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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

LIVESTREAM MASS [English]

www.olghtamilparish.com

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Sunday at 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,
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A Season for Evangelization
The Proclamation of John the Baptist
 Luke 3:1-6

In the Gospel this Second Sunday of Advent we hear about the proclamation of John the Baptist. John's vocation in life was to "prepare the way of the Lord, [and] make his paths straight." He played the vital role of closing out the line of prophets that all pointed to Jesus. As stewards, all of us are called in a similar way to imitate John the Baptist and point others to Christ.

Evangelization is an essential aspect of our stewardship. One of the greatest gifts we can ever receive is the knowledge and love of Christ in our lives. A gift as great as this cannot be held for ourselves but must be shared with as many people as possible. This Advent season, let us help share the true meaning of Christmas to our friends and family members, especially those who may have fallen away from their faith.

However, all evangelization must be done in truth and charity. St. Thomas Aquinas says, "To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." This is the crucial image we must keep in mind as we strive to spread the faith. Evangelization requires work. We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church. Perhaps one action we can try is to invite someone to Mass with us next week. Let us strive to use this season of Advent to grow in our spirit of evangelization.

Summary

In the Gospel today we hear of the proclamation of John the Baptist, and as stewards, all of us are called to imitate him and lead others to Christ. St. Thomas Aquinas says, "To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

PERSONAL RELIGIOUS ITEMS

As we strive to keep our place of worship tidy and safe for everyone at all times, we kindly ask that you refrain from disposing of your personal religious items in the church, such as missals, rosaries, booklets, pictures, etc. just to name a few.



Thank you for your co-operation in this matter!



This week
The Sanctuary Lamp
is dedicated
 For the Special intentions
 of

Federick & Chat Sevilla
requested by
The Sevilla family



Mon.	Dec. 6	12:05 pm	† Mario Perri, <i>requested by Teresa Perri</i>
Tue.	Dec. 7	12:05 pm	† Mervin Rocha, <i>requested Jane Rocha</i>
Wed.	Dec. 8	12:05 pm	Anonymous intention
Thur.	Dec.9	12:05 pm	† Mervin Rocha, <i>requested by Louisa Lopez</i>
Fri.	Dec. 10	12:05 pm	In thanksgiving to St. Joseph for the good health of Greyson & Theodore, <i>requested by the Che family</i>
Sat.	Dec. 11	9:00 am	† Jose Frias, <i>requested by Nereza Frias</i>
		5:00 pm	† Asuncion & Cecilio de Castro Sr., <i>requested by Letty Denovan</i>
Sun.	Dec. 12	9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
		11:00 am	In honour of Our Lady of Succor, <i>requested by Jane & William Rocha</i>

Are you receiving our parish emails?



If you are not and would like to, it is time to update your parish registration records. Forms are available in the foyer of the church. Please inquire with one of the volunteers.

BEREAVEMENT RETREAT

Topic: Journey with Others Who Share your Experience

Date: December 11, 2021

Time: 9:00a.m. -3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Location: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre,
 1617 Blythe Road

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Email: office@qoa.ca

THE MEANING OF ADVENT

Advent means three things:

1. It means to prepare ourselves to be worthy of celebrating the Christmas anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love.
2. It means that through the Sacrament of Holy Communion and through grace, we are to prepare our souls as fitting abodes for the coming of the Redeemer.
3. It means to prepare ourselves for the final coming of the Lord as our Judge, either at death or at the end of the world, whichever may come first.



Divine wisdom tells us that we should always be prepared! We should immediately be prepared in case the Lord calls us tonight during our sleep. Before our bedtime tonight, if anything needs to be done, it must be completed. For there may be no tomorrow.

To be fully prepared, we must have holy hearts so we will be blameless before our God and Father. To achieve this goal, we must walk with the sanctifying Holy Spirit who disciplines us to increase our holiness. We must maintain pure minds at all time. We must receive the Sacrament of Confession to maintain our ongoing righteousness by the grace of God. We must receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the Living Bread, so we will qualify to inherit the eternal Heavenly Kingdom as children of God. We must do all what is humanly possible to continually remain in communion with God on a daily basis.

Through the Church Sacrament of Reconciliation [Confession], one prepares the way for the Lord to come into his whole being. He cleans his soul, his mind, his heart, so his body may be suitable for the indwelling Divine Presence of the Lord God.

Not knowing when the coming of the Lord shall be for each and everyone of us, we must persevere in our living faith. Indebted to Christ for our redemption, we cannot allow ourselves to take a break from our living faith. For a shipwreck in our faith by allowing our human nature to take over our spiritual commitment could cost us our blessed hope among the saints and angels in the continuous presence of the Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we received the gift of a new heart and a new spirit, over and above the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit to help us and guide us in our spiritual lives. Our baptism in the Holy Spirit is ongoing, being reflected by our living faith in Christ, by our walking the path of Christ, by our patient endurance, by our bearing of the daily crosses that the Lord permits to come our way, and forgiving those who trespass against us.

During the coming week, let us embrace a spiritual attitude so the Season of Advent may become something special for us. May Advent be a true moment of preparation for each and everyone of us in the expectation of the coming of Jesus at

Christmas, at death, or at the last coming of the Lord, which ever may come first.

~ www.catholicdoor.com ~

Advent Day of Confessions

Confessions will be held on **Tuesday, December 14th** at



the following times:

- 11:00 a.m. to noon
- 1:00 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Feast Day: December 8th

Who does the Immaculate Conception refer to?

It refers to the special way in which the Virgin Mary herself was conceived. This conception was not virginal. (That is, she had a human father as well as a human mother.)



What is the Immaculate Conception?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it this way:

490 To become the mother of the Saviour, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role."

The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace". In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.

491 Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.

Does this mean Mary never sinned?

Yes. Because of the way redemption was applied to Mary at the moment of her conception, she not only was protected from contracting original sin but also personal sin.

Does this mean Mary didn't need Jesus to die on the Cross for her?

No. What we've already quoted states that Mary was immaculately conceived as part of her being "full of grace" and thus "redeemed from the moment of her conception" by "a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race."

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