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Call the office for info on:

Sacrament of Baptism

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*Parishioners must be registered and regularly attending Mass. Please contact us 1 year prior to your requested wedding date.

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First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Mass Schedule: Mon-Sat: 9:00am, Sat (Vigil Mass): 5:15pm (livestream)
Sun: 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 12:30pm

Confession: Mondays: 7:00pm-8:30pm & Saturdays: 4:00pm-5:00pm

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

Rosary: Mon-Sat at 8:25am

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Tuesdays - before the 9:00am Daily Mass



Parish Events

What is Advent?

A season of **hope, preparation, EXPECTATION & celebration**



Advent is made up of **four weeks**, divided into **two periods**:
1 First Sunday of Advent until December 16
 focus: Christ's second coming at the end of time
2 December 17 to 24
 focus: Preparation for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ

The **ADVENT WREATH** is a popular symbol used as the focus of prayer throughout the season

The **first Sunday of Advent** marks the beginning of the liturgical year

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



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 among us today
 • **Looking forward** to his final coming in glory

Our prayer at Advent is one of hope and love:
Come, Lord Jesus!

CANDLES mark the steps in our Advent journey

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"Advent" (Latin) MEANS "a coming or arrival"

Special Collection Next Weekend (Dec. 3/4) - Our annual Christmas Gift for the Poor Collection benefits the Canadian Food for Children and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Please make all cheques payable to Our Lady of Sorrows. The collection will be divided equally between the two charities. Your generous donation is greatly appreciated.



Coffee Friday Dec. 2

Join us in the parish hall after the 9am Mass. All are welcome! Bring treats to share if you are able & enjoy a cup of coffee on us.

Advent Resources

Awake and Prepare

This Sunday marks the beginning of the beautiful season of Advent, a time to deepen our relationship with Christ. The readings tell us that it's time to rouse from our sleep and prepare! In the first reading we hear that God will establish His Kingdom and we must be ready to walk in the light of God. In the second reading, Paul warns us to be awake. In the Gospel, Jesus warns us not to be unprepared, as people were in the days of Noah. This is a time to prepare for our Lord to come into our hearts.

Reflection Questions:

- What is my focus as I begin to prepare for Christmas?
- Do I see Christ in the people around me?
- What do I need to do now, to be ready for the coming of the Lord?



Preparations for Christmas often involve putting up decorations, purchasing gifts and making food. But these are not the only things we need to do to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. We also need to prepare our hearts. The Gospel tells us that we must think ahead.

As we prepare our homes and our hearts for Christmas, the Lord is in our midst. He is in the child who doesn't get Christmas presents. He is in the homeless man who has nowhere to go for Christmas. He is in the lonely and broken-hearted. We are called to make preparations in all of the places where we will encounter Him during this holy season.

You are also invited to watch a weekly Advent series, "Journey through Advent", from The Canadian Conference of Catholics Bishops. On this first Sunday, Bishop Dabrowski provides a reflection on waiting: <http://bit.ly/3Uk0qAF>

Eternal Rest

As November, the month of remembrance, comes to a close it is a fitting time to reflect on the very real questions we all have about death. *What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death?*

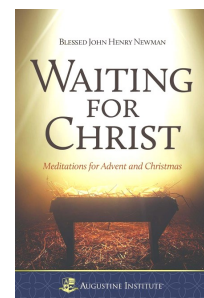
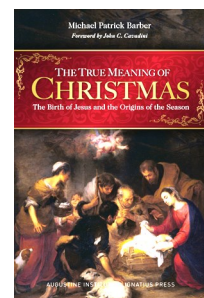
A new resource, *Eternal Rest*, from the Augustine Institute, presents the Catholic Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom and truth, gentleness and compassion.

Watch this four-part film series for free available on FORMED, <https://watch.formed.org/eternal-rest> and visit eternalrest.org for more info.

Advent & Christmas Book Sale

Thinking of gifts for Advent & Christmas? We have books from the Augustine Institute available at the back of the church for purchase.

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 for \$10.00 each.



Help Homeless Youth Through ShareLife



Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until the end of 2022, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million.

Covenant House is one of the agencies you support through ShareLife. It's located in Toronto, but its young clients – largely homeless youth – arrive from throughout the archdiocese.

"Your commitment to love and care for the youth experiencing homelessness and trafficking who come to Covenant House truly means so much," says the agency's director. "Your support gives hope to young people who need hope right now – and you give youth a real chance for a better future."

Our parish goal this year is \$480,000.00. Please donate by dropping an envelope in the collection, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Volunteer Opportunity

To help keep the parish grounds safe for everyone during the winter months, we need volunteers to help with snow shoveling and clearing the paths to the church on weekends. If you are strong, able and have some time to give, please call the parish office: 416-231-6016.



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

November 28 — December 4

Monday	9am	✠Hilda Mulcahy by Carol Lundy & Betty Horsey
Tuesday	9am	✠Mike & ✠Dorothy Miletich by Bubrin Family
Wednesday	9am	✠Rita Antonacci by family
Thursday	9am	✠Adam Beldycki by Family
Friday	9am	✠Joan Simone by Michael & Ann Hurley
Saturday	9am	✠Goseco, Valencia & Feliciano families by Linda Feliciano
	5:15pm	✠Yong Tjan by Lisa Tjan & Family
Sunday	8am	for the needs of our parish and parishioners
	9:30am	✠Nicholas Ferik by Dina Ferik
	11:00am	✠Bukner & ✠Smyslo Families by Helen Bukner & Family
	12:30pm	✠Maria & ✠Vitorino Goncalves by family