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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm
Saturday at 9 am & 5 pm (Vigil)
Sunday at 9 am & 11 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11.30 am
Saturday at 4.30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm
Susan Lee, Parish Secretary

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**(Baptism, First Communion,
Confirmation, RCIA)**

Alice Warford, Sacramental Coordinator
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ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

GK Jude Aloysius 416.569.5833

LEGION OF MARY

Letty Denovan 416.755.9569

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Alice Warford

OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH

Rev Fr Charles Collins, Pastor 416.264.6544
Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)



Monday November 26

12:05 pm In thanksgiving & healing of Ronald Palaya on his birthday
requested by the Sevilla family

Tuesday November 27

12:05 pm † Filippo LaVecchia
requested by La Vecchia family

Wednesday November 28

12:05 pm In thanksgiving
requested by Brenda Muere

Thursday November 29

12:05 pm † Russ Shurig on the 3rd anniversary of his death
requested by Rudy Borja

Friday November 30

St Andrew, Apostle
12:05 pm † Joseph Patrick Laki
requested by his wife, Helen Laki

7:30 pm † For the repose of the souls of those remembered by our parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary and Our Lady of Good Health parishes

**Saturday December 1
First Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am † Ann Ferdinand
requested by Fr. Tammearu, Fr. Gitendran & Fr. Collins

5 pm † Deceased members of the Frias Family
requested by Nereza Frias

Sunday December 2

9 am † Giovanni & Angela Fata
requested by their family

11 am † Ana Recinto on the anniversary of her death
requested by the San Juan family

Music at the 11 am Mass

- Prelude:* Deo Gratias by François Couperin
- Opening:* #669 Crown Him with Many Crowns
- Offertory:* #751 We Give You Thanks
- Communion:* #1040 Many and Great
- Closing:* #670 Christ is the King!
- Postlude:* Variations on a Choral by J.S. Bach



Jesus King of heaven and earth, cares for all his people and calls us to love and serve him in return.

This final Sunday in Ordinary time is marked as the Feast of Christ the King. Jesus, our King, has all power in heaven and earth. The Church represents the kingdom on earth. We, as members of that kingdom, are expected to follow the example of Jesus. He rules with love, service and compassion, and calls us to do the same.

SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR

Come on out and support our Parish Bazaar on **Saturday, December 1st from 9 am to 2 pm.** There will be sweets, jams at our baked table, gently used items, and some new ones too. After browsing, stop and enjoy some homemade soup and a sandwich. You can also check out our silent auction and our pick-a-prize table. We will be accepting donations such as baked goods and new or gently used items. Drop off time is Friday night from 6 pm to 8 pm.



PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

For those who missed the chance to hear the Parish Choir sing at our last benefit concert, here is your second chance. On **Friday, December 14th, at 7 pm** we will be having a Christmas Benefit Concert. All proceeds going directly to help in repairing the stained glass windows. I think you will agree the ones already repaired look amazing! Don't miss the chance to attend what promises to be an enchanting evening. Tickets will once again be \$20.00 a person. Hope to see many of you there!



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2018

This year, the Family Mass for Christmas Eve (Monday, December 24th at 5 pm) will include a children's pageant enacting the story of the birth of Jesus. All children of the parish (5 years and older) are invited to take part, and their families are asked to help with creating costumes. Please speak to any of the Children's Liturgy teachers or phone the parish office for more information.



CHRISTMAS SEASON PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, December 1st
Snowflake Bazaar from 9 am to 2 pm

Friday, December 14th
Christmas concert at 7 pm
With parish children’s choir, senior choir and guests
Tickets \$20, proceeds to help repair the stained-glass windows

Saturday, December 22nd
Fourth Sunday of Advent
5 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 23rd
9 & 11 am Mass

Monday, December 24th
Christmas Eve
12.05 pm No Weekday Mass
5 pm Christmas Family Mass with Children’s Pageant
9.30 pm Christmas Mass at Night

Tuesday, December 25th
Christmas Day
10 am Christmas Mass
(Please note that only one Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Day)

December 26th to 28th
12.05 pm Weekday Mass

Saturday, December 29th
Holy Family
9 am Weekday Mass
5pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 30th
9 & 11 am Mass

Monday, December 31st
Mary, the Holy Mother of God
12.05 pm No Mass
5 pm Vigil Mass

Tuesday, January 1st
10 am Mass
(Please note that this solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics, and only one Mass will be celebrated on New Year’s Day)



REGISTRATION

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Registration for First Communion and Confirmation is now open. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church. All completed forms can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. **Classes will begin in January and all completed forms must be received no later than January 9th, 2019.**



CARDINAL COLLINS ON THE PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

PART TWO

The Prayer to St Michael is deeply rooted in the Word of God and in the living faith tradition of the Church. Each of us can so easily become caught up in the illusions of our rich and individualistic society, but the Prayer to St Michael reminds us of the stark seriousness of the daily battle against evil in all its forms. It is a bluntly realistic prayer in its recognition of the harsh fact of evil, something from which we can all tend to avert our gaze. More than that, however, it is a joyfully confident expression of serene trust in the power of God. That is the source of our joyful hope; it is the divine energy that drives the evangelization of this world.

Like all prayers addressed to Our Lady or to any of the other saints, this prayer addressed to St Michael really leads us to Christ, our merciful Redeemer, whom we and all the saints worship as Our Lord. It also encourages us in our individual struggles when we realize that all of the saints in the whole Communion of Saints love and support us. We are not alone.

Some of the terms found in the traditional Prayer to St Michael might be a bit unfamiliar, and so I offer the following reflections on the biblical and spiritual background to the prayer:

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle

One of our great Christian spiritual classics, the “Spiritual Combat” of Lorenzo Scupoli, reminds us of the struggle that we frail children of God experience in our quest for holiness. As G K Chesterton once observed, life is a journey, and a puzzle, but also a battle. Individually, and as a community of faith, we are called to make known the light and the love of Christ in a world where the darkness of violence and injustice too often reign. We are to imitate Christ in daily life, to love with the love of God on earth - to be like God. The very name “Michael” means “who is like God.” We call out to St Michael the Archangel, to help us to be like God in our daily love of neighbour, and to defend us in this day of battle against all that is not of God.

In addition to the internal spiritual battle against the temptations to sin, which we all face, we are also engaged individually and as a community of faith in a great struggle against evil in this world, a world in which we find injustice and violence of all kinds, and great persecution of Christians and other believers, with so many killed and so many forced to flee their homes. More near at hand, in our own secular society we encounter the cold grip of the culture of death, manifested in the tragic reality of abortion and euthanasia, their grim reality masked by deceptive language. We also must sadly recognize the infiltration of evil into the church itself, in which some priests and bishops have been guilty of abusing those entrusted to their spiritual care. Though it is certainly true that it is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness, in so many ways we are engaged in a struggle against darkness. *(To be continued)*

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