



Preparing the Way

Our parish welcomes all parishioners, families and visitors this season as we celebrate the coming of Our Lord. May the joy of this Advent season be with you and your families.

Physical distancing of 6 feet is still required between parishioners who are not from the same household and masks are required indoors even if you are fully vaccinated.

THIS WEEKEND

**Saturday December 4th
4 pm + Ivan Smith**

**Sunday December 5th
9 am + All Family Souls
11 am * Spec. Intention**



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Baruch 5: 1~9

Psalms 126: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 3~6, 8~11

Gospel: Luke 3: 1~6

REFLECTION

When John the Baptist proclaimed a baptism of repentance, as today's Gospel

relates, he called people to a deep change of heart. For John the Baptist, repentance was not simply regret for past failings, but a commitment to orient life around God's desires and purposes. What might living in alignment with God's desires look like?

Our readings offer some clues. The Prophet Baruch indicates that when mercy and justice are embraced like a royal garment, we may see the fruits of repentance. St. Paul notes how the Holy Spirit has been active within the church in Philippi, forming them to live in a loving and united community of faith, so they may witness to the love of God. And John the Baptist himself suggests that a repentant heart clears a path for God to enter, leveling the mountains and valleys of our resistance, so that God might dwell within.



"The time of Advent that we begin again today returns us to the horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God. A hope that does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful!"
– Pope Francis

ARCHDIOCESE A DAY OF RECONCILIATION AND GRACE

Throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and in our parish on Wednesday December 15th at St. Joseph's Church from 9am~10am and 2pm~5:30pm and/or

anytime by appointment. Father is always happy to oblige.

PARISH SACRAMENTS RECONCILIATION/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

St. Joseph's Parish is accepting registrations for children in Grades 2 and those in Grades 7/8 for both sacraments. Parents' please contact Sheila at the parish office at 705-426-7424 or email slandry@archtoronto.org at your earliest convenience to receive a registration form. Sacramental preparation is being done by St. Joseph's Parish and registrations must be done through the Parish itself.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank you to everyone who took an Angel/s last weekend after all the Masses. It was a great success and all of the Angels were taken. Please wrap your gift, put the angel on the outside, and **return it to church on or before December 12th.**

Instead of an angel you may prefer to make a monetary donation to help with the purchase of food. Please mark on your envelope "Christmas Hampers" and donations will be accepted ~ no later than December 12, 2021. We thank each one of you for your support in bringing joy to the local families we assist!

FLOWER COLLECTION



NEXT weekend December 11th & 12th we will be accepting

monetary donations for flowers at Christmas. There are flower envelopes available for your use for a tax receipt.

DECORATING ST. JOSEPH'S

We are looking for elves to help with decorating the church on **Saturday December 18th**. We will meet in the church at 10 am. All are invited.

MASS INTENTIONS

We join in prayer with those who have requested that Masses be offered for their loved ones, * living or + deceased.

December	Time	Mass for
Tuesday 7 th	6 pm	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed. 8 th	6 pm	+ Family Souls
Thurs. 9 th	9:15 am	+ Bart Doedens
Friday 10 th	9:15am	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 11 th	4 pm	+ David Smith
Sunday 12 th	9 am	+ All Family Souls
	11 am	+ All Family Souls

PLEASE PRAY FOR; all those living in our local nursing homes, manors, in hospital and especially for Dr. James Brown, Hugh Charpentier, Fern Gosselin, Mary Lamanna, Jim Matt, Olivia, & all the sick of the parish.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Building Fund	\$ 120.00
Christmas Hampers	265.00
PAG for Nov.	1,010.00
Offertory	710.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Please remember your Parish in your Will or Estate Plan.