

# FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE & POTLUCK DINNER

The Catholic Women's League will be selling their annual Christmas Raffle Tickets after all masses on November 26/27 and again on December 3/4. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. All proceeds will benefit local charities. Please visit our display for a complete list of prizes to be won. Draw date is Tuesday, December 6 at the annual CWL Christmas Pot Luck Dinner.

### MASS INTENTIONS

November 28<sup>th</sup> - Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Mon. Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 8am Peter & Claudia Sp.Int

Tues. Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 8am +Roger Moles

Wed. Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 8am +Marciana Santiago

Thurs. Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 8am +Kathleen Barbetta

Fri. Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 8am +Ivy Paterson

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION 12pm-7pm

7pm +Breen Carson

Sat. Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am +Juanito Morales  
+Linda Sarrazin  
+Diosdado Guanlao  
+Claude Mantha  
+Donkers/Blanco Family  
+Grigoroadis/Giannotti  
Olczak Family Sp.Int

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

This Friday is the First Friday of December. There will be adoration from noon to 7 p. m. those who would like to sign up to keep vigil with the Lord for an hour may do so at the back of the church.

We invite everyone else to take the time they can spare and visit with the Lord for a few minutes during adoration time.

Our intention for the month of December will be to pray for those who feel a deep sense of isolation in our town and our parish during the season of Christmas.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S BAPTISM

If there are young people who are in need of baptism this would be a good time to make yourself known. We have three young people of confirmation age who will prepare for baptism and receive confirmation in the parish celebrations near the end of May. Preparation for these young people's baptism will be taking place in the near future.

Of course, if there are any other school age children who need baptism let us know about them as well, in a timely fashion.

### FIRST COMMUNION

We continue to receive returns from families wishing to have children in grade two or above receive their first communion after Easter in 2017. If you have a child for communion, please pick up the form before or after mass from one of the priests or Sandra and return in a timely fashion to another Sunday mass.

### CONFIRMATION

We are forming the classes for confirmation masses in late May and early June. The forms are available before or after mass on Saturday or Sunday. We encourage families to return these forms in a timely fashion so that they are not scheduled for confirmation at a later date than the other students.

### CHOSEN: Confirmation Classes for Grades 7's

Chosen is a program that takes young people on a journey through the entire Catholic faith in all its richness and vitality. The Chosen program will begin in January. Chosen will both catechize and challenge teens to fully embrace a life in Christ. If you're interested in joining the Confirmation Team, please contact Fr. Joshua.

### "BECOMING A CATHOLIC" GROUP

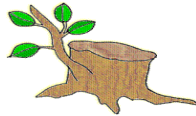
We have a group that meets regularly to learn and discuss the Catholic faith with a view to joining the Catholic Church. Often these folks were baptised in another tradition when they were young and now wish to be Catholic. Sometimes they have never received baptism. Anyone wishing to know more should leave a message at the office for Fr. Frank

### WELCOMING ARMS

We received a very generous and heartfelt thank you from Welcoming Arms for the great sharing of toiletries over the last couple of weeks. Thank you to all. We will have another toiletry drive in the spring. Toiletries can be dropped off any time at Welcoming Arms behind Trinity Anglican Church.

**THE JESSE TREE IS UP**

Please pick your tag or tags off the Jesse Tree to support Rose of Sharon, which works with young mothers, Good Shepherd which ministers to men on the streets and Street Haven which ministers to women on the street.



You choose your tag and have your gift or gifts back by December 10 and 11. There will be a box for the gift cards and other gifts can simply be put under the tree. Rose of Sharon can use gift cards for Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart and Superstore. Street Haven welcomes these same cards, but also \$5.00 Tim Horton Cards for those they cannot encourage to come in off the street. Good Shepherd is looking for men's winter socks and underwear, especially combinations.

Let's continue to make this Advent effort the great success that it has been in other years.

**PERSONAL INTENTIONS BOX**

We have created an intentions box. This locked box will be by the statue of St. Joseph during the week for you to include your special intentions. Before the weekend masses it will be on the table with the bread and wine. You can put your intentions in while coming to mass. There will be small sheets of paper and a pen near the box.

The box will be carried up to the front at each of the weekend masses at the time of the offertory and set near the altar. The priests will empty the box on Sunday night and the box will be returned to the foyer for the coming week. No one will see the petitions and the priests when they empty it will not be reading the petitions.

**CHRISTMAS CRECHE RAFFLE**

A parishioner Joe Agius has made a Christmas Creche which is on display over by the office. He has asked that it be raffled off and the funds given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Tickets are \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. Please make your own change and put your tickets in the box. The raffle will take place on December 18<sup>th</sup>.



**YOUTH MINISTRY**

If you're interested in Youth Ministry please contact the office or email Fr. Joshua:  
[jroldan@archtoronto.org](mailto:jroldan@archtoronto.org)

**Keep Christ in  
Christmas Poinsettias  
Aurora Knights of Columbus  
Place your order, after  
the Masses TODAY!**



*Delivery Sat. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at Lynett Hall.*  
Order forms also available from  
[grandknight@kofc6519aurora.ca](mailto:grandknight@kofc6519aurora.ca).

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FALL ACTION**

There is a leaflet from Development and Peace, At The Heart of the Action, available at the back and at the side door as well as an action card. The action relates to the ongoing campaign, "Creating a Climate of Change." The impact of global warming is having a devastating impact on agriculture. In our area, we saw this last summer and fall when the corn crops were absolutely stunted. In the global south, the impact can be even greater, where farmers do not have crop insurance and they are so many dependent on the success of their crops. The hurricane that hit Haiti caused immediate destruction but the damage it did to crops will impact the people for the next year.

The campaign is to express our concern as Catholics that we in solidarity with the poor of this world express our concern and our desire for change in the matter of climate change. The action card is to be signed and mailed to Prime Minister Trudeau, no postage required. We encourage you to pick up this information and act on it.

**TORONTO WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR**

with guest artist John Clements, presents  
A Welcome Table Benefit  
Concert at 7:30pm  
Saturday, December 10, 2016  
Afterglow... the music continues  
immediately after the Concert, with pub fare  
and a cash bar on the lower level  
\$25 Concert Tickets \$10 Afterglow Tickets  
Tickets available at [twmvc.com](http://twmvc.com) and at  
OLG parish office.