

Fourth Sunday of Advent

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Livestreamed Mass

For those unable to join us in person, dispensation from Sunday Eucharist continues. Join virtually.

Mon-Sat: 9am Sat (Sunday Vigil): 5:15pm

In Person Masses Mon-Sat: 9am Sat (Sunday Vigil): 5:15pm Sun: 8am,9:30am,11am,12:30pm

Rosary – Publicly Prayed Mon-Sat - 8:25am

Private Prayer & Exposition Mondays: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Sacrament of Confession Mondays: 7pm-8:30pm Fridays: 8am-8:45am

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Tuesdays - before 9am daily Mass

Once the church reaches capacity, we have additional seating in the parish hall. COVID protocols are in effect.

2022 REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF PARISHIONERS

The Archdiocesan Office for Refugees has a program to assist parishioners who would like to sponsor family members who are in need of refugee sponsorship. This program is only intended to assist parishioners. If you are a parishioner, and would like to sponsor a family member, please contact the parish office to schedule a meeting with Fr. Chris prior to February 18. The Office for Refugees will look to the sponsoring family to provide the necessary funds for sponsorship.

KIDSWORD

Join Alicia as she helps us recognize Gods actions in our lives.



Looking to create your own nativity kit, check out this resource here.

PRAYER CORNER

God of anticipation and longing, let your face of love shine through our faces and our lives, that all who encounter us these last days of Advent also encounter you. Amen

ADVENT ALL DAY CONFESSIONS

Sat. Dec. 18 9:30am-5pm

Find your way back to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be priests available to hear confessions in the church from 9:30am - 5:00pm.

Christmas Season Masses

While registration for the Christmas Season Masses is now closed, we invite you to join the livestreamed celebrations here.

Livestream Mass Schedule

Friday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve – 5pm

*Carols & music begins approx. 15 minutes before Mass

Sat, Dec. 25: Christmas Day – 11am *Carols & music begins approx. 15 minutes before Mass

Sun, Dec. 26: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – 8am

Fri, Dec. 31: Mass of the Day at 9am Vigil of Mary, Mother of God – 5pm

Sun, Dec. Jan. 2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord – 8am

2022 Calendars & Missals

- ~ Calendars are available in the Bloor foyer or from a Minister of Hospitality.
- ~Missals (\$5.00 each) are on the book rack in the Bloor foyer. You can place your payment in the envelope provided and drop it in the offertory or mail slot at the parish office.

2022 Offertory Envelopes

The 2022 Offertory Envelopes have all been mailed out. If you have not received yours yet, please place your donation in any envelope labelled with your name and address. If you do not have envelopes, but wish to begin using them, please **e-mail** the parish office.

We encourage you to write the amount of your donation on your envelope. This small step saves a great deal of time for the volunteer teams who process our weekly collections. Thank You!

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

The PAG program allows parishioners to make their offertory contributions through their bank account. Your selected pledge is withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month to cover weekly offertory and\or special collections. If you would like to participate in this program, click here.

SSVP Adopt-a-Family Program

The Society of St Vincent de Paul offers thanks to the over 50 parishioners and 13 classes from OLS School who participated in the annual Adopt-a-Family program. Your generosity supported 57 families/couples/singles. Thank you for sharing the Christmas spirit with our neighbours-inneed. We greatly appreciate it!

Birthday Cards for Jesus



Children are invited to make birthday cards for the infant Jesus. A basket is placed by the manger to receive your birthday cards.

Bible Studies with Ryan

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: Couldn't attend our recent Bible Study at OLS? Ryan will be running this program again on Friday evenings beginning on January 21st from 7-8:30 pm.

Additionally, *James: Pearls for Wise Living* will be offered on Saturday mornings beginning on January 22nd from 10-11:30 am. This is an excellent opportunity to continue your practice of studying the Bible.

More details will come soon!

Parish Registration

If you attend OLS parish regularly, please ensure that you are registered with the parish office. (Young adults who have completed their education should be registered as individuals.) To register, click here.

MUSIC MINISTRY

OLS Christmas concert: Join us Sun Dec. 19, 4pm or Tues, Dec. 21, 7:30pm to sing our favourite seasonal carols. For more information and to save your spot visit **here**.

Carol Sing-along offered for your enjoyment at home. It is a full-length concert with captions so that you can sing along. **Sing-Along Here.**









MASS INTENTIONS – Dec. 20th – 26th

Mon. Ada So by Leah Bautista

Tues. †Helena Krzyzek by Zofia Krzyzek

Wed. †Wesceslao Nograda by Olivia Torres
Thurs. Fr. Chris & Ryan's Ministry –Morning Rosary Group

Fri. †Sandra Horvat & †George Novak by family

Christmas Vigil Masses: 5, 7, 9, & 11pm

Sat. Christmas Day Masses: 8, 9:30, 11am; 12:30pm

Sun. 8am Parish Intentions

9:30am †Elizabeth Cascagnett by Marie Clarke 11:00am †Brukner & †Smyslo Families by family 12:30pm †Audrey Heydon by Tess Reszetnik



FAQs on the Synod on Synodality

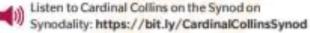
1. What is a Synod?

The meaning of the term "synod" comes from Greek: walking together on the road. In a synod, bishops from around the world are called by the Holy Father to come together to pray, reflect, and discuss important issues for the Church. It is a process of discernment, of listening to the Holy Spirit guiding the Church. A synod typically concludes with a formal statement that gives guidance and direction for the entire Church.

2. What is the Synod on Synodality?

Pope Francis has called for the Synod on Synodality to be a time of prayerful reflection and discernment on the way that the Church, that is, the laity, pastors, and the Holy Father 'journey together', or walk together on the road. The focus of the Synod is on Communion, Participation, and Mission.

It is a two-year process of worldwide consultation, beginning an invitation for people in every diocese to share their thoughts and experiences. It concludes with the Synod of Bishops, who will receive a synthesis of the responses and discern the voice of the Spirit in the Church of the Third Millennium. The Preparatory Document for the Synod states that the purpose of the Synod is "intended to inspire people to dream about the church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission." (PD 32)







3. When is the Synod?

The synodal process began in October 2021 and will conclude in October 2023. There are three main phases or stages:

- Diocesan phase: October 2021 August 2022;
- Continental phase: August 2022 March 2023;
- Universal Church phase: October 2023:
 XVI Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops in Rome.

4. Who participates in the Synod?

Everyone is invited to participate in the Synod. The Bishops need to hear from people in all situations so that they can hear the voices of the entire People of God. This means we need to spread the word about our local survey, especially to those who may not hear about it in church or on a parish website.

5. I don't go to church regularly. Should I still participate in the Synod?

Yes! Every voice needs to be heard. Please respond to the survey and tell us about your experiences.





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