



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 30

8:00 am † Lavina Vella (*Kathleen Leckey*)

Tuesday, December 1

7:15 pm Thanksgiving (*Jane Rocha & Family*)

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 am † Lavina Vella (*Divine Mercy Friends*)

Thursday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier

8:00 am † Xavier & Anne Bird (*Linda Bird*)

Friday, December 4

8:00 am For the People

7:15 pm Thanksgiving (*Flora Ragasa*)

9:00 pm In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, December 5

5:30 am In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

9:00 am † Stan Wojick (*Rita Wojick*)

5:00 pm Thanksgiving (*Nellie Bernardino & Elsie Narrano*)

Sunday, December 6

10:00 am Birthday Blessings for Leigh-Anne

11:30 am † James McBrearty (*The Family*)

1:00 pm Traditional Latin Mass

7:15 pm Thanksgiving (*Edith Concepcion*)

Let Us Pray

For Our Sick

Leo Simmons, Peter Quirke Sr.

Bill Bennett, Phoebe Rupp, James Dizon

Nancy Lea, Anne Marie Ignat, Rosie Jane Rocha

Geraldine Barrier, Ignazio Miroddi, Mary Abbott

Ann Scala Phillips, Mary Jane Nice, Corrine McGrath

Beverly Elliot, Chealsea Rabago, Daniel O'Brien Jr.

Rosa Rana, Webster Paul, Carol & Randy Stadler

Archbishop Lawrence Burke, Bev & Joe Richards

For Our Deceased Especially, Jackie Redfern

Dates to Remember

Dec. 01 – Light Up for Christ by K of Columbus

Dec. 04-12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena/Mass

Dec. 06 – Children's Christmas Party by K of C

Dec. 13/14 – Enrolment: Confirmation Candidates

Pope's Intentions for December

General: That children may be respected and loved and never be the victims of exploitation in its various forms.

Mission: That at Christmas the peoples of the earth may recognize in the Word Incarnate the light which illuminates every man and that the Nations may open their doors to Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Advent Prayer

Week 1: Faith

Light one purple candle



God, we are blessed with the gift of faith, and we thank you for that gift. As we light this candle, help us to trust in you and say "yes" to you with all our hearts. Amen.

Today is the beginning of the Advent Season

Advent has a two-fold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. It is a season of joyful expectation.

During Advent, each Sunday's gospel has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

Aspects of the Advent Season

Violet Vestments. Rather than penance, the use of violet in Advent reflects longing and anticipation. Some parishes use a blue-toned purple (the royal purple) to express the season. Blue vestments are not used in Canada. Rose vestments may be used on the third (Gaudete) Sunday to signal the mid-point of the season.

The **Glory to God** is not sung and the organ and other musical instruments are used in moderation, not as a sign of penance, but to allow us to anticipate the full joy of December 25th, when they are taken up again. Flowers too may be used, but in moderation so as to leave a sense of abundance for the Nativity.

Alleluia continues to be sung in the Gospel Acclamation and in other songs. This is the clearest indication that Advent is a season of expectation rather than of penance.

Advent Wreath. Although originally used in home prayer, the wreath has found a place in the Advent decoration of the church building. Its evergreen circle and four candles reflect the passage of the Advent season.

Reconciliation. Although not a season of penance, reconciliation (through penance services and personal celebration of the sacrament) finds a special place in the season. The sacrament is celebrated as we prepare a welcome for the Lord and seek to approach his coming with hearts free of sin and filled with praise.

The Jesse Tree

For **Week 2, December 6th**, we will decorate the Jesse Tree with the following symbols:

- ✧ **Coat of many colours** to represent Joseph
 - Read Isaiah 9:2-7
- ✧ **Stone Tablets** to represent Moses
 - Read Exodus 20:1-17
- ✧ **The hand of Blessing** to represent Elisha
 - Read Kings 5:1-27
- ✧ **A shepherd's staff** to represent Leadership
 - Read Psalm 23
- ✧ **A harp** to represent David
 - Read Samuel 16:14-23



Light Up for Christ

On **December 1st** after the **7:15 pm Mass**, the "Light Up for Christ" sign will be hoisted up to the singing of carols to remind us that Christ is the reason for this wonderful season of grace, for HE came as Light to banish darkness. Everyone is invited to join this symbolic event. Light refreshment will be served in the Parish Hall.



Children's Christmas Party

On **Sunday, December 6th** after the **10:00 am Mass**, all children are invited to a breakfast party in the Parish Hall, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Children will be treated to pancakes, juices, sweets and crafts. ... You may even see Santa Claus there!



Offertory Envelopes for 2010

The Offertory Envelopes for 2010 are now available for pick up at the back of the church. Some of you may have been assigned a new number, so please make sure you take the right box that has your name on it. **Please remember: DO NOT USE these envelopes before January 1, 2010.** Thanks for your constant generosity & support to our parish throughout the years. For those currently not using envelopes, but would like to use it for 2010, contact the parish office.



Dr. Simone's Collection

The regular collection for Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children will be **next weekend, Dec. 5/6**. Most needed items are **bars of soap, rice and sugar**. And since it is Christmas, sweets like **hard candies and cookies** as well as **toys** are also welcome.

Christmas Bazaar a Success!

Thanks to all those who patronized our Christmas Bazaar. And our appreciation and gratitude also to all the Donors, Organizers and Volunteers who made the Bazaar another big success!

Our Generous Donors:

Carpetman	Kennedy Flowers
Pet Value	Antoine Jewellers
M & M Meat Shop	Cliffside Pharmacy
McDougall & Brown	By the Bluff Diner
Suzy Shears Hair Salon	Brown's Flower Shop
Rod & Joe's No Frills	Madlyn's Boutique
Duckworth's Fish & Chips	Crayons
Marie's Gingerbread Shop	
Shopper's Drug Mart- Kingston/ Ridgemore	

Raffle Draw Winners:

1st Prize: Leo Alcantara
2nd Prize: David Bourque
3rd Prize: Gerry McDonald
Gingerbread Carousel: Mrs. P. Pennington
Turkey: Laura

Our Lady of Guadalupe

We will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Wednesday, December 12.

The novena begins on Dec. 4th.

Friday,	Dec. 4 – 7:15 pm	Mass & Novena
Saturday,	Dec. 5 – 5:00 pm	Mass & Novena
Sunday,	Dec. 6 – 5:00 pm	Mass & Novena
Monday,	Dec. 7 – 7:15 pm	Mass & Novena
Tuesday,	Dec. 8 – 6:45 pm	Novena & Mass
Wednesday,	Dec. 9 – 7:15 pm	Mass & Novena
Thursday,	Dec. 10 – 7:15 pm	Mass & Novena
Friday,	Dec. 11 – 7:15 pm	Mass & Novena
Saturday,	Dec. 12 – 5:00 pm	FESTIVE MASS



Rosary Apostolate



The Rosary Apostolate in the Schools is seeking volunteers who have devotion to the Blessed Mother Mary, and who are willing to visit our elementary schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month. Training will be provided. If interested, contact Margaret David at 416-261-8798.

Shoebox Drive

Please bring in your donations to the Shoebox Drive by Sunday, December 6th. **Help Needed:** We are inviting volunteers to assist in packing the Shoebox collection on **Sunday, Dec. 6th** after the **10 AM mass**.