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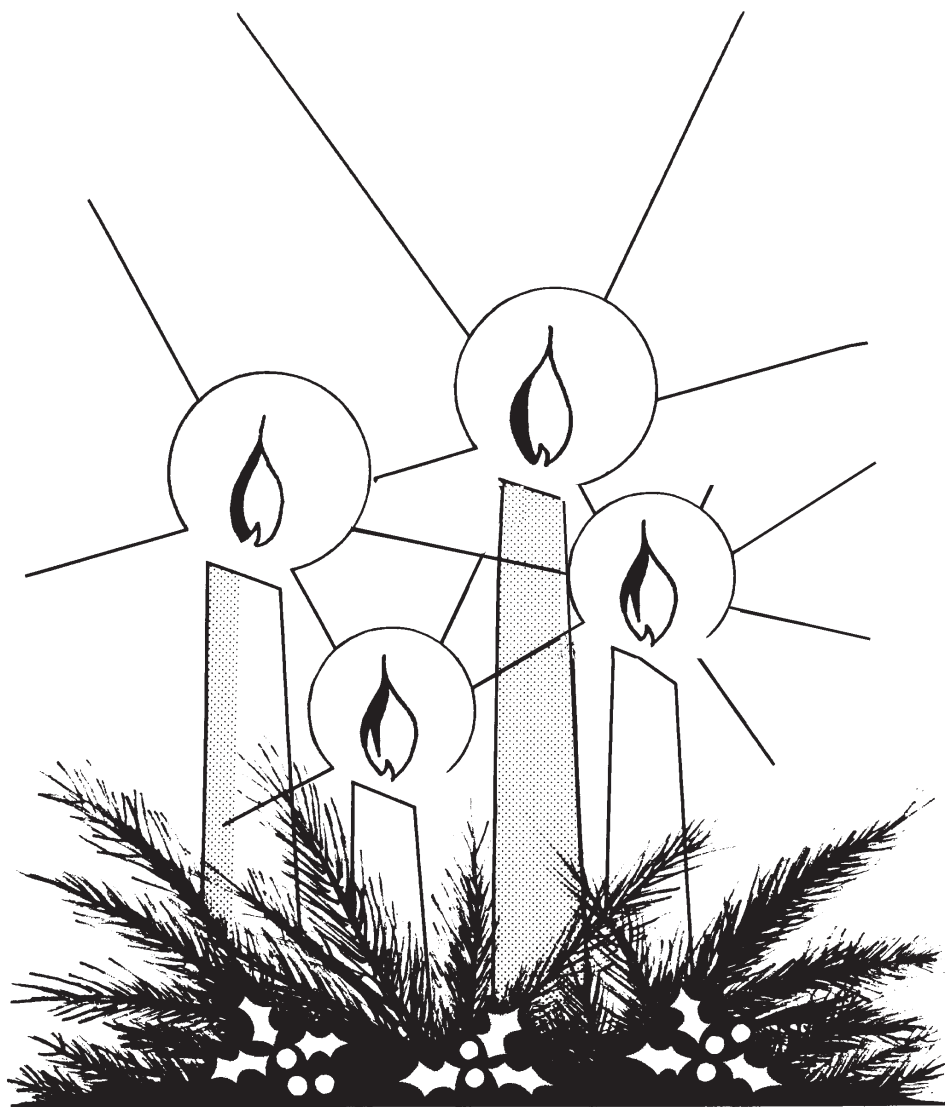
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# Advent



**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9 a.m. – The Yoran Family requested by Helen & Daughters

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – Eduarda & John Botelho requested by the Botelho Family

6 p.m. –

8 p.m. – Mayce Anthony Grimaldi requested by the Teixeira Family

11:30 p.m. – Thomas, Richie, Philomena, Lawrence, Seraphine, Luis requested by the Santos Family

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – Deceased members of the Gonzales & Serre Families requested by the Serre Family

10:30 a.m. – Winston Albert Craig requested by Yolande Craig & Family

12 p.m. – Souls in Purgatory requested by Disa Oberg

**Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – Leticia Montellano requested by Sylvia Casillano

**Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – Marc Llanos requested by Carole Pitcher

**Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. – William Francis Murphy requested by Shirley & Gary Christo

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – Rita D'Souza requested by Julie D'Souza

10:30 a.m. – Muriel Sullivan requested by the CWL

12 p.m. – John Luckett requested by Barbara Luckett

5:30 p.m. – Bernard Rego requested by Reg & Shirley Digby



Dear Parishioners:

I am so glad to hear today's Gospel on this **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**. It's about the role of Joseph. Why has St Joseph gotten so little attention in the history of Christianity? While devotion to Mary has been widespread and long-lasting, Joseph seems largely neglected.

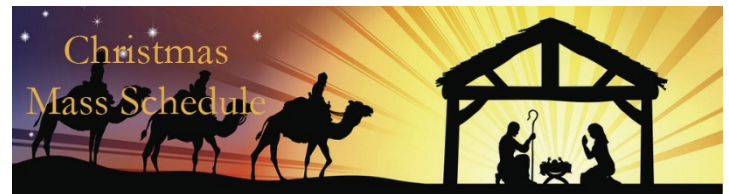
It was only in 1962, for example, that his name was included in the Eucharistic Prayer as a result of a decision by Pope John XXIII. Only in 2013 was he added to Eucharistic Prayer II, III and IV by Pope Francis. Of course, there are two feasts of St Joseph in the calendar (March 19 and May 1) but it is hard to deny that Joseph has been shortchanged in our history. We might well wonder how much that imbalance has influenced our culture's view of religion as more of a feminine interest, with the resulting scarcity of men in most parish ministries and even as members of our assemblies.

Joseph played a big role in the mystery of the Incarnation. The Angel said to him in a dream "...do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife and into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her."

Immediately after revealing the miraculous maternity of Mary to him, the Angel addressed Joseph as the true head of the family, charged with the task of naming the child, in recognition of his participation in the great event of the Incarnation.

**ST JOSEPH IS OUR MODEL ON ACCEPTING THE WILL OF GOD, NO MATTER HOW HARD THIS MIGHT BE.**

God Bless, *The Pastor*



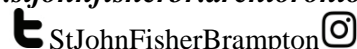
**Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
6 pm – 8 pm – 11:30 pm

**Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
9 am – 10:30 am – 12 pm – No 5:30 pm Mass

**New Year's Eve – Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
8 pm Exposition & Holy Hour – 9 pm Mass

**New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
10:30 am – 12 pm - No 5:30 pm Mass

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**2020 ENVELOPES** are ready for pick-up at the main entrance. They are in alphabetical order. Please take your box only. Please do not use these new envelopes until January 1<sup>st</sup> and complete the outside of the envelope for the first 3 weeks so we can verify the information. If you would like to start using envelopes and don't yet have them, please contact the church office. Thank you.



**ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY:**

Thank you to all families who participated in our Advent Wreath Ceremony this season!

**MAKE JESUS' CRIB WARM THIS COMING CHRISTMAS!**

You will see an empty crib laid at the back of the church to be used as Jesus' bed at Christmas. Fill it up with straws of hay. For every good word, deed and action you do during the week, place that number of straws into Jesus' crib. In this way, we prepare ourselves and Jesus' bed for Christmas.

Please contact the office if you are interested in volunteering for the **PARISH SCREENING COMMITTEE**. A member of the Screening Committee coordinates the interviews and/or documentation required to perform background checks on volunteers wishing to serve our Parish.



**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH  
CARDINAL COLLINS**

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 3 pm

St Isaac Jogues Parish (1148 Finch Ave., Pickering)

As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2020. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2020, they are invited to join in this special celebration. A reception will follow Mass. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online or by phone.

Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at:

[www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) or by calling (416) 934-3400 x523



“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” Are you willing to respond as

Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) / [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

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**All inquiries are kept confidential.**

**Information Session to Support the Transition of  
Children with Differing Abilities into School 2020**

Hosted by The Special Education and Learning Services Department for families of children with differing abilities who are transitioning into the DPCDSB in September 2020.

The Catholic Education Centre, 40 Matheson Blvd West, Room 301  
Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 8:30 pm

Snow date Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 pm

Families are asked to contact their local school or visit [www.dpcdsb.org](http://www.dpcdsb.org) for additional info and for a list of required registration documents.



**Families of Grade 2 Students:**

▶ Registration forms for First Communion are now available at the back of the church. Please complete and drop them off at the back of the church or in the Rectory Mailbox. Remember to include a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate.

▶ *Families* of the First Communion Candidates must attend the Sunday Eucharist regularly. Parents should be registered members of St John Fisher Parish. If you are not registered yet, please do so by completing the yellow cards at the main entrance of the church and dropping them off in the Rectory mailbox.

▶ **Mandatory Meeting** for Parents:

Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Church Hall.

▶ **First Communion Dates:**

St John Fisher School: May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm

St John Henry Newman School: May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30 pm

Georges Vanier School: May 24<sup>th</sup> @ 12 pm

*Please note:* According to the Archdiocese of Toronto, the **Sacraments of First Communion & Confirmation** must take place in the Parish where the family attends weekend masses on a regular basis. Sacraments are NOT a school-based event.

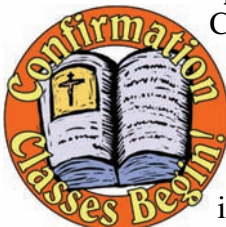
**Confirmation Update:** In order to be Confirmed,

Candidates must complete ALL 6 sessions. By not doing so, we presume that the candidate is not fully ready for the reception of the Sacrament.

Consider if celebrating this Sacrament in the future is a better option.

**All sessions are on Saturdays from 4-5:15 pm and then the class will attend the 5:30 pm mass together.**

- ▶ January 25<sup>th</sup>: Intro & the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ February 1<sup>st</sup>: Prayer & the Seven Sacraments
- ▶ March 7<sup>th</sup>: Social Justice
- ▶ March 14<sup>th</sup>: Social Justice II
- ▶ March 28<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation Liturgy
- ▶ April 4<sup>th</sup>: Called for Missioning
- ▶ **Confirmation Mass**, celebrated by our Pastor:  
Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm



Three men died on Christmas Eve and were met by St Peter at the pearly gates. St Peter says, *In honour of this holy season, you must each present something that symbolizes Christmas to get into heaven.* The First Man fumbled through his pockets and pulled out a lighter. He flicked it on. IT REPRESENTS A CANDLE. St Peter nodded, *You may pass through the pearly gates.* The Second Man reached into his pocket and pulled out his car keys. He shook them. THEY'RE BELLS. St Peter approved, *You may pass through the pearly gates.* The Third Man started searching desperately through his pockets and finally pulled out a pair of women's glasses. St Peter questioned, *And just what do those symbolize?* The Third Man replied, THESE ARE CAROL'S.

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