



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 7

St. Ambrose

8:00 am Thanksgiving (*Janina Posoch*)

7:15 pm Birthday Blessings for Maria Buggea

Tuesday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:15 pm Thanksgiving (*Conchita Laranang*)

Wednesday, December 9

8:00 am For the People

7:15 pm Ints. Angelica, Riza & Ruel Jr. (*Merlie & Ruel Roque*)

Thursday, December 10

8:00 am † Lillian Quesnel (*Darlene Shiels*)

7:15 pm Ints. of Raymund & Amelia Bernardez

Friday, December 11

8:00 am † Francis Alie & Deceased Relatives (*Dolly Alie*)

7:15 pm Ints. of Ricardo Mag-Iba & Aurora Villacrusis

Saturday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 am † Lavina Vella (*Divine Mercy Prayer Group*)

5:00 pm Thanksgiving (*Lita Oduya & Lita Cruz*)

Sunday, December 13

10:00 am † Rita Clark (*Alma Seguin*)

11:30 am † Lynne Moxley (*Christopher McKechnie*)

1:00 pm Traditional Latin Mass

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. 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Dec. 12 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec. 12/13 – Enrolment: Confirmation Candidates

Dec. 16 – Healing Mass

Dec. 25 – Nativity of Our Lord

Adorers Wanted

We are inviting individuals to commit to Adoration one hour a week, particularly, **every Thursday from 5-6 pm or 7-8 pm**. If interested, please call Brigid at 416-267-9318 to sign up. Thank you.

Advent Prayer

Week 2: Hope

Light two purple candles



God, in faith we find hope.

*As we light the candles of faith and hope,
we remember and believe in your promises to
us. We give you all our struggles this day.*

*May we always find our hope
and help in your Son, Jesus. Amen.*

Immaculate Conception

Feast Day: December 8

On December 8, we will shower upon Mary the highest praises any creature could be given. Through the centuries, the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:

"The most blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of the almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Feast Day: December 12

The memorial commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in 1531 at Tepeyac, on the outskirts of Mexico City. Our Lady Appeared four times, twice to aboriginal convert Juan Diego, with whom she left orders to build a church and an imprint of her image on a cloak. This cloak is an object of great veneration and is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, one of the major pilgrimage centres of North America. Devotion to Our Lady under this title has grown over the centuries and in 1946, Pius XII named her a patron of the Americas.

The mass/novena in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe will continue this week:

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 *

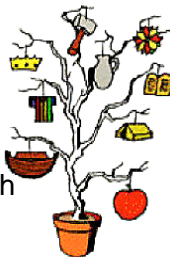
* Reception will follow at the Hall.



The Jesse Tree

For **Week 3, December 13TH**, we will decorate the Jesse Tree with the following symbols:

- ✧ **A Crown** to represent Solomon
 - Read Kings 3:3-28
- ✧ **A Trumpet** to represent Joshua
 - Read Joshua 6:1-26-38
- ✧ **A Lion and Lamb** to represent Isaiah
 - Read Isaiah 11:1-9
- ✧ **A Lion** to represent Daniel
 - Read Daniel 6:17-24
- ✧ **A Scroll reading** "*Blessed are you among women*" to represent Elizabeth
 - Read Luke 1:39-55



Advent Feasts

The first part of Advent allows for the celebration of feasts of the saints; from December 17th to Christmas, the liturgy and readings of the day have priority. **Mary** plays a prominent role in Advent; it is the season in which she finds a special place as the one who gives herself to the service of the Word.

December 8th: celebrates Mary's own sinless conception (which is not to be identified with the virgin birth of Jesus); this is fulfilled in the commemoration of her birth on September 8th. Mary is the perfect Advent model of what the Church is called to be.

December 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe (commemorating the apparitions to Juan Diego in Mexico in 1531) has particular significance in North America in which she is celebrated as patroness. In Canada, it is a National Day of Prayer for Aboriginal People.

Many countries had a tradition called the **Rorate Masses:** special celebrations in honour of Mary during Advent. Older calendars included a number of reflective feasts (for example, her Betrothal to Joseph and her Waiting (Expectation) for the Birth). Although these celebrations are not included in the current liturgical books, Mary's role is clearly expressed, especially in the days directly before Christmas.

Joseph's role in the mystery is the particular focus of the Fourth Sunday (Year C) and of the weekdays before Christmas. His response to the angel's message must be mirrored in the response of each Christian to the call to service of the Word.

Family Christmas Mass

The children will be enacting the Christmas Story during the 5:00 PM Mass on December 24th. A sign up sheet is available after the weekend masses for all children who wish to participate in the enactment.

Christmas Schedule



Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

8:00 am – Weekday Mass
5:00 pm – Christmas Eve Family Mass
10:00 pm – Christmas Eve Mass
12:00 am – Traditional Latin Mass

Friday, December 25 - Nativity of Our Lord

10:00 am – Christmas Day Mass
11:30 am – Christmas Day Mass
1:00 pm – Traditional Latin Mass

Holy Days of Obligation

Please remember that Christmas Day and New Year's Day are holy days of obligation. Just like Sundays, as Catholics, we should attend the Holy Mass on these days.

Confession Schedule

As we wait for the coming of the Lord, let us prepare "to meet Him" with a clean heart. There will be confessions on the following dates & time:

Dec. 19, Saturday	4:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Dec. 21, Monday	7:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Dec. 22, Tuesday	6:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Dec. 24 & 25	No confessions

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.** For those currently not using envelopes, but would like to use it for 2010, contact the parish office. Thanks for your constant generosity & support to our parish throughout the years.

Attention: Confirmandi

Your Confirmation Enrolment will be on December 12-13. Please submit your **Letter of Request & Sponsor Form** to Fr. Florentine during any one of the Masses: **Dec. 12 -5pm, Dec. 13 -10am or 11:30am.** You will be called during the mass to hand in your letter and form, and a cross will be presented to you to remind you that you are now a candidate for confirmation. Wear the Cross with pride.