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5:00 pm (Sat);  
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Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm  
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Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

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

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## STAY AWAKE, BE READY

*By Marilena Berardinelli*

This weekend Toronto hosts the Santa Clause parade. To mark the occasion, a Catholic institution in the city invited my family to a party inaugurating the start of the "Christmas Season". This early holiday invite, besides upsetting my liturgical sensitivities (the Christmas Season follows, not precedes, December 25), caused me to wonder how the world will fare if even Christians have lost sight of the two-fold goal of the weeks previous to Christmas (Advent): a time to remember the birth of Jesus and to prepare for his second coming among us.

Today's gospel sets our priorities straight. Using the apocalyptic language of falling stars and darkened suns, Jesus prepares his disciples for the signs indicating when God's reign will be fully established on earth. Jesus' words are not simply a

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call to “stay awake” to the signs, but a challenge to us to “be ready” to greet them. In our context, Jesus’ words are not an invitation to discern Christmas lists, holiday menus, or vacation itineraries, but instead to discern how the choices we make, especially in the coming weeks, “ready” us for God’s kingdom.

I don’t think that early Christmas celebrations are bad. However, I do believe that the God who works with us, in us, and through us in the building of the kingdom is inviting us today not to be bystanders to the status quo, but to discern our individual involvement in the transformation of our world.

What choices will I make? What organizations will I support? What charities will I give to? How will I advocate the building of a kingdom that acknowledges and respects the sacredness of all, that supports the common good and acknowledges solidarity with the poorest and most vulnerable, that makes ecological choices that places creation first and that works for peace both in my home and in my world? How will I respond to Jesus’ invitation to participate in God’s new world order?

### SUNDAY’S READINGS:

1 KINGS 17.10-16

PSALM 146

HEBREWS 9.24-28

MARK 12.38-44

*Within the Christian tradition, discernment is the art of prayerful decision making. St. Ignatius of Loyola defined discernment as the ability to see clearly God’s deepest desire for us and for the world. Our parish hosts several prayer groups that support the journey of discernment needed in the building of the Kingdom, including: Christian Meditation Group, Contemplative Women of St. Anne and the Basilian Lay Associates.*

*For more information on participating in these groups, please see our website or take an information card that is available in the church narthex.*

## IN PARADISUM

Mark your calendars for **November 30th, at 7:30PM** as we commemorate the close of the Month of Remembrance

We invite you to join us for a special meditative evening of readings, hymns, and choral music. We hope to see you there!

## OLIVE WOOD DISPLAY

Next weekend, **November 24/25**, representatives from Biblical Journeys Canada will be on site selling olive wood rosaries, crosses and nativity scenes.

These items are hand made by the Catholics of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Items will be available for purchase following the Saturday 5:00pm Mass, as well as 9:00am, 10:30am, and 12:00pm Mass on Sunday. Payment can be made via Visa, Mastercard, Debit, Cash, or Cheque.

## NOVEMBER 18: WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

*“This poor man cried,  
and the Lord heard him”*

Pope Francis invites all the faithful in our parishes, associations and ecclesial movements to make tangible the Church’s response to the cry of the poor, to experience this World Day as a privileged moment of new evangelization.

The Pope emphasizes that poor evangelize us and help us each day to discover the beauty of the Gospel. On this Second World Day of the Poor the Holy Father hopes that all of us feel that we are in debt to the poor, because, in hands outstretched to one another, a salvific encounter can take place to strengthen our faith, inspire our charity and enable our hope to advance securely on our path towards the Lord who is to come.

For more information, visit  
<https://www.archtoronto.org/dayofpoor>

## FAMILY ADVENT TRADITIONS

On the weekend of **December 1st and 2nd**, following all Masses, we will be selling Advent candles (pack of 4-\$7) and metal Advent wreaths (\$20). The small profits from the sale will directly support the catechetical formation of the children in our parish in the building or buying of materials for our program the "*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*".

Quantities are limited. To reserve your purchase, please contact our Director of Family Ministries: [marilena.berardinelli@utoronto.ca](mailto:marilena.berardinelli@utoronto.ca)

## 2019 PARISH ENVELOPES

A new calendar year is quickly approaching! Parish envelopes are now available for pickup in the back of the Church.

Like last year, labels are placed on the top of the envelope boxes. If you have used envelopes this year, please be sure to only pick up a box with your number and name on it. If you have not used envelopes but would now like to, please stop by the parish office to pick up a box and to register as a parishioner.

## SERRA CLUB

The Serra Club of Downtown Toronto invites all parishioners to a luncheon talk on Wednesday, **November 21, 2018** following the 12:10PM Mass. The guest speaker will be Emilie Callan, a producer and ambassador of Salt + Light Television. She will share her vocation story and her experience and involvement in the student movement, Catholic Christian Outreach.

She recently attended the pre-synod meeting in Rome as one of two Canadian delegates, as well as the Synod of Bishops on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment, as an auditor.

The lunch and talk will take place immediately after the 12:10 mass, in Macrina Hall. Please RSVP to the Parish office at (416) 926-7110 for catering purposes. All are welcome!

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, November 11, 2018 \$5,808.15



## MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup>

SUNDAY 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am *Pro Populo*  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm Joan Diane Donaldson (+)  
4:30pm Lionel R. Sands, CSB (+)

MONDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm Peter Mier (+)

TUESDAY

7:30am D.C. Marmion (+)  
12:10pm

WEDNESDAY PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:30am  
12:10pm *Vocations*

THURSDAY ST. CECILIA

7:30am  
12:10pm Shirley Campbell (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm Myriam Scoppio (+)

SATURDAY


5:00pm Bill O'Connor (+)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, *Celerina Agpoon, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Mary O'Brien, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Rebecca Beaton, Gemma Ciavarella, Marie Ange, Paul O'Brien, Carry Eillen, Maria Teresa Blackwell, Donna Wood, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Emilia Perejmybida, Young-Mi Sim, Marywynne Parke, and Jasper David-Fuchs.*

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**, especially, Lucille Mirvish

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