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## Served by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement

### CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday

5:30 PM

Sunday

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

9:00am to 3:00pm

Wednesdays - Closed

### PARISH STAFF

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### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers  
Call the office

Eucharistic Ministers  
Catrina Bova

Lectors:  
Genia Vanderkruk  
10:00AM Choir  
Susan McElcheran  
Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM  
12:00 Noon Choir

Greeters/Ushers: Call the office

### CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
or by appointment.

### BAPTISMS

Arrangements are made through the Religious Education office. Couples expecting a child are encouraged to contact the office before the child is born. Please contact Ext 1003, for more information.

### MARRIAGE

Please call Fr. Bob at least one year prior to the planned wedding date.

### Pastoral Visitation of the Sick:

To arrange for a visit  
Call the office Ext 1007

### ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League  
4th Monday of the Month

Children's Liturgy  
10:00 AM Mass

Creation Care Ministry  
2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm.

Development and Peace  
www.dev.org  
3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM

Merrymakers  
3rd Thursday of the month 12:00 PM

Knights of Columbus  
1st Thursday of the Month

Parish Council  
Every two months

St. Vincent de Paul Society  
2nd Saturday of the Month 1:00 PM



## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Saturday, November 30**

5:30pm Joseph Xuereb, Asunta &  
George Xuereb †

### **Sunday, December 1**

10am Florlinda Moreno †  
12pm Gladys & Stanley Jurkowski †

### **Monday, December 2**

5:30 pm Int. of Myra Landicho

### **Tuesday, December 3**

5:30 pm Carmen Filardo †

### **Wednesday, December 4**

5:30 pm Emmita Landeta †

### **Thursday, December 5**

5:30 pm Mary Bonneau †

### **Friday, December 6**

5:30pm Int. of Angelo C.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**The Sick:** Inez Meleca, Charles  
Coupal, Lucia Xavier da Silveira,  
Louis Gris, Marianne Chard,  
Debbie Wagstaff, Mary Kelly,  
Carmel Foley, Vivian Gonneau.

### **The Deceased:**

John Robertson, Moya Carton, Edna  
Schlatau, Cyril Davis.



## *The Friar's Nook*

Advent is the gateway to the rest of the celebrations of the Christian liturgical year. It is a time of preparation for the birth of Christ. Its duration can vary from 21 to 28 days, since it is celebrated on the four Sundays before Christmas. It is a time of reflection, conversion and hope.

During Advent, a crown with green branches, called the Advents Crown (Adventskroening in German as is known in my old country), is placed in churches and also in some homes. It has four candles, one for each Sunday of Advent. There is a small Advent tradition: each of these four candles is assigned a virtue that must be improved during that week, for example: the first, love; the second, peace; the third, tolerance and the fourth, faith.

FIRST WEEK: LOVE

It is time to love. Put aside your old grudges. Forget the harm that may have been done to you. God is love. If we want to be like Him, we must open our hearts to love and spread and give love.

Make your own personal examination of conscience: the Gospel of the first Sunday of Advent asks us to be attentive and vigilant. Attentive to the different circumstances that our fellow human beings are experiencing, especially those who are having the worst time, and to put love around us. Vigilant so that our hearts do not harden and we are not capable of loving, due to narrow-mindedness, selfishness or pride.

Love is a decision, not a feeling, and it is presented externally by actions. It is Advent, a time to love, a time to make the firm decision to express love to those we meet in these days of preparation for Christmas. In this way we will be able to fully celebrate the Incarnate Word who enables us to love.

### **Happy Advent**

Fr. Alexander

### **Friars Student Writing Contest 2025 (Nov. 11, 2024 to Jan. 13, 2025)**

**Theme:** "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26) High school students aged 13 to 19 from the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event, which honours the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity taking place from January 18 to 25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2025 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are encouraged to explore the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme.

They should also refer to the focus question available on the poster (see parish hall/Religious Ed bulleting board). Entries are to be submitted at <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

Email [ecumenical@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenical@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 with any questions, or for more information.

**Our Giving Manger:** "Advent" comes from the Latin word venire, which means "to come" or "to arrive" - it's a period of preparation for the arrival of Jesus, the Word made flesh. In support of that preparatory journey for each one of us, this year the parish's nativity scene includes a Giving Manger. Parishioners of all ages are invited to place a piece of straw in the manger for each act of kindness, generosity, service or sacrifice, carried out during Advent. At the Christmas Eve Mass, the Baby Jesus will be placed in the manger which will be filled with a visible sign of the service and love we offer Him as our gift this Christmas as a parish community.

**"Giving Tuesday" Collection** Did you know? Giving Tuesday is the world's largest one-day generosity movement! It traditionally takes place on the Tuesday following American Thanksgiving. This year, St. Joan of Arc Parish will be having a special collection for Giving Tuesday. Envelopes will be handed out at all weekend Masses on Nov. 23/24 and accepted in the basket at all Masses on Nov. 30/Dec. 1. You can also give through CanadaHelps at [joanofarc.ca](http://joanofarc.ca). Monies from this collection will support our Welcome Winter Table project and future faith engagement projects. Together, our parish has something to give and every act of generosity counts.

**Children's Advent & Christmas Party (St. Nicholas Day) – December 8**

Join us for a Children's Advent and Christmas Party on December 8th, after the 10 AM Mass, from 11 AM to 1 PM! Enjoy hot chocolate, festive fun, and bring a gift to share with a child in need from our Angel Tree. All are welcome to pick up an angel. St. Nick will be there to collect the gifts and spread holiday cheer to others!

**Advent Retreat – December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**

Join us for a peaceful and reflective **Advent Retreat** hosted by the **La Xaviere Sisters**, on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am to 12:30pm. It will be a special time of spiritual renewal as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season. We look forward to sharing this meaningful retreat experience with you!

**Advent/Christmas Dinner - December 15**

Join us for our Advent/Christmas Dinner Fundraiser on December 15th at 6 PM! Tickets are \$25, and only 125 tickets are available—so be sure to get yours early! You can purchase tickets after Mass on November 23rd and 24th. Don't miss out on this festive evening!

**6 December - St. Nicholas' feast day** St Nicholas was the Bishop of Myra (in modern Turkey) in the fourth century and was present at the Council of Nicaea. He was imprisoned during the persecutions of Diocletian, but was released after Constantine became emperor. He is also known as St Nicholas of Bari (in Italy) because his relics are reposed there in the church of San Niccolo. St Nicholas is most well known as the beloved patron saint of children. His wealthy parents died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," (Matthew 19:21) Nicholas used his inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. His most well-known act of generosity involved leaving bags of gold coins in the stockings of three impoverished sisters.

**St. Nicholas Prayer**

*St. Nicholas, so kind and good, please pray for us today, that we may always live for God in all we do and say. Please pray that we may care for those whom others might ignore, and show God's love to everyone, especially the poor.*

**2025 Donation Envelopes**

You can pick up your box in the parish hall after mass. If you would like to have a box, please notify Rosanne at the parish office.

**Dates to Remember**

**Dec 2** – Creation Care Ministry Meeting.

**Dec 8** – Children's Advent & Christmas Party

**Dec 8** – St Vincent de Paul Special Collection

**Dec 9**- D&P Meeting

**Dec 11** – SVDP Meeting

**Dec 14** – Advent Retreat with La Xaviere sisters 9am

**Dec 14/15** - D&P Fair Trade

**Dec 15** – Christmas Dinner

**Dec 19** – Advent day of Confessions 7:30pm

**Parish Office Closed**

December 23, 2024 to January 3, 2025

**Monthly Offertory 2024**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>November</b>
Envelopes	\$8,745
Loose	\$3,181
PAG	\$6,427
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,353</b>

Contributions to the Building Maintenance Fund for the month of November were \$2,782.

**ShareLife Campaign Contributions**

**January to November 2024**

<i>Parish</i>	\$9,737.50
<i>Through Archdiocese</i>	\$24,499.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34,236.50</b>

Campaign Parish Goal \$ 62,800.00

Goal reached 54.5%

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