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Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: By Appointment

First Friday of the Month

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Baptism: Contact the office to register your child. Baptism dates assigned at time of interview with Priest or Deacon.

Marriage: Contact the parish office for appointment.

Office Hours: Monday – Wednesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Pastoral Team

Msgr. Patrick O'Dea, C.H.H. – *Pastor*

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

AS WE BEGIN the season of Advent, we hear Jesus exhort the disciples to watch as they wait by using a parable of the master of a house who leaves on a journey of indeterminate length. During that time, what will the servants do?

In the first reading, Isaiah gives us a rather bleak picture of what happens over time when the people of God live by their own devices. Isaiah's plea for reconciliation reminds us that the God of Israel is the only God, no matter where or when the people have sought other gods. They find themselves in the emptiness of their disobedience, far from God's saving mercy.

We are God's people, waiting and watching. Advent is our time of journeying towards love and a reminder that our human nature is flawed. Devotion to Gods of our own making will keep us separated from Jesus. In the second reading, Paul boldly reminds us what our hope is: "You are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will strength you to the end...God is faithful; by Him you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

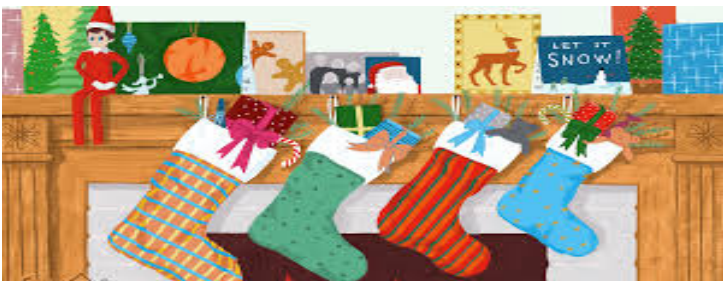
Watch, then, that we journey every moment with Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Reflection of Johanne Browing of Living with Christ)

SPECIAL THANKS

During this time of pandemic, members of the 55+ Club and Knitting Group have quietly worked from home in preparation for Christmas needs for the poor. They recently sent to Good Shepherd Refuge 81 sets of scarves & toques and 34 sets of mittens. In addition, the Catholic Women's League is providing items for Birthright. Thanks to all for your prayerful and inspiring work, and for showing us, by your witness, that the light of Christ is still shining brightly, and even more so, in this time of pandemic! God Bless you!

Msgr. Pat



Mass Intentions

Monday, November 30, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Anthony Pillai

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of the Friedman Family

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Repose Souls of Dr. Lee's Parents
Special Intentions of Miguel Moreno

Thursday, December 3, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Catherine Dias

Friday, December 4, 2020

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of the Fernandez Family

Saturday, December 5, 2020 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Mario Lamacchia
Protection of the Unborn Children

4:30 p.m. Special Intentions of Veronica

Sunday, December 6, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Charlie Graham

9:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Brian Wong

11:00 a.m. + Marie McDonnell

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES

The Children's Liturgy of the Word team have placed Sunday Resources for the children of our parish on the parish website: www.stedward.ca
These may also be downloaded for the children to keep and read.

DECEMBER 9TH – LORETTO ABBEY MASS

Msgr. Pat will be the main celebrant and homilist for the Daily Mass, which airs December 9th.

<https://www.youtube.com/dailymtvmass>

DECEMBER 12TH – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Msgr. Pat invites all parishioners to join the regular 8:30 a.m. virtual Mass, Saturday, December 12th to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will be special prayers offered, also, following the Mass.



ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree program, to assist the poor and needy at Christmas, is more urgent than ever before, especially in this time of pandemic. However, in order to ensure a safe environment for all involved, the program will be altered this year to encourage the giving of gift cards as opposed to actual toys, clothing, or other items that are normally brought to the church. Yet, in order to still allow a sense of helping a specific child, or family, the tags you choose will have information on them that will help you to know something about the gender, age and type of card you may wish to purchase for them.

As in last year, we shall be helping the families served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish, as well as outreach assistance to the homeless served by the Good Shepherd Ministries in Toronto. We shall also assist the of Children's Aid Society.

How to get a Tag

This year, we will have virtual participation, the first step is to contact the persons below, who will assign you a tag, as well as discuss the specific age, gender, and need of that child or adult. The contact names:

St. Vincent de Paul & Children's Aid

Jasmine Carvalho – 416-226-6577

Email : carvalhojp@hotmail.com

Good Shepherd Ministries

Marie Barry – 647-351-3788

Email : askmarieb@yahoo.ca

How to Return the Tag

A person will be available in the lobby for drop off of Angel Tree tags on the following dates and times (NOTE: social distance measures will be in effect and hand sanitizing stations).

Thursday, December 3rd

10 a.m. - Noon

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 5th

10 a.m. – Noon

Thursday, December 10th

10 a.m. to Noon

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 12th

10 a.m. - Noon

Parishioners may also pick up new offertory envelope boxes, which are displayed alphabetically on social distanced tables.

THE OTHER MAJOR CHRISTMAS DRIVE

In addition to the Angel Tree, please remember the special St. Vincent de Paul collection on the weekend of December 5th/6th, as another option of supporting the poor and needy at Christmas.

Because the Church will be closed for public Masses, during this time, feel free to mail the Church or use the DONATE NOW link on the parish website: www.stedward.ca

This parish has always been very generous in their efforts to support the poor and needy and we are all indeed grateful.

May God Bless all our special efforts in this most difficult year!





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