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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]

<https://www.youtube.com/@olghtamilparish/streams>

Sunday at 11:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11:30 am | Saturday at 4:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

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

Susan Lee, Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

(Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA)

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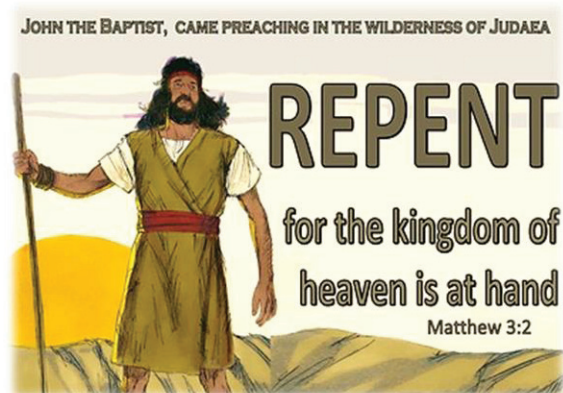
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Rev. Fr. Charles Collins, Pastor: 416.264.6544

Sunday Masses at 12:30 & 4:30 pm (in Tamil)

A Stewardship Examination

As Christmas carols take over radio stations and shopping malls are filled to capacity, it is easy to lose track of the true purpose of Advent. Essentially, Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgement day is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of how we have used all the gifts and blessings we have received.



Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship states that “A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master ... and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which [the gifts] have been cared for and made fruitful.” This Advent season reminds us to conduct a humble examination of how are we best using our God-given gifts for His glory and the good of the Church.

Are we staying faithful to our practice of prayer? Are we using our time to serve and journey with others? Are we taking an active role in the life of the parish community? Are we serving the less fortunate in our community, remembering Christ's words to serve the poor? Are we living for the present world or for the world to come? Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

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~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday December 8th

12:05 pm † Froilan Senario
requested by Thelma Potal & family

Tuesday, December 9th

12:05 pm In thanksgiving & in honour of St. Anthony de Padua for the grace received
requested by Bernadetta Limasa

Wednesday, December 10th

12:05 † Monica & Russel Masters
requested by Henry Masters

Thursday, December 11th

12:05 pm † Asuncion & Cecilio de Castro Sr.
requested by Letty Denovan

Friday, December 12th

12:05 pm In thanksgiving for Josephine & family
requested by Josephine

Saturday, December 13th

9:00 am In thanksgiving & intentions of Lovie & David Jude Bercero
requested by Josephine & family

5:00 pm In thanksgiving & in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
requested by Matthew Javier

Sunday, December 14th

9:00 am † Maggie D'Souza
requested by Clare Braganza

11:00 am † Rosa Gadia Rimendo
requested by Josephine & Peulo Rimendo & family

FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2026

November 3, 2025, to January 12, 2026

Theme: “The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.” (cf. Eph 4:13)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450–500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026>.

Entries can be submitted at:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>

For further information, please contact:

ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org or

call 416-934-3400 x. 527

WHY IS ADVENT IMPORTANT?

Preparation for Christmas is an important theme for Advent, but more is involved. Advent gives us a vision of our lives as Christians and shows us the possibilities of life. The vision of



life that Advent gives us is twofold; it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events we find meaning for our life as a Christian. First we celebrate Christ-become-human. We view his life and experience his presence as a human being

in our history. Christ came to show us what life can and should be. He gave us true and valid principles by which we can live true and valid lives. But, Jesus knew that the human heart could not live in isolation. He formed the Church around the concept of a people held together by love. In that community, we discover unlimited possibilities and meaning. Alone we can do nothing. Together we find real meaning.

When Christ left this earth, he did not abandon us. He remains with us in his Spirit, the Church, the sacraments, the Scriptures and each other. He lives in community with us and keeps his vision of life before us.

When Christ comes again, his presence will no longer be hidden behind the signs and symbols of the liturgy or the words of the Scriptures. His presence among us will be revealed in all its fullness, a presence that will never end, a presence that will perfect and complete our community.

This is the "greater significance" of Advent. In these few short weeks, we take in the sweeping panorama of time - from Christ's birth to his Second Coming. The season of Advent brings us the magnificent vision of life and hope for the future given to us by Christ.

Advent is our time to become more involved, more caught up in the meaning and the possibilities of life as a Christian community. Thus, we are preparing not only for Christmas but also for Christ's Second Coming. This means that when he comes again, we will be awake and watchful. He will not find us asleep. ~ *Catholicdoors.com* ~



**Every SOLE
Deserves
a SOCK**



There will be a SOCK DRIVE sponsored by the CWL ladies of the parish, to help the St.

Vincent de Paul Society with their neighbours in need. Warm socks are the number one item needed by homeless people this time of year. Socks can be dropped off in the basket provided at the entrance of the church continuing this weekend until December 8th. Please be generous to those in need. Thank you for your generosity to those in need!

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 individuals and families who may find themselves in challenging circumstances this season. If you or your family are interested in receiving assistance during the Christmas season, please contact SVDP for more information, call us at 647-428-2880 by December 8th (individuals).



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

St. Vincent e Paul will be hosting a food drive to help those in need of food over the holidays. Beginning the first



weekend of advent, November 29th & 30th to December 22nd, 2025. The food will be donated to the Good Shepherd. Please make an effort to help the less fortunate. A drop off bin will be available at the entrance of the church.

Most needed items are peanut butter, canned meats and vegetables, rice coffee, cereal, juice boxes and granola bars.

Thank you!



The Catholic Women's League will be having their annual Christmas Raffle. Tickets go on sale starting this weekend and will be available at all the Masses every weekend until the fourth week of Advent December 22. The Draw will take place immediately following the 11 am Mass on that same day. Tickets will be 3 for \$5.00 10 for \$10.00 or two arms for \$20.00. Please support these ladies and all they do for the parish.

DONATING SECURITIES TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and an increased support of various archdiocesan charities such as your Parish, ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary and others.

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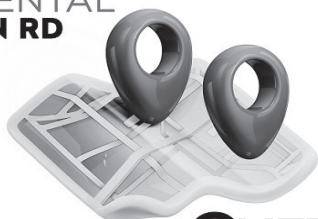
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