

DECEMBER 1, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

VESPERS Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm
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ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

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FIFTY YEARS

By Michael Pirri

The first Sunday of Advent this year marks an important milestone in the Church's life. The first Sunday of Advent, 1969 marks the beginning of the use of the Missal devised by the Second Vatican Council, otherwise known as the Novus Ordo, or Ordinary Form of the Mass. Prior to 1969, the Mass had been celebrated more or less the same way since the Council of Trent (1545-1563); however this Mass can still be celebrated as the Usus Antiquior (Extraordinary Form), more commonly known simply as *The Latin Mass* thanks to a motu proprio promulgated by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007.

The changes in the rite were developed in response to the call at the Second Vatican Council for a "fully conscious, and active participation" of the faithful. What had sadly become the case by the 1950s was a complete disengagement of the faithful while attending Mass; praying private devotionals,

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Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle. We are blessed because you are all here!

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or reciting the rosary silently during the Mass were unfortunately quite common. Although certainly in keeping with a healthy devotional life, these are a distraction to the Sacrifice which takes place in the Mass. The causes for the distraction were many, and so the rite was revised to allow for, among other things, the use of the vernacular (even translations of what the priest was saying in Latin weren't allowed up until the early 20th century!). The faithful were now not just allowed, but invited, to participate in the Mass.

Pope Paul VI remarked: *"It is at such a moment as this that we get a better understanding of the value of historical tradition and the communion of the saints. This change will affect the ceremonies of the Mass. We shall become aware, perhaps with some feeling of annoyance, that the ceremonies at the altar are no longer being carried out with the same words and gestures to which we were accustomed—perhaps so much accustomed that we no longer took any notice of them. This change also touches the faithful. It is intended to interest each one of those present, to draw them out of their customary personal devotions or their usual torpor."* **(Address to General Audience, 26 November, 1969)** *"The repository has been opened up, as the people's own spoken language now becomes part of their prayer. Lips that have often been still, sealed as it were, now at last begin to move, as the whole assembly can speak its part in the colloquy [...] No longer do we have the sad phenomenon of people being conversant and vocal about every human subject yet silent and apathetic in the house of God. How sublime it is to hear during Mass the communal recitation of the Our Father! In this way the Sunday Mass is not just an obligation but a pleasure, not just fulfilled as a duty, but claimed as a right."* **(Homily at Parish in Rome, 27 March 1966)**

Let us pray, on this 50th anniversary, that we continue to be engaged in the Liturgy of the Church, and come to appreciate and understand the Mass more fully.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

ISAIAH 2.1-5

PSALM 122

ROMANS 13.11-14

MATTHEW 24.37-44

ORATORIO CONCERT

Join the University of Toronto Oratorio Ensemble for a concert of Advent music performed by undergraduate students of the Faculty of Music. **Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:30PM.** Works by Schubert, Bach, Mendelssohn, Mozart, and Saint-Saëns. Dr. Darryl Edwards, Director; Mia Bach, pianist. Free admission, with donations towards St. Basil's Catholic Parish.

SUPPORT THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is making its annual Christmas appeal to help the needy during the holiday season. There is a special Christmas envelope in today's bulletin, and envelopes at the back of the church.

With your support, volunteers at St. Basil's will help single people and families buy Christmas dinner. We will also help parents buy gifts for their children. We hope to brighten the day of Jesus' birth for hundreds of adults and young people. Every donation, small or large, makes a difference.

You can return the envelopes by placing them in the regular collections at Masses throughout December. You can also hand them in at the parish office, or drop them into the poor boxes. Tax receipts will be sent to those who provide names and addresses. Please make cheques payable to: Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

God bless you for your prayers and support.

PALESTRINA, MISSA GABRIEL

ARCHANGELUS:

A Concert for Advent

All are invited to join here at St. Basil's Church on **Monday, Dec. 9 at 7:30PM** for a special concert for Advent. Directed by professor Michael O'Connor, the St. Michael's Schola Cantorum will be joined by John Paul Farahat on the organ for Palestrina's Missa Gabriel Archangelus and organ music by Frescobaldi. This event is free and open to the public, but donations are welcome.

THURSDAY VESPERS IN ADVENT

All are invited to join as we celebrate sung Vespers, led by two cantors and organ, on Thursdays in Advent (**December 5, 12, and 19**) at 5:10PM following Adoration. We hope that you will join us in the sanctuary for this prayerful experience.

RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

Candidates in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) have completed the period of the pre-catechumenate. As they grow in their journey of faith, they celebrate the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome into the order of catechumens on Sunday, December 1, during the 10:30am Mass. This is the first time they will publicly assemble as a group in front of the congregation and declare their intention to become members of the Church. Your presence during the rite helps the Church fulfil Her apostolic mission of accepting and welcoming new members. Please continue to pray for our catechumens on their journey towards the Easter Vigil!

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

December 7/8 is the next John Ford First Sunday Food Drive. Although all donations are accepted, please note we cannot accept items which are opened or not in their original packaging.

We are in most in need of:

- Oil
- Mayonnaise
- Granola bars
- Cake mix & pre-made icing
- Dried beans
- Canned tuna & salmon
- Canned corn
- Cream of chicken, Mushrooms & Celery Soup
- Quick oats
- Cookies, crackers
- Brown / white sugar
- Rice
- Pasta (Penne, farfelle, shells, rotini, macaroni...)
- Almond, soy milk
- Flour

Thank you for your continued support!

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, November 24, 2019 \$7,247.40



MASS INTENTIONS

NOV 30TH – DEC 1ST

SUNDAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am Katrina Teh (liv.)

10:30am *Pro Populo*

12:00pm Rae, Marie, Sandra Forrester (+,+,+)

4:30pm Angela LaForgia (+)

MONDAY

7:30am Tamara Tumidajski (+)

12:10pm Grace and Gerard Keegan (+,+)

TUESDAY

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

7:30am Greg Santos (+)

12:10pm Lo Family (+)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am Thalheimer Family (+)

12:10pm Alex Davis (+)

THURSDAY

7:30am Barbara Szymanski (liv.)

12:10pm Walter Williams (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am Lorenz Thalheimer (+)

12:10pm *Vocations*

SATURDAY

5:00pm Terry Glossop (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, *Clare DeMello, Roberto Martello, Rebecca Beaton, Erika Farncomb, Gemma Ciavarella, Mary O'Brien, Rita Moran, Rosy Menezes, Paul O'Brien, Barbara Boyle, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Josephine D'amico, Jose Gaitero, Kham Tang, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Ceceila Sorianosos, Wilfredo Sorianosos, Anne C., Delaila Salvador, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Betty Veit, Sue Banfield, Erin Sullivan, Hilary McCormack, and Jasper David-Fuchs.*

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