

First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions



for the Week December 2 - December 7

Mon. Dec. 2 nd	8am	+John Letassey
Tues. Dec. 3 rd	8am	+Daniel & Miguel Hojos
	10am	Holy Spirit School
	7pm	St. Jerome School (mass to be celebrated at St. Maximilian Kolbe High School)
Wed. Dec. 4 th	8am	+Mario Leone
Thurs. Dec. 5 th	8am	+Diosdado Guanlao
Fri. Dec. 6 th	8am	+Aguis Family
	9am	Our Lady of Grace School
	7pm	+Sergio Yap
Sat. Dec. 7 th	9am	+Peter Pacione, +Imelda Lahti, +Teodora Torres, +George Coulter, +Margaret Hosey, +Rita Martin

CWL RAFFLE TICKETS & POT LUCK DINNER

The Catholic Women's League annual raffle tickets are back with more fabulous prizes to be won.

This year's prizes include:

Google mini home, \$100 Petro Canada gift card, Dollhouse kit with furniture, Oral Hygiene package, Foodie's gift basket, \$100 Winners gift card.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and will be for sale after masses this weekend. All proceeds will benefit local charities and community groups.

The draw will take place at the CWL pot luck dinner and general member's meeting on Monday, December 2 at 7 p.m. at Kingsway Place Retirement Centre located at 145 Murray Dr. in Aurora.

At this meeting we will also hold our Executive elections and welcome in our new Executive members for the next two years. Please bring a dish to share with 5-6 people. We look forward to seeing you there.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

This Friday, December 7th is first Friday. There will be 8am mass and 7pm mass. Adoration will take place from 12 noon till mass time in the evening.

Come and spend some time in prayer and reflection. Let us make our parish intention that this Christmas Season will draw those with weak faith to a deeper commitment to Christ.

HARMONY CHORALE

Come one and all, and join the **Harmony Choral** for an evening of both sacred and contemporary music selections of the "Sounds of Christmas"!

Our concert will be held on Saturday December 7 at 7:30pm in Lynett Hall.

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door. All proceeds to be shared with Our Lady of Grace Building Fund and Inn from the Cold.

CAROLING

Our Lady of Grace will be caroling at Resthaven Nursing Home on Thursday, Dec 5th.

A particular invitation is extended to youth, but others who might want to participate are invited to come out. Let Sandra know your intentions at sandra@ourladyofgrace.com All are welcome. Please gather at Lynett Hall by 6:30pm.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Letters and enrolment forms for First Communion and Confirmation are available this weekend 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.**

CARDINAL CARTER CHS CHRISTMAS FAIR

Will be held on Friday, December 6th from 3pm to 8:30pm at 210 Bloomington Rd. W., Aurora



Featuring over 60 vendors, bake sale, auction, raffle, Santa photos and more!

PARKING

Thank you to everyone, that is the vast majority, who are being careful about how they park on the street.

When we park on the street there should be a metre of space between the car and the entrance to any driveway.

Our neighbours have been quite patient with the onslaught of cars on the streets over the last couple of months for which we can all be thankful.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

We have created a Christmas schedule. We are hoping for the active cooperation of all parishioners on Christmas Eve.

We will have masses at 4pm, 5:30pm, 7pm, 8:30pm and 12 midnight. On Christmas Day we will have our regular masses at 8:15am, 10am and 12 noon. There will be no 7pm mass on Christmas Day.

We are hoping all parishioners will recognize that in our more limited space that the early masses on Christmas Eve (4, 5:30 and 7) should be reserved for families with young children. These will be scaled back masses. There will be four hymns and the rest of the mass will be spoken.

Thank you in advance to everyone who will make an effort to make the celebrations as effective as possible.



Christmas Poinsettias

Knights of Columbus
Council 6519 Aurora

6", 8", 10" Poinsettias and Tropical Planters

Prices range from \$10 to \$25

Payable by CASH or CHEQUE

Completed forms with payment can be dropped
off after weekend masses until December 8th
or at the parish office

Pickup on Sat. December 15th at Lynett Hall

For more information, please email

john@kofcaurora.ca

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.

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 socks and regular or thermal underwear.

Your participation is greatly appreciated.

AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Parish Confessions:

Wed. December 4TH at 7pm

As we prepare for Christmas we think about the time, talent and treasure that we have been blessed with. Let us use these three blessings to reflect on our pilgrim journey to Bethlehem this Christmas.

Time

Do I squander time with too much tv, computers or other distractions? Do I make time for others? Do I make the time to volunteer? Do I take the time to care for myself physically; getting exercise, providing proper meals, setting aside time to relax and getting sufficient sleep? Do I make time for God, in reflection or prayer? Do I make time for mass? Do I make time for those who need my attention? Do I damage the quality of time with too much alcohol or recreational drugs? Do I work too much, losing all sense of balance? Do I despair at the passing of the years carrying many regrets as I try to move forward?

Talent

Am I thankful for the gifts that I have to share with others? Do I share them well? Do I carry a deep sense of gratitude for those that nurtured me, taught me and who continue to encourage me from day to day? Do I develop the talents I have? Do I encourage the talents of others? Do I get jealous of others' abilities and good fortune? Am I ready to affirm the gifts and talents that others bring into life? Does my gossip harm the good image of others? Do I use my imagination to know Jesus better and to deepen my faith life?

Treasure

Am I wasteful of food and other resources? Am I greedy? Am I conscious of the environment and my share in protecting it from careless abuse? Am I generous? Do I support my church? Do I share with the poor and the disadvantaged? Do I squander God's intimate gifts, my sexuality, my opportunity to be a co-creator with Him, my knowledge of the lives and struggles of others? Do I cherish the young and the elders that are in our midst? Am I honest in my dealings with others and the government? Am I a comfortable witness to my faith and my love of Christ?