

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions



for the Week

December 23, 2019 - January 4, 2020

Mon. Dec. 23 rd	8am	Deceased members of the D'Urzo, Moscato & Mauro Families
Thurs. Dec. 26 th	9am	+Sean Usher
Fri. Dec. 27 th	8am	+Bernard Robert Oliver
Sat. Dec. 28 th	9am	Deceased members of the Petricca & Lombardi Families
Mon. Dec. 30 th	8am	+Sudharma Jayatilake
Thurs. Jan 2 nd	8am	+Doreen Herlihy
Fri. Jan 3 rd	8am	+Daniel & Miguel Hojos
	7pm	+Neil MacNeil
Sat. Jan. 4 th	9am	+Maria & Mario DiNallo, +Carmela Martino, +Kazimierz Trzcinski, +Neil MacNeil, +Guilherme Pacheco

CONFESSION TIMES FROM NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, Dec. 24th 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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

As in the past we invite you to make homemade Christmas decorations for the Christmas tree which will replace the Jesse tree.

We are not looking for store bought decorations, there are lots of those at the church.

What can you as a family or an individual come up with? Bring them with you to Christmas mass and put them on our tree!

Decorations will not be returned after Christmas.

CHRISTMAS SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR USHERS

We have placed sign-up sheets for the hospitality ministers in the kitchen of Lynett Hall and for the altar servers in the sacristy.

Please take a moment to indicate which mass and time you can help out in your ministry over the Christmas season.

2020 COLLECTION ENVELOPES - TODAY

Collection envelopes for the upcoming year will be available for pick up in the church today.

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. There are blue envelopes by the door that can be used to the end of the year. **DO** put your full name and address on your first couple of envelopes before depositing them in the collection basket!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, January 3rd we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 12 noon until 7pm. Our parish intention for this month is for peace for the coming year.

Evening mass will be celebrated at 7pm.

DONATIONS FOR 2019

The Canada Revenue Agency reminds all charitable organizations that donations for 2019 should be given in 2019.

We must avoid the idea of letting donations come in during the early part of January and crediting them for the previous year.

This may be more relevant in the parish right now since we are in the capital campaign. For those who are planning to make a generous donation with a view to the tax deduction for this year, we thank you for your support, but ask that the donation arrive no later than Dec. 31, 2019.

THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN ON THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 28TH/29TH, 2019.

PLAYGROUP WILL RESUME ON JAN. 14/20.

CHRISTMAS AT OLG

No, we are not celebrating in our usual home. Our parking situation is a bit of a mess. Things are far from perfect.

It is a bit like the Christmas story itself. Jesus did not come into a perfect situation, rather into the midst of struggling humanity. The good news of Christ could not be contained. Stars shone, angels sang and the curious came to see what was going on.

Whatever the obstacles the first Christmas happened. Let us embrace the Good News of Christ in the same spirit. No, our lives are far from perfect but in spite of whatever may hold us back we are promised the same good news that was given to shepherds in Bethlehem. In Christ we will find peace. In Christ there is the promise of salvation.

Once again, I can't help but be impressed with the level of cooperation the parish is giving.

Our February return date does not seem as firm as it once did. I would prefer that the company didn't throw out more dates rather let's just be happy when we return to our usual place of worship.

Thank you to all of those people who have made this challenging time less of a challenge. When we are in the midst of renovations it is easy to lose sight of the greater goal which is a more efficient and accessible presence in our community.

Jesus brings salvation, stars and angels made him known, you and I today at this time in this place take up their work. Let us be thankful for the presence we are in the life of the Aurora/Newmarket community.
Fr. Frank

ROOTED YOUTH MINISTRY

Our next Youth Ministry meeting for **Rooted** is on December 27th at Catherine House from 6:30 - 8pm.. It will be a Social! We would like to extend our invitation for this Social to our past youth members/volunteers of the Edge Youth Ministry. We invite you to a time of mini-reflection on this season of Christmas after which we will join in fellowship with fun, games and food!

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

All masses will be celebrated in Lynett Hall

Christmas (Nativity of the Lord)

Tuesday, Dec. 24th

4pm, 5:30pm, 7pm,

PLEASE RESERVE THESE EARLIER MASSES FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN
8:30pm & 12 midnight

Wed. Dec. 25th

8:15am, 10am & 12 noon

(No 7pm mass)

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 28th 5pm

Sunday, Dec. 29th

8:15am, 10am, 12 noon & 7pm

The Solemnity of Mary

Tuesday, Dec. 31st 5pm

Wednesday, Jan. 1st

10am & 12 noon

(No 8:15am or 7pm mass)

CHURCH RENOVATION - COST UPDATE

Our church renovation is well beyond the halfway point.

With any construction project unforeseen costs are expected and while we have endeavoured to minimize them, we have had our share. The original budget of \$6.7M looks to grow to approximately \$7.4M accommodating these extra costs.

To date our fundraising efforts: \$1.1M from the Capital Campaign, \$0.4M in donations received through the church office and \$2.6M previously on deposit totals \$4.1M and highlights a continuing challenge of \$3.3M.

We invite everyone who has not yet joined in the Capital Campaign, now is the time to support "Our Church, Our Future".