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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,
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 416.453.3965

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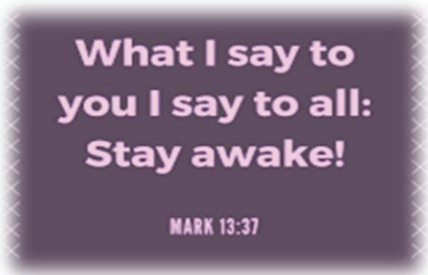
Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

Preparing Ourselves for Christ

The Necessity for Watchfulness

Mark 13: 33-37

This First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. The readings during this time of preparation focus on making us aware that it is time to rouse from our sleep and prepare for the Lord's coming. Jesus says in the Gospel to "keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come."



Advent and Christmas are also often times of lights. Whether it be lights on an advent wreath, a Christmas tree or festive lights decorating the house. However, above all these lights is Jesus, the true light of the world. This Advent we should strive to let the light of Jesus into our hearts so that it may even illumine and cleanse the dark and sinful areas of our lives. Our stewardship should reflect that light of Christ to others, so let us first be filled with what we seek to share.

One great way to invite the light of Christ into our lives is to seek God's cleansing healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Across the Archdiocese, every parish will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions in which several priests will be available to hear confessions. This is a beautiful opportunity to ready ourselves for the coming of our Saviour on Christmas morning. Let us strive to be reconciled with God and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

ADOPT A FAMILY 2023

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is inviting parishioners to participate in the "Adopt a Family" program. The program aims to bring the Christmas experience to families in our community. If you choose to adopt, you will be given a short description of a family in need; and we ask you to purchase a gift and/or gift cards for the family. The gift cards will help families prepare for the Christmas season by giving them a chance to purchase presents and food for the holidays.

If you are interested in adopting a family this Christmas, please email Society of SVdP at: ihmScarborough.svdP@gmail.com or call us at: 647-428-2880 by December 4th.



Thank you for supporting our families and SVdP.
God bless!



This week
The Sanctuary Lamp
is dedicated
For the intentions of
Audrey Gappy's son
requested by
Audrey Gappy's family



Monday	Dec. 4	12:05 pm	† Lucy Margaret Gardiner, <i>requested by Francine Gubuan</i>
Tuesday	Dec. 5	12:05 pm	Intentions of Drs. Suresh & Angeline Desai on their 50 th wedding anniversary, <i>requested by Casildus Manuel</i>
Wednesday	Dec. 6	12:05 pm	In thanksgiving and intentions of Libby & Gredrico Tillo on their 43rd wedding anniversary
Thursday	Dec. 7	12:05 pm	† Annette McGlade, <i>requested by Don Smith</i>
Friday	Dec. 8	12:05 pm	† Estella Lorenzo, <i>requested by Grace & Jeanette</i>
Saturday	Dec. 9	9:00 am	Intentions of Audrey Gappy's family, <i>requested by Audrey Gappy</i>
		5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	Dec. 10	9:00 am	† Rosario Grace Almeida, <i>requested by Dominic Cardoz</i>
		11:00 am	For the Protection of Unborn Children, <i>requested by the Masses for Life Project</i>

SVDP Christmas Assistance



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ through our neighbours in need with love, respect, justice and joy. Our Society is hoping to bring the love and joy this Christmas season to single individuals and families who may find themselves in challenging circumstances.

If you or your family are interested in receiving assistance during the Christmas season, please contact SVdP for more information at 647- 428-2880 by December 9th for Families and December 11th, for Singles.

WHAT IS ADVENT?

Sunday, December 3, 2023 – Sunday, December 24, 2023

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn (GIRM, no. 346). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. We can fully enter into the season with daily activities [such as sharing your time, treasure, and talent to assist those who are in need], prayers and receiving the gift of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance during this Advent season to prepare ourselves spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.



<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/advent>

DAYS OF CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT

Tuesday, December 12th



Schedule times:

- ❖ 10:00 am to 11:30 am
- ❖ 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- ❖ 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Let's prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All children are welcome to participate in the Christmas pageant at the 5 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. We need a minimum of 6 children to be able to do this. If you are interested in participating, please contact the parish office or Alice Warford @416-453-3965. Let get into the spirit of the season!

SOCK DRIVE



On the weekend of December 9th and 10th, the Catholic Women's League will be holding a 'Sock Drive' to help our neighbours in need. We are looking for men and women's socks this year only. Thank you for your support!

Raffle Tickets

The Catholic Women's League will be selling raffle tickets this weekend and next weekend after all the Masses. The prizes are 4 beautiful gift baskets. **1st prize** is "The Spirit of Christmas" LCBO's finest! **2nd prize** is a "Relaxation Basket", **3rd prize** is a "Game Night Basket", and **4th prize** is a "Chocolate Lovers Basket". The draw will take place before the 5 pm Mass on Dec 16th.



All proceeds will be donated to the Stained-Glass Restoration project.

Please support this endeavour!



Come celebrate the season on Sunday December 10th after the 11am Mass at the Parish Christmas Gathering. Come meet your fellow parishioners and share a cup of mulled cider, and some snacks. Sing a few carols and ... there might even be a surprise for the kids from the big guy himself! **Please sign up at the entrance of the church to help us know how many to expect.**

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

4-DAY ADVENT REFLECTION

with **Fr. Eric Rodrigues**

Director of Spiritual Formation and Liturgy,
Lecturer in Systematic Theology – St. Augustine's Seminary
Monday, December 11th to Thursday, December 14th



- 11:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by recitation of the rosary
- 11:30 am Reflection followed by Benediction
- 12:05 am Mass

All are welcome! Join us!



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