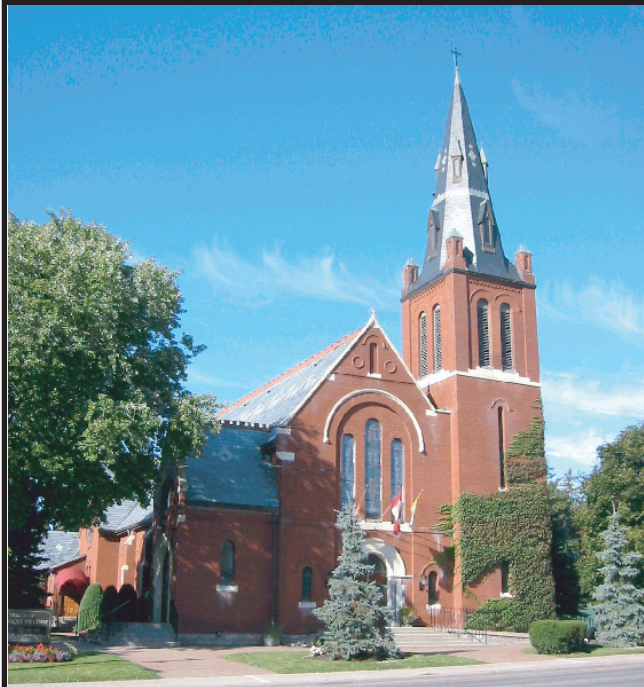


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One year notice (Archdiocesan guideline)

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY	DECEMBER 14 <i>St. John of the Cross</i>
12:10 PM	+ Darren Knight, req. Ken Knight
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 15
7:00 PM	+ Alberto Iezzi, req. Ada Iezzi
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 16
12:10	Deceased members of the Tranyor Family
FRIDAY (up to 5 Intentions)	DECEMBER 17
7:00 P.M	+ Giuseppe Guarini, req. his Wife
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 18
5:00 PM	
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 19
8:00 AM	
9:30 AM	
12:00 NOON	

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Advent Confessions

In preparation for Christmas Fr. Marijan and Fr. Ed will hear confessions on Tuesday December 14th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, and from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Let us welcome the Lord at His coming with hearts purified and humble so that we may receive Jesus Christ with joy.

Confession resources,

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/confession/home/>

Christmas Concert

After a trying two years for us all, the parish of St. Joseph is proud to present an opportunity to welcome our Savior's Birth at Christmas with songs of joy. The concert will be performed live. Please join us online via our webpage <https://stjosephtheworkeros.archtoronto.org/> on December 12, at 3pm.



'Tis the season for joy. Advent is a time of preparation. A time for getting to know this God who loved us so much He searched for us. A time for understanding that it's not what's under the tree, but what's in our hearts that matter.

Please remember St. Gregory's Parish in your will.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a rose candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

If you missed the meetings, it is not too late to register. Please contact the Parish Office.

HELP - Extra Volunteers Are Needed

Although we continue to follow the Province's restrictions and protocols for Covid-19 we are looking for more volunteers to help monitor the entrances and exits of the church during the Christmas holiday season. If you wish to volunteer at one of the Masses please call the parish office.

Can You Help?

We are looking to make a team of volunteers to help with Audio Visual transmission, live streaming and also a Webmaster. If you have experience in these fields and would like to help, please call the parish office

Adopt a Family for Christmas

Only a couple of weeks left! For our new families to the parish here is a little explanation of how the program works. Sponsors (Parishioners who wish to help another family from this Parish) are given information about their chosen family. If you do not wish to purchase the gifts you can provide gift cards to the family and the parents can go out and purchase the gifts for the children. If you want a tax receipt for your donation than you can write a cheque St. Gregory's Church and mark it "Adopt A Family". The bookkeeper will then write a cheque for the amount and our Parish Secretary will go out and purchase the gifts/gift cards for the family. However you wish to help is greatly appreciated!!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you wish to become fully a Catholic Christian, join us at RCIA on Tuesdays in the sacristy of the church from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) provides instruction and spiritual formation to anyone 16 years of age and older who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian community, who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church. Catholic adults who have not yet received their First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation may also take part. Please speak to Fr. Marijan or call the office for more information and/or to register.

Worth Noting: 'O Antiphons'

"O Antiphons. One of the liturgical indications of the days of preparation for Christmas is the Antiphons for the 'Canticle of Mary' at Evening Prayer, called the 'O' Antiphons, as 'O' begins each verse. The Antiphons are also used as the Gospel Acclamation verse for the day. The hymn 'O Come, Emmanuel' is based on these Antiphons and is fittingly used at Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours" (*ORDO*, 90). Thus, let us prayerfully reflect each day December 17- 24 on each of these antiphons.

17. O come, Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: teach us to walk in the path of knowledge!

18. O come, Leader of ancient Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: rescue us with your mighty power!

19. O come, Flower of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: save us without delay!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24

6:00 p.m. Music – Michelle & Dmitri

9:00 p.m. Music – Michelle & Dmitri

CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25

8:00 a.m. Music – Paul & Dave

9:30 a.m. Music – Paul & Dave

12:00 noon Music – Carm & Michelle

(NO evening Mass or confessions)

ST. STEPHEN - BOXING DAY DECEMBER 26

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, Sunday

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

12:00 noon

TUESDAY DECEMBER 28

12:10p.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 29

7:00 p.m. Mass

THURSDAY DECEMBER 30

12:10 p.m. Mass

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD DECEMBER 31

5:00 p.m.

JANUARY 1

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

12:00 noon

(NO evening Mass or confessions)

JANUARY 2ND EPIPHANY OF THE LORD,

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

12:00 noon

Office Hours over Christmas and New Year

Please note: the office closes on December 22nd at 12:00 NOON. We will re-open on Monday January 3rd 2022. We have an Answering Service with Operators who answer our phone lines 24 hours a day 7 days a week. If an emergency arises, the Answering Service will contact Fr. Marijan directly.

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