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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Saturday at 9:00 am & 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday at 11:00 am

FATIMA DEVOTION

Every 1st Saturday of the month
following the 9:00 am Mass

LIVESTREAM MASS [English]

www.olghtamilparish.com

Sunday at 11:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11.30 am | Saturday at 4.30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Susan Lee, Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

(Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA)

Alice Warford, Sacramental Coordinator

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Alice Warford 416.453.3965

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Rev Fr Charles Collins, Pastor 416.264.6544

Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

An Attitude of Gratitude

REJOICE
 IN THE LORD ALWAYS.
 I WILL SAY IT AGAIN:
REJOICE!

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

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 ~



This week
 The Sanctuary Lamp
 is dedicated
**For the repose of the souls of
 David, Kathleen & Victor Hogg**
 requested by
 The Hogg family



Monday, December 16th

12:05 pm † Giacomina Paonessa
requested by Ross & Maryse Ristuccia

Tuesday, December 17th

12:05 pm In thanksgiving and intentions of Virgie & Leo Luzano on their 41st wedding anniversary
requested by Leo & Virgie Luzano

Wednesday, December 18th

12:05 pm † Reynaldo Tecson on his birthday remembrance
requested by the Sevilla family

Thursday, December 19th

12:05 pm † Noel Costales on his 34th death commemoration
requested by the Costales family

Friday, December 20th

12:05 pm † Emily Nephin
requested by Alice & Brian Warford

Saturday, December 21st

9:00 am
5:00 pm † Louis Nympe
requested by Lucienne Nelson

Sunday, December 22nd

9:00 am † Teodulo Hipolito
requested by Llarenas family
11:00 am For the People of the Parish

**REGISTRATION FOR
 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
 & CONFIRMATION**

Registration for the sacraments is now opened.
 Deadline for registration is December 27th, 2024.

ATTENTION YOUNG ACTORS!!

We are currently looking for children to participate in our Christmas Pageant this year at the 5pm Mass. Anyone interested in playing a Part should contact Alice at the parish office, 416-691-6968, on Tuesdays or Fridays. **Practice sessions will be on Sunday, Dec. 15th and 22nd after the 9 am Mass.**



Look forward to meeting this year's stars!!!

HOLIDAY BASKETS TICKETS SALE

The members of the Catholic Women's League will be selling tickets for 4 amazing holiday baskets.

- #1 A Christmas Cheer Basket (LCBO finest)
- #2 A Family Game Night Basket
- #3 A Spa basket, and
- #4 A Chocolate Lover's Basket.



Tickets will be 3 for \$5.00 or an arm length for \$10.00.
Please support these ladies with their efforts!

DAYS OF CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT

Tuesday, December 17th, 2024



Schedule times:
10:00 am to 11:30 am
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24th
5:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th
10:00 a.m.



New Year's Eve – Tuesday, December 31st
5:00 p.m.

Mary, The Holy Mother of God – Wednesday,
January 1st
[New Year's Day]
10:00 a.m.

THE MEANING OF "GAUDETE SUNDAY"



Q. What does "Gaudete Sunday" mean?

A. The word "Gaudete" has its origin from the Latin language. It means "Rejoice." It is the first word of the Introit** on the Third Sunday of Advent. For that reason, the Third Sunday of Advent is known at "Gaudete Sunday."

"Gaudete Sunday" is found in the Western Liturgical Calendar of the Roman Catholic Church, including some other religions. It generally falls on a date between December 11th and 17th.

"Gaudete Sunday" is known as the "Sunday of joy." It prepares us for the coming of Jesus in all of the following three ways:

1. We are 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. We are to prepare ourselves for the reception of Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and for our souls to become fitting abodes for the indwelling Presence of our Redeemer.
3. We are 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. ~ www.catholicdoors.com~

** *The Introit (from Latin introitus 'entrance') is part of the opening of the liturgical celebration of the Eucharist for many Christian denominations.*

ADVENT QUOTES

"The liturgy of Advent...helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event, which occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an 'advent,' a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously."

– St. John Paul II

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."

– St. Teresa of Calcutta



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