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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

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Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

An Attitude of Gratitude

The Proclamation of John the Baptist
 Luke 3:10-18

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”

These are the beautiful words we hear from St. Paul on this Gaudete Sunday. This Third Sunday of Advent is a time for joy in the midst of the waiting and preparation for Christmas. It is a reminder for us that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus’ birth should always shine brightly.

One way in which we can cultivate a spirit of joy is through an intentional “attitude of gratitude.” Former U.S. president, Theodore Roosevelt, once said that comparison is the thief of joy.” When we compare our lives, possessions, gifts and attributes with those of others, we inherently become ungrateful for the blessings God has placed in our lives. If we begin to thank God for all of the good things in our lives, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over.

This Advent, as society is trying to make Christmas more and more materialistic, let us take some time to be grateful for all the things we already have. Perhaps one tangible way we can express our gratitude is to offer our time and talents to others this Christmas. For example, we could visit a nursing home or a soup kitchen or perhaps help with a toy drive for those who are less fortunate than us. As stewards, let us constantly strive to be grateful for our blessings and then seek to share them generously with others.

Summary

On this Gaudete Sunday we are reminded that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus’ birth should always shine brightly. If we begin to thank God for all of His blessings, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over. Perhaps one way we can share this joy is by offering our time and talents to help others this season, whether it be at a nursing home, a soup kitchen or helping with a toy drive.

~ 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.



ATTENTION PLEASE!

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter!



**This week
 The Sanctuary Lamp
 is dedicated**
 For the repose of the soul
 of
Barry Barron
*requested by
 Darlene Barron & family*



Mass Intentions

Mon.	Dec. 13	12:05 pm	† Lazarus, <i>requested by William Rocha</i>
Tue.	Dec. 14	12:05 pm	In thanksgiving, <i>requested Jane Rocha & family</i>
Wed.	Dec. 15	12:05 pm	† Fedelina Frias, <i>requested by Nereza Frias</i>
Thur.	Dec. 16	12:05 pm	In thanksgiving & in honour of St. Anthony, <i>requested by the Che family</i>
Fri.	Dec. 17	12:05 pm	In thanksgiving & for the intentions of Leo & Virgie Luzano on their 38 th wedding anniversary, <i>requested by Leo & Virgie Luzano</i>
Sat.	Dec. 18	9:00 am	† Violet & Irwin D'Silva, <i>requested by the Pereira family</i>
		5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sun.	Dec. 19	9:00 am	† Clare & Manus Patten, <i>requested by David Patten</i>
		11:00 am	† Aniano, Ana, Jose, Celso & Rogelio Recinto, <i>requested by the San Juan family</i>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/CONFESSION & CONFIRMATION



Registration will begin on December 12th and will close on January 23rd. Forms are now available at the church entrance and also through the Immaculate Heart of Mary School.

Classes will begin in February. Due to Covid-19, class sizes will be limited and there will be more than one class each weekend. More information will be made available once we know how many have been registered. For more information, please contact:

awarford@archtoronto.org.

Thank you for your patience!

The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, miraculously imprinted on St. Juan Diego's cloak, speaks a message about life. First, it shows that Mary is carrying Christ within her.



She is wearing a dark cord with two tassels hanging down from her waist, called a cinta, which was worn only by pregnant women. And photographs of the image, studied by scientists, reveal a slight protrusion of the abdomen, indicating Our Lady is

carrying the Christ Child in her womb.

An interesting symbol of life on the image is a particular four-petaled flower called the "Flower of the Sun," which is placed directly over Mary's womb. To the Aztecs, who worshipped the sun, the appearance of this sun flower heralded the birth of someone great who would inaugurate a new era. Mary's Son would be the Son of life. In fact, Mary described herself to St. Juan Diego as the mother of all the living.

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe communicated a sense of dignity to each person and of the sanctity of human life. This brought an end to the practice of human sacrifice among the Aztecs. Mary told the people about a God who sacrificed his own body and blood so that all people could live. And within ten years of Mary's appearance, nearly nine million Aztec people embraced the Catholic faith.

Through her appearance as Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mary teaches us respect for the dignity of human life in all its manifestations—for the unborn, for the disabled, for the elderly, and for the terminally ill. That is why we pray to Mary to restore the sacredness of life, especially under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Mary truly deserves to be called the mother of life. Let us ask for her prayers so that we may help to restore the God-given dignity of every human life that has been degraded by abortion, euthanasia, or assisted suicide. Furthermore, let us ask her prayers so that all may come to the fullness of life that her Son promised when he said, **"I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly"** (John 10:10).



Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe: December 12th

This is a selection from Following Mary to Jesus: Our Lady as Mother, Teacher, and Advocate by Andrew Apostoli, CFR

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.

Christmas & New Year's Day Schedule

Christmas Eve: Friday December 24th



5 pm & 9:30 pm [English]

Christmas Day: Saturday December 25th



8:30 am [Bilingual Mass Tamil & English]



10:00 am [English only]

NOTE: Saturday, December 25th – No Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, December 26th – 9:00 am & 11:00 am



New Year Eve: Friday December 31st



5:00 pm [English]

New Year's Day: Saturday January 1st



8:30 am [Bilingual Mass Tamil & English]



10:00 am [English only]

NOTE:

Saturday, January 1st – No Sunday Vigil Mass
Epiphany of Our Lord on Sunday, January 2nd – 9:00 am & 11:00 am

- **Registration is required for ALL Masses.**
 - **Sign up sheets will be made available this weekend and next weekend at the back of the church.**
 - **Kindly remember to register as space is limited.**
- Thank you for your cooperation.

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