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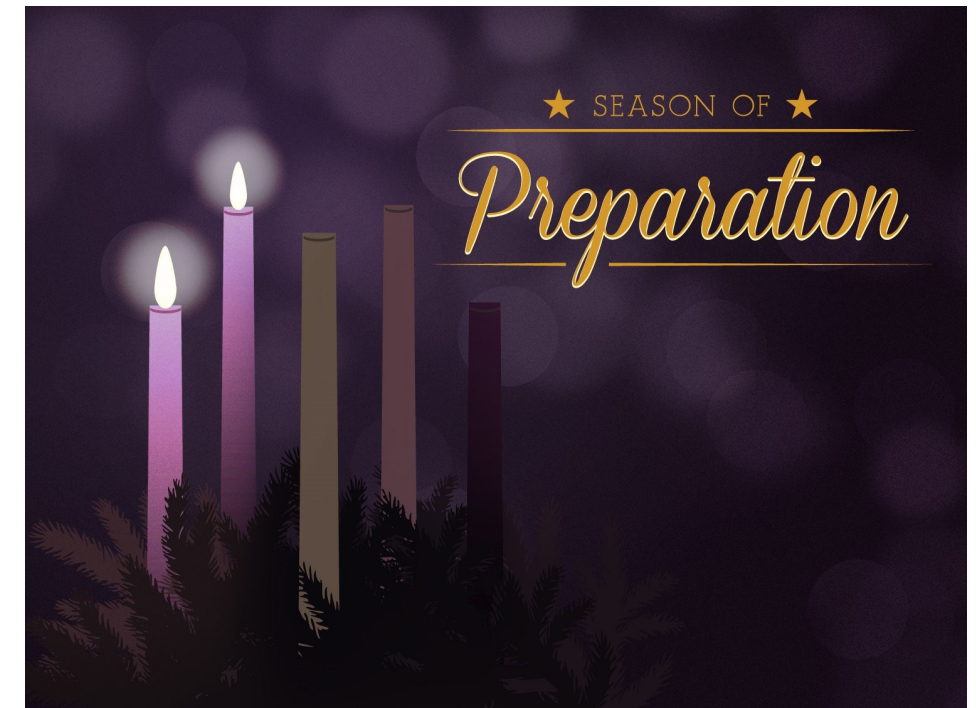
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Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Mass Schedule: Mon-Sat: 9am, Sat (Vigil Mass): 5:15pm (livestream)
Sun: 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 12:30pm

Rosary: Mon-Sat – 8:25am

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

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Tuesdays - before 9am daily Mass

Confession: Mondays: 7pm-8:30pm & Saturdays: 4pm-5pm



Parish Events

Advent All Day Confession Saturday, Dec 17, 9:30am—5:00pm

"Confession is the Sacrament of the tenderness of God, his way of embracing us and an opportunity to cleanse the soul!" ~ Pope Francis

Amid the ways we will get ready in the coming weeks to celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus — baking, gift-giving, entertaining family and friends — the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be overlooked. December is the darkest month of the year, when we long for warmth, healing and light.

Confession can be a good way to enter into the joy of the nativity with a clean heart, light and love. This Sacrament can help us draw closer to God who brings mercy, forgiveness and healing to the parts of our lives that are broken. Make a plan to prepare for Christmas by attending the Advent All Day Confession at OLS.

Snow Shoveling Assistance



To help keep the parish grounds safe for everyone during the winter months, we need help clearing snow on the church paths for the Daily & Weekend Masses. Call the parish office: 416-231-6016.

Advent Christmas Book Sale

Limited copies of *The True Meaning of Christmas: The Birth of Jesus and the Origins of the Season* and *Waiting for Christ: Meditation for Advent and Christmas* are available at the back of the church for \$10 each.

Community

Marijuana Anonymous: Recovery Group Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 pm, Hall Atrium

Marijuana Anonymous is a fellowship group who share their experiences using a 12-step program to overcome Marijuana addiction. To learn more visit matoronto.org or email info@matoronto.org.

Private Prayer & Confession



On Dec. 12 Private Prayer & Confession will happen after the Religious Ed Advent Mass scheduled for 7pm. All are invited to Mass.

Special Annual Collection This Weekend (Dec. 3/4): Christmas Gift for the Poor

This weekend's Annual Collection will be divided equally to benefit The Canadian Food for Children and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

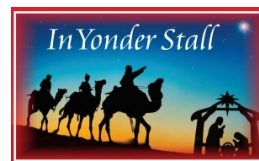
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ORGANIX CONCERTS

presents organist Peter Bayer on Wednesday Dec. 7, 12:30pm - 1:30pm here at Our Lady of Sorrows. Free-will offering gratefully appreciated.

Christmas Concert

in support of Out-of-the-Cold Program
Friday, Dec. 16 at 7:30pm



Our Lady of Sorrows presents a Christmas Concert and Carol Sing-Along featuring MOSAIC Canadian Vocal Ensemble and the OLS Adult Choir with special guests: Toronto String Quartet, Michael Barth on Trumpet and Michael McKee singing a collection of heartfelt seasonal music. All proceeds will support the Out-of-the-Cold program administered by our neighbouring church, [All Saints Kingsway](http://AllSaintsKingsway.org).

Offertory envelopes marked [Out of the Cold](#) will be available. Cheques can be made to All Saints Kingsway and write Out of the Cold under memo. Thank you for your support.

Advent Resources & Reflection

Second Week of Advent Reflection

In this second week of Advent, we light the candle of Peace. This is a time of coming together, of building a community of faith that is open to all, and of preparing the way.

The central themes in the readings this weekend challenge us to prepare our hearts for Jesus. *Am I ready to change my ways? Am I ready to ask God for help?*

In the Gospel, John calls us to straighten out whatever crooked paths we've been walking. If we have been pushing God off to the side of our road. If we have been saying we don't really have time for Him. If we need to overcome deep resentments, own up to dishonesty or have been unwilling to forgive someone. We are called to bring peace to our resentments and allow God to do his healing work in our lives.

Bereavement Retreat Saturday Dec 10, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm [Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre](#)

If you or someone you know is feeling the pain of loss this time of the year, consider this Bereavement Day Retreat. The cost is \$45.00, including lunch. Please call: 905-278-5229 or Email: office@qoa.ca.

Advent Symbols

AND WHAT THEY MEAN



The evergreen circle and four candles of the **ADVENT WREATH** reflect the passage of the Advent season. It is often blessed at the beginning of Mass on the first Sunday of Advent.

Although not a season of penance, **RECONCILIATION** finds a special place in Advent as we prepare for Christmas and seek to approach Jesus' coming with hearts free of sin and filled with praise.

"If you have something dark in your soul, ask the Lord for forgiveness. Christmas is a great opportunity to cleanse the soul!"
POPE FRANCIS

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Advent is a time of **LONGING AND WAITING** for the Lord to come. Premature decoration of the church building and early use of Christmas songs at liturgy compromise the spirit of expectation.



VIOLET VESTMENTS reflect longing and anticipation, not penance. **Rose vestments** may be used on the third (Gaudete) Sunday to signal the mid-point of the season.

The **GLORY TO GOD** is not sung and the organ and other musical instruments are used in moderation to allow us to anticipate the full joy of December 25th, when they are taken up again. Flowers may be used, but in moderation so as to leave a sense of abundance for the Nativity.



ALLELUIA continues to be sung in the Gospel Acclamation and in other songs. This is the clearest indication that Advent is a season of expectation, not penance.

Office of Vocations



If you are discerning God's call to be a priest, enter religious life or become a deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

December 5 — December 11

Monday	9am	Intentions of Gen Chua by Family
Tuesday	9am	✠ Gary Traer by Family
Wednesday	9am	✠ Neil Brian Ventura by OLS Lector Ministry
Thursday	9am	✠ Mairead O'Hanlon by Hanlon Family
Friday	9am	✠ Graciano Ventura by Gloria Ventura
Saturday	9am	✠ Maggie Snell by OLS staff
	5:15pm	✠ Lucy Stillo by Nick & Gabriella Sklar
Sunday	8am	✠ Jean & ✠ Wilf Robinson by Michael Foran
	9:30am	for the needs of our parish and parishioners
	11:00am	✠ Esterina & ✠ Modestino Viola by family
	12:30pm	✠ Jaya Pulickunnel by Pulickunnel Family