Yacob Kebedi – In Residence

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Mass

@ 7 pm

Monday - Saturday

9am - 12 noon 1 pm - 5 pmSunday: 9 am - 1 pm





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Youth Night

Dec. 12th 6 - 7:30 pm Mother Teresa Hall **PRBY TOGETHER**

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