

## Second Sunday of Advent

### Mass Intentions



#### for the Week December 9 - December 14

Mon. Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Aguis Family
	7pm	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues. Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Purisima Arrojado
Wed. Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Desmond Chong
Thurs. Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Giuseppe & Maria Giannotti
	8:45am & 9am	St. Maximilian Kolbe High
Fri. Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Neil Cachia
	9:15am	St. Joseph School
	11am	Chartwell Hollandview Trail
Sat. Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	9am	+Malcolm Joseph

### CONFESSION TIMES FROM NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 4pm - 4:30pm

Saturday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am - 12 noon

### FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Letters and enrolment forms for First Communion and Confirmation are available after mass from either priest or Sandra. Be sure to get the letter as there is a lot of information in it. **Please do not ask an usher or go to the office during the week for the forms.** Return the completed form to Fr. Frank, Fr. Eduardo or Sandra after a weekend mass before February 2, 2020 to ensure enrolment in our program.

### WALK IN COUNSELLING SERVICE

One of the great things that the Catholic Community Services of York Region does is provide walk in counselling. No appointment is needed. Just show up on Monday or Tuesday at the office at 21 Dunlop St. in Richmond Hill (3 lights north of Major Mackenzie Dr.) between 1 and 7:30 and you will be seen on a first come first served basis.

There is no cost. Part of the meeting may be to create a strategy for future support with scheduled meetings. Often the one visit is enough to allow the client to recognize the strengths they possess and the supports they can turn to right now. If more information is required call 905-770-7040 or 1-800-263-2075 ext. 241

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Please join us for either the 8am or 7pm mass on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Immaculate Conception is normally celebrated on December 8, but this year it is December 9 as it cannot replace an Advent Sunday.

We choose to make this the feast day of Our Lady of Grace Parish as the spirit of the day very much reflects the significance of our patron.

The angel proclaims, "Hail Mary, full of grace." Our Lady of Grace shares her many blessings with us and we reflect on the ways that we can best follow Christ by embracing her example.

### JESSE TREE



Our Jesse Tree is up for another Advent. Our three groups to support are Rose of Sharon in Newmarket, which works with young parents and their babies, will take

financial donations.

Our two other groups support those who find themselves on the street. Street Haven which works with homeless women will take financial donations and Good Shepherd Centre, which works with homeless men will welcome donations of warm socks and regular or thermal underwear. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Groups that in the past accepted gift cards now are into endless problems with Revenue Canada as each card needs to be recorded and accounted for in writing. This is why we ask for financial donations now.

### RECEIPTS FOR 2019 DONATIONS

The following 2019 envelope holders **WILL NOT** receive a receipt in February because they have not provided the parish office with their name and address: **88, 89, 100, 454, 509, 559, 752, 879, 886, 902, 996.**  
**Please contact Nancy at 905-727-4594**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POINSETTAS

Today is the final day for completed forms with payment to be dropped off in the basket after weekend masses. Pickup is on Sat. December 14<sup>th</sup> at Lynett Hall For more information, please email [john@kofcaurora.ca](mailto:john@kofcaurora.ca)

## CLASSROOM VISITS IN DECEMBER



Again, this month the pastoral team will be visiting the children in our schools.

The reading that will be discussed this month is Matthew 13: 31-32 the parable of the mustard seed.

## 2020 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Collection envelopes for the upcoming year will be available for pick up in the church next weekend. As in the past several years they will not be labelled with your name - just take any box.

Please **DO NOT** use them until 2020 and please **DO** put your full name and address on your envelopes before depositing them in the collection basket!

## SAVE THE DATE FOR SKATING!



Join us on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5 pm - 7pm at the Aurora Community Centre for a family skate.

Refreshments will be served after the skate. Skate time and refreshments are free.

## PLAYGROUP CHRISTMAS BREAK



The last meeting date for playgroup before the Christmas break will be Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 11am.

Playgroup will resume on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

All masses will be celebrated in Lynett Hall

### Christmas (Nativity of the Lord)

Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 4pm, 5:30pm, 7pm,  
PLEASE RESERVE THESE EARLIER MASSES FOR  
FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN  
8:30pm & 12 midnight

Wed. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 8:15am, 10am & 12 noon  
(No 7pm mass)

### Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> 5pm  
Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 8:15am, 10am, 12 noon &  
7pm

### The Solemnity of Mary

Tuesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 5pm  
Wednesday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 10am & 12 noon  
(No 8:15am or 7pm mass)

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT - FUNDRAISER



O Holy Night - Concerto Di Natale

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

St. Mary's Mission Church, 190 MacTaggart Dr, Nobleton.

Please join us at St. Mary's Church, for a wonderful evening of Christmas music. We have two of Canada's most prominent tenors, Romulo DelGado and Joey Niceforo joining Sara Papini, the St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Youth Band and the St Mary's Choir. Romulo has graced international stages in the US and Europe and Joey was one of the original members of the Canadian Tenors. It will be a fantastic night to get us in the spirit.

All ticket proceeds will benefit the St. Mary's mortgage fund. Suggested ticket donation for adults \$25. Children under 10 are free.

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