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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)**

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LEGION OF MARY

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Alice Warford 416.453.3965

OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH

Rev Fr Charles Collins, Pastor 416.264.6544

Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

Preparing the Way of the Lord

**The Proclamation of John the Baptist
Mark 1: 1-8**

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

This was the prophecy by Isaiah concerning John the Baptist who ends the line of prophets pointing to Jesus. John the Baptist played his role in preparing the people of Judea for the coming of Christ. As stewards, we can look to John as a model of how to best lead others to Christ.

Firstly, we must remember that it is never our own merits that convert people but is instead always a pure gift from God. John the Baptist fully recognizes this when he says that he baptizes with water while the one coming after him, Jesus, will baptize with the Holy Spirit. We too should always remember that it is the Lord who does great things, and we are only his instruments.

However, while we may not cause the actual conversion, we do play an important role in helping others encounter Christ. During the encounter, God does all the work, but we must still help facilitate this encounter. People can most readily encounter Christ through His church which is why we must play our part in making our parishes as hospitable and welcoming as possible. This Advent and Christmas season as we may begin to see new faces in the parish, let us welcome them with loving hearts and smiles. The angels and saints in heaven rejoice whenever someone comes back to church, shouldn't we do the same? Let us strive to be charitable stewards and say hello to any new parishioners we may encounter this season as a sign of our love and hospitality.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~



Monday	Dec. 11	12:05 pm	† Asuncion & Cecelio de Castro Sr., requested by Letty Denovan
Tuesday	Dec. 12	12:05 pm	† Vincenzo Bonnano, requested by Libby Tillo
Wednesday	Dec. 13	12:05 pm	Healing & intentions of Bedero Byung Hwa Jeong, requested by Sara Jeong
Thursday	Dec. 14	12:05 pm	
Friday	Dec. 15	12:05 pm	Intentions of Venilde Ferreira, requested by Angela Cabral
Saturday	Dec. 16	9:00 am	In thanksgiving and intentions of Guelmar & Maria Sulay on their 35th Wedding anniversary, requested by Guelmar & Maria Sulay
		5:00 pm	In thanksgiving & for the intentions of Reynaldo Tecson on his birthday, requested by the Sevilla family
Sunday	Dec. 17	9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
		11:00 am	In thanksgiving & intentions of Virgie & Leo Luzano on their 40th wedding anniversary, requested by Leo & Virgie Luzano

**This week
The Sanctuary Lamp
is dedicated
For the intentions of
Praveen Bala Kumar
requested by
Anthony Bala Kumar**



PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

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!

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!

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!

CONFESSION - Q & A

1. Why do I have to confess my sins to a priest?

On Easter Sunday evening, He told his apostles that just as God the Father had sent him — and God the Father sent him to save us from our sins — so he was sending them.

He breathed on them the power of the Holy Spirit, giving them God's power to forgive sins, since no one can forgive sins but God alone. He told them that whatever sins they forgive are forgiven and whatever sins they retain are retained (Jn 20:21-23; Mk 2:7).

Since the apostles were unable to read minds, the only way that they would know which to forgive and which to retain is if people told them their sins. Jesus thus established the essential structure of the sacrament of confession.

Just as he uses priests to give us his Body and Blood at Mass so he uses them to give us His mercy in Penance.

2. When is it necessary for me to go Confession?

Generally speaking, besides the obligation of annual Confession (Canon Law: 989), the Church encourages its faithful to make use of the sacrament frequently and regularly.

Specifically one should confess all his/her sins, and especially mortal sins which destroy the sanctifying grace in the soul.

While Confession of venial sins is not always necessary, one must confess mortal sins.

Mortal sin is (1) a grave matter that turned one away from God in (2) full knowledge of the evil of the act, and with (3) full consent of the will. All three conditions must be met for a sin to be mortal. (CCC: 1855, 1857)

Venial sins do not destroy the sanctifying grace in the soul, but it diminishes and wounds it (CCC: 1855). Venial sin injures one's relationship with God or with the neighbour or with oneself, in lesser matters of the moral law, or in grave matters acting without full knowledge or complete consent (CCC: 1862).5.

3. What are the effects of the sacrament?

The Sacrament of Penance is a spiritual resurrection bringing us to life again after we were dead through mortal sin (Lk 15:24).

It reconciles us with God in loving friendship and restores us to his grace.

It is normally followed by peace, joy, serenity and spiritual consolation.

The sacrament also reconciles us with the Church, repairing or restoring the damage our sins have done to our communion with others.

The sinner also auspiciously anticipates the judgment that will come at the end of his life, choosing the path of life over the path of death (CCC 1468-1470).



4. Can a priest reveal what has heard to others?

NO. "It is absolutely forbidden for a confessor to betray in any way a penitent in words or in any manner and for any reason." This is called "Confessional seal". (Canon Law: 983 §1.)10.

5. What if I haven't been to the sacrament for many years? How do I prepare? What do I say?

♦ **First**, don't be afraid. Jesus said, "Heaven rejoices more for one repentant sinner than for 99 righteous persons who never needed to repent." The priest will probably be so happy you've

returned to confession after many years that you will make all the hours he spends in the confessional seem light.

♦ **Second**, try to prepare with the help of a good examination of conscience sheet, but the priest will know that you cannot remember your sins with the precision of someone who came the previous week.

♦ **Third**, get the largest sins off of your shoulders first.

♦ **Fourth**, don't be afraid to ask the priest for help; most confessors are experts in leading someone in your circumstances through an examination of the "big stuff" in the confessional.

♦ **Finally**, don't wait. Come back to be reconciled to your loving Father, set off the celebration in heaven, and share your Father's joy! ~ extracted from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis:

'The Light is On for You' ~

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!

4-DAY ADVENT REFLECTION

with **Fr. Eric Rodrigues**

Director of Spiritual Formation and Liturgy,
Lecturer in Systematic Theology - St. Augustine's Seminary

Monday, Dec. 11th to Thursday, Dec. 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 to join us!



MASS SCHEDULE

at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve

5:00 p.m.

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

[New Year's Day]

10:00 a.m.

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