

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

be
ready

for the Son of Man is
coming at an hour when
you do not think He will come

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

Isaiah describes his vision in which all nations are gathered together by God in peace.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14

Be prepared, salvation is near.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:37-44

Jesus tells His disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells His disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

FAMILY CONNECTION:

Many of us feel the pressure early in the holiday season to be ready for Christmas. But today's Gospel challenges us to be ready for something other than the gift-giving of Christmas.

Read together today's Gospel reading. As a family, talk about what it means to be ready for the day of the Lord. One of the roles of the family, the domestic church, is to be a school of faith leading one another to salvation. Reflect together as a family on how your family helps one another to be better Christians. Commit to one thing that your family will do this Advent season to help one another be better Christians. You might choose to write this commitment down and post it in a prominent place in your home, perhaps near your family's Advent wreath.

Pray together that God will help you in this Advent commitment. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

**Offering
Envelopes**

The 2026 donation envelopes are now available for pick-up at the North Lobby.

Please do not use the new envelopes yet, as many of the numbers have been reassigned. Kindly begin using them starting January 2026.



Saturday

9:00 AM

NOVEMBER 29, 2025

-SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF

DESMOND GASKIN

-MEDEL & MIRIAM RAMONES (†)

-JESSICA SAN JOSE (†)

5:00 PM

Sunday

9:30 AM

RAFAEL DE LEON (†)

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

MICHAEL PALMA (†)

11:15AM

Monday

DECEMBER 1, 2025

WHOLE DAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY

Tuesday

DECEMBER 2, 2025

8:30am

MONICA & GREGORY FERREIRA (†)

Wednesday

DECEMBER 3, 2025

8:30am

VICTORIA & JUANITO JOCSON (†)

Thursday

DECEMBER 4, 2025

8:30am

BERT KRAMER (†)

Friday

DECEMBER 5, 2025

8:30am

-DECEASED FERNANDES FAMILY (†)

-GERONCIO CADAWAS (†)

-SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF K&T CHUNG

BURNING THIS WEEK (SANCTUARY LAMP):

REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF MARINA HO (†)



December 7, 2025 – Christmas Flowers

December 14, 2025 – Building Fund

December 25, 2025 - Christmas

We kindly ask that you ensure your donation reaches the parish within one month of the collection date. Your generosity is vital, as 100% of the special collection contributions will be sent directly to the Archdiocese of Toronto within that timeframe. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in our community.

THANK YOU
for your generosity
YOUR SUPPORT HELPS SUSTAIN OUR PARISH!

Despite our best efforts, minor oversights may occur – nobody is perfect. We ask for your understanding and invite everyone to stay focused on what truly matters: our faith, our community, and our shared mission. – FZS



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE 2025-2026

DECEMBER 1-5, 2025 (Monday to Friday) @6:30pm
A week of prayer for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

DECEMBER 8, 2025 (Monday)
Celebration of the Solemnity
6:00pm – Marian Choral
7:00pm – Holy Mass

DECEMBER 12, 2025 (Friday)
Lessons & Carols
Right after the 11:15am Mass

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
December 16-20, 2025 (Tuesday until Saturday)
(Tuesday- Friday 9am-11:30pm & 1:30pm-3:30pm Saturday
3pm-4:30pm)

(At times, the pastor may be called to administer anointing or preside at funerals. For this reason, we kindly advise you to call, email or text the parish office beforehand to ensure that the pastor is available to hear your Confession.)

No Confession will be heard on Dec 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31st & January 1, 2026

DECEMBER 22-23, 2025 (MONDAY & TUESDAY)
8:30am – Mass

(Please note office is closed on Monday)

DECEMBER 24, 2025 (WEDNESDAY) CHRISTMAS EVE
No Morning Mass
4:00pm CHILDREN PAGEANT
5:00pm CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS
10pm EVENING MASS

DECEMBER 25, 2025 (THURSDAY) CHRISTMAS DAY
9:30am & 11:15am - Mass

DECEMBER 26, 2025 (FRIDAY)

8:30am - Mass

DECEMBER 27, 2025 (SATURDAY)

9am & 5pm - Mass

DECEMBER 28, 2025 (SUNDAY)

9:30AM & 11:15AM - Mass

DECEMBER 29-30, 2025 (MONDAY & TUESDAY)

8:30am – Mass

(Please note office is closed on Monday)

DECEMBER 31, 2025 (WEDNESDAY) NEW YEAR'S EVE
No Morning Mass
5pm - Mass

JANUARY 1, 2026 (THURSDAY) NEW YEAR'S DAY
9:30 & 11:15am - Mass

OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Closed on: Dec 24, 2025 to January 2, 2026

Note
from the
pastor



ADVENT MESSAGE

Advent begins this weekend; it is a season rich with anticipation and reflection as we prepare once again to commemorate the birth of the Christ Child. Advent is a sacred time when we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the wondrous gift of our Savior, who, out of immense love, chose to take on human form so as to experience our joys and sorrows, and to invite us into an everlasting relationship with Him. In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, we can easily overlook the significance of this season. Advent calls us to slow down and focus on this true meaning of Christmas.

Advent this year will be very special as we conclude the 2025 Jubilee Year- Pilgrims of Hope. We as parish community we continue in our pilgrim way reminds ourselves that "...we are called to be continued tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind..." (n.10); to continue to watch for His presence in our everyday lives; to see Him in the faces of our neighbors, colleagues, and those in need. God is always speaking to us—in the laughter of a child, in the kindness of a stranger, and even in the stillness of our own hearts.

As we strive to do the will of God let us keep in mind and heart: "Whenever we try to help and care for another person, Jesus is at our side. We should never forget that... He is always there, always at work, sharing our efforts to do good. In a mysterious way, His love becomes present through our service." (On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ, n.214) May we heed the words of our Lord and Divine Teacher and be attentive and responsive to these moments, allowing God to transform us from within, and continue to bring His Son's hope to others, particularly those whose crosses are heavy.

As we journey through this season of Advent, I encourage you to share this message of hope and love with those around you. Let your family, friends, and everyone whose life you touch see in you the reflection of Christ's light. Invite them to join you in this sacred preparation, so that together we may anticipate the joy of Christmas with renewed hearts. May this Advent be a time of deepening faith, and an opportunity to experience the profound love of God. Open your hearts to Him, as He has opened His heart to you. Bring His hope and love to those in need. May our Advent preparations enable us to be filled with the glory and joy of the Christmas season. Have a blessed and grace-filled Advent!

Fr. Fernan Serrano