

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

10 am until 2 pm and 6 pm until 7:30 pm

Several priests will be available at the above mentioned times and this day will also be our Day of Confessions before Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24th

5:30 p.m. - Family with children
7:30 p.m.
12 Midnight

DECEMBER 25th

7:45 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Italian
10:30 a.m.
12 Noon
NO EVENING MASS

CHAPEL CLOSING

Our chapel will close at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24th and will re-open on December 27th.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed on December 25th and December 26th and will re-open on December 27th.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 31st

5:30 p.m.

JANUARY 1st

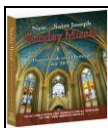
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NO EVENING MASS

CHAPEL CLOSING

Our chapel will close at 4:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve, December 31st and will re-open on January 2nd.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed on January 1st and will re-open on January 2nd.



2020 SUNDAY MISSALS

The 2020 Sunday Missals are available in the parish office at a cost of \$5.00 per book.



Monday: 16 December 2019

9:30 am Dabreo & Broks Families
Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday: 17 December 2019

9:30 am Antonina & Vincenzo Falzone

Wednesday: 18 December 2019

9:30 am Sylvia Gore & Family (L)
7:30 pm Giovanni Ferri
Lawrence Litzinger
Vincenzo DePoala
Bruno Commodari
Manuelita Coelho
Percival Roque
Hugh Brown
Pauline Friel
Antoinette Mendicino (L)
Granic Family (L)
Thanksgiving to Lord
Souls in Purgatory

Thursday: 19 December 2019

9:30 am Rose Unterfranz

Friday: 20 December 2019

9:30 am Special Intention for the Pena Family
Pierre Pena

Saturday: 21 December 2019

9:30 am Anthony Menezes
5:30 pm Ottavio Roman
I.C. Varghese & Elisabetta Tarantino

Sunday: 22 December 2019

7:45am Alex Risavy & Joseph Tri Bao Ngo
9:00am Giovanni & Maria Ciancio
Carmine Maietta, Nello Cocco,
Vincenzo Fiorillo,
Bruno, Domenico & Joseph
Luigino Filipozzi & Martina Filipozzi (L)
10:30am Parishioners of Transfiguration
Helen & John Mc Erlain & Lois Langley
12:00pm Joseph Vest, Richard Drozdowski,
Armando DiStefano & Evelyn Moriarty
7:00pm Nazareno Paparo
Assunta & Giovanni Mannella
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**Please remember the following
people in your prayers:**

Theresa Burns, Pat G., Noemy Pereira,

Clint Viegas, Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston,
Avio Carboni, Raphael Colaco, Victor Colaco,
James Ernst, Sophia Coleman, Dana McGrath,
Roman Joe Zakrajse & Olivia Balsam

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
COLUMBIAN SQUIRES CIRCLE 1002**

Our Columbian Squires Circle is inviting all parishioners to help decorate our Christmas Tree at the church entrance on this weekend of December 14th /15th. Bring in an ornament or decoration and place it on the tree. Parishioners are invited to join us after the 12:00 Noon Mass on December 15th around the tree and share in a brief prayer service.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Preparations for the annual Children's Christmas Play have begun! The Christmas Play will take place during the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass on December 24th. All practices will be held every Sunday leading up to Christmas Eve from 1-2 pm on December 15th & 22nd. All children are invited to come out and participate.

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The Outreach program will be collecting men's new underwear, socks, vaseline, baby oil, kleenex, toothpaste, toothbrushes razors, & shaving cream. Please place your donated items in the blue box in the waiting room.

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VOCATION SEEDS

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, please contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at (416)968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

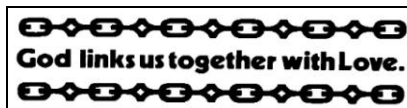
1st Reading: Isaiah 35.1 – 6a,10

2nd Reading: James 5.7–10

Gospel: Matthew 11.2 –11 Jesus Praises John the Baptist

Gaudete Sunday urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord. Henri Nouwen describes joy as the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved children of God even amidst the trials of our life. So let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, "Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete" (John 16:24).

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PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the year 2020 are available in the parish hall.

They are displayed numerically so please make sure you know your number when you come into the hall.

Please DO NOT start using your envelopes until the new year and at that time throw away any remaining 2019 envelopes.

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CHAPEL

Transfiguration of Our Lord Church is honoured with an opportunity to have an adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day, 7 days a week exposed in our chapel for the last 18 years.

If you would like to commit one hour a week or be a "backup" to fill in for the hour that adorners on a regular basis cannot do, please leave your name and contact number in the parish office.

All are welcome to come and pray.

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FORMED

FORMED is a web-based digital platform, designed to help adults to grow in their faith and in their lives. FREE to all parishioners & your families.

Register at **FORMED.org**

Code: MF473

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VISIT OF THE SICK

During this season of Advent and Christmas, if you would like for a priest to visit you or (anyone who is sick) for a confession, to receive communion or bless your home, please contact the parish office at (416)247-0513 and one of our priests will come visit.

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Transfiguration Youth Ministry will be selling Rosaries and T-shirts before and after each weekend Mass until the weekend of December 21st/22nd. Money raised will be going towards off setting future costs of retreats and other Youth Ministry activities for the youth of our parish.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MINISTRY

Held bi-weekly on Fridays evenings for Grades 5 to 8 on from 7 pm – 9 pm until June.

The program engages with the youth through snacks, games, skits, teachings, small group discussions and much more.

Sign up at the Parish Office or online.

If you have any questions, please visit transchurch.ca/edge/

December 27th - Christmas Break (No Edge)

January 10th - Body Language

January 24th - Journey: Gender Identity

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HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Held bi-weekly on Friday evenings for Grades 9 to 12 from 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm until June. Free registration includes dinner and a Life Teen t-shirt. For more info and to sign up please

visit transchurch.ca/life-teen/

December 20th - Christmas Break (No Life Teen)

January 17th - Pathways & Providence

January 31st - A Time Such as This

Archdiocese for the cost of repaving of our parking lot and the outstanding church assessment, the council has decided that in 2020, a *weekly blue church maintenance envelope* will be included in the box set of donation envelopes. We would greatly appreciate your assistance and support in this matter. In addition to our weekly blue church maintenance envelopes, we will be also looking at other fundraisers to help pay off the loan. Thank you for generously supporting our parish community.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE ENVELOPE

We would like to request that you continue using the blue donation envelopes that are available in the vestibule and the parish office. As we have to pay back the loan to the