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**MASSES**

Seating is on a first come first serve basis.

**Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday - Friday 12:05 noon  
 Saturday 10:00 am

**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
 Sunday 9:00 am  
 11:30 am  
 7:30 pm

**Holy Hour:**

Friday 11:00 am

**Confessions:**

Saturdays 4:30 - 4:55 pm  
 Sundays 8:30 - 8:55 am &  
 11 - 11:25 am

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9:30 am to 4:00 pm closed for lunch from 11:30-12:30 pm

For parishioners to get mass intentions and other items.

Please call 705-526-6313 ext 1 and we will be happy to assist you with your other needs.

**PARISH LIFE**

Parish Secretary	Sandy D'Alessandro
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Sunday 11:30 am	Pauline Brabant
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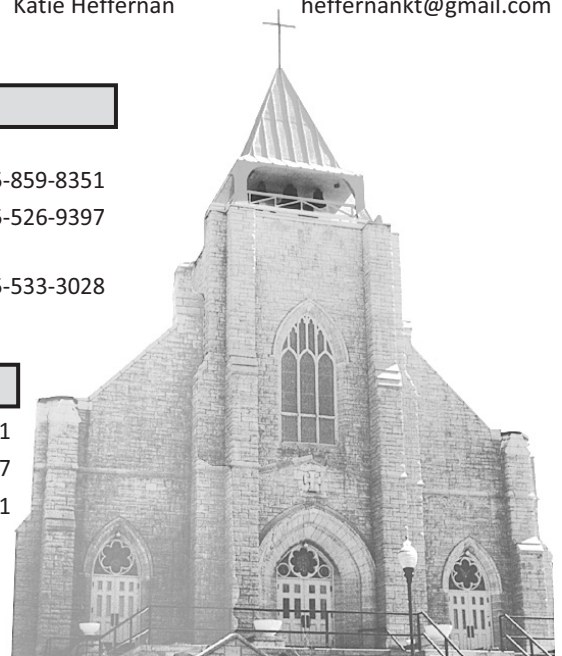
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**A Prayer for  
the Second Sunday of  
ADVENT**

*Comforting Spirit*, wrap your cloak around our disappointment, resistance, and grief. Allow our tears to fall on your shoulders, and open us to the new ways we can long for you in Advent during a pandemic. Our usual family and church traditions are not the only way to touch and taste our longing for you. Prepare the way in us so we can meet you here in what is: Amen.

PRAYER FROM WWW.CCOCBCA

**Mass Intentions for  
the Second Week of Advent**

**Tuesday December 7**

**St. Ambrose**

12:05 noon Intentions of Fr. Roselle Azares  
Requested by St. Margaret's Life in the Spirit Group

**Wednesday December 8**

**Solemnity**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:05 noon Intentions of Marie Lacroix  
Requested by Jeannette Charlebois

**Thursday December 9**

12:05 noon + Angelo Ingriselli Sr.  
Requested by Rosa and family

**Friday December 10**

11am – **Holy Hour**  
12:05 noon + Nancy Murphy  
Requested by the family

**Saturday December 11**

10am + Joe Diduch  
Requested by Carol Diduch



**Vigil Mass – Saturday December 11**

**Confirmation Enrolment Mass**

5pm + Julie Belanger Lachance  
Requested by The Daughters of Isabella

**Sunday December 12**

**Confirmation Enrolment Mass**

9am + Simoné Flaim  
Requested by John & family

**Confirmation Enrolment Mass**

11:30 am missa pro populo  
7:30 pm + Margaret (Lavigne) Melnichuck  
Requested by Bill Lavigne



**Sanctuary Lamp** December 5 – 11

This week the lamp burns in memory  
*Helen & Bill Switzer*

**Prayer Requests:**

Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Stephen Roach; Elizabeth; Bernie Gemmell; Jenny; Georgette Taylor; Mel Boudreau; Peter Pattenaude; Bob Kokron; Florence Carson; Barb Mc; Brenda Bylow; Shirley Dower; Gina Grech; Gerard Turner

**Prayers for recently deceased:**

Mr. Sung Soon Paul Park; Garry Prusky;



**The Pope's Prayer Intention for  
December: Catechists**

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**2022 Offertory Envelopes**

Are available for pick-up at the office during the week  
Tuesday – Friday 9:30 – 2pm

**2021 – 2022 Sunday Missals**

Available at the side entrance to the church for \$6 each



**Wednesday December 8<sup>th</sup>**

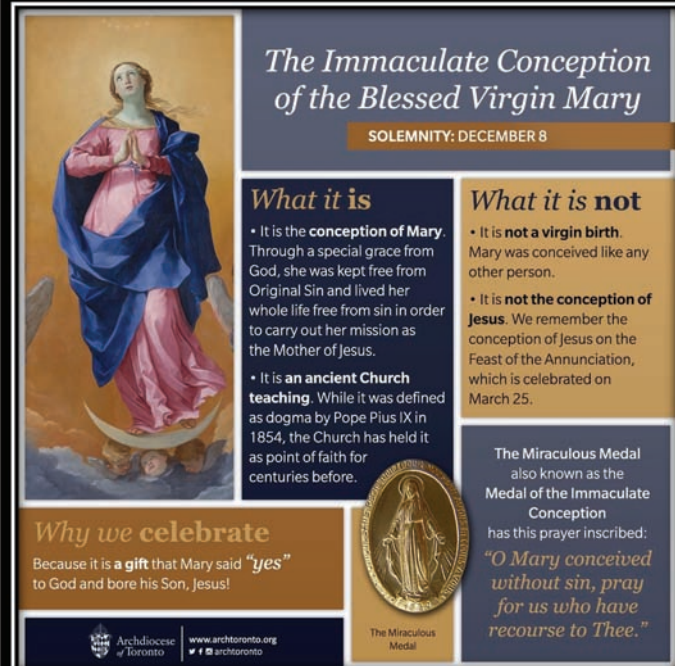
**12:05 noon mass**

St. Margaret's CWL will be joining in the celebration of

the Feast of The Immaculate Conception.

St. Margaret's CWL give support to the Guest House by monetary and/or food donations that will provide for the needs of those the shelter serves. Please bring donations ready to drop off to CWL members waiting outside the side entrance, before Mass on Wednesday December 8<sup>th</sup> ONLY. Your presence and generosity are appreciated.

All members of the parish are invited to participate.



*The Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**SOLEMNITY: DECEMBER 8**

**What it is**

- It is the **conception of Mary**. Through a special grace from God, she was kept free from Original Sin and lived her whole life free from sin in order to carry out her mission as the Mother of Jesus.
- It is an **ancient Church teaching**. While it was defined as dogma by Pope Pius IX in 1854, the Church has held it as point of faith for centuries before.

**What it is not**

- It is **not a virgin birth**. Mary was conceived like any other person.
- It is **not the conception of Jesus**. We remember the conception of Jesus on the Feast of the Annunciation, which is celebrated on March 25.

The Miraculous Medal also known as the Medal of the Immaculate Conception has this prayer inscribed:  
*"O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee."*

**Why we celebrate**

Because it is a **gift** that Mary said "yes" to God and bore his Son, Jesus!

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## That Love May Overflow



The call to have a change of heart continues to serve as challenge to us during this season of Advent. We are to identify the areas of our life that need to be changed by the power of God's love and mercy. We are to recall our mission when we were baptized that we are to turn away from evil and allure of sin.

It is obvious that this call to conversion is a lifelong process. Further, there is some problem at times in that we want God's help and comfort but we are not prepared to change our ways, not prepared for a genuine conversion. For God to come to us, we also need to go to him.

A significant detail then is the image of the desert which is important in Scripture. It is a holy place, a place where God is especially found. It is also a place of struggle., it was in the desert that Jesus had his struggle with the Evil One. It was in the desert that Jesus often went to pray and in the desert that he fed the people.

In the same manner, there is a call for us to go and stay in the desert of our hearts where we can communicate with God. On that seemingly lifeless and empty space, may we find inspiration in the beautiful prayer of St. Paul to the Philippians (Second Reading): *that your love may overflow more and more.... So that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness.*

To be filled with righteousness becomes vital in the context of our preparation for Christmas and the coming of the Lord into our own lives. Christmas is not simply the commemoration of a historic even in the distant past. It is a time for reflection and personal renewal about the coming of Jesus into our life, into the life of our Christian communities and into our wider society.

If we find ourselves constantly in the company of our Lord, then we will be at peace in spite of the storms raging around us. For us, The Day of the Lord holds no fears. For us, every day is Christmas and that is what makes Christmas special to us. For us every day is Day of the Lord.

John the Baptist is indeed a role model for us whose call of repentance is something that we can take as a challenge as we prepare for the coming of Jesus more deeply in our lives. The Baptist knew something about Christ and he was humble enough to point out to all of us the true and only Messiah – the one who can truly save us.

Fr. Roselle

## The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,  
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich He has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for He remembered His promise of mercy,  
the promise He made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

- Luke 1:46-55



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