

# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Parish established in 1926, Church erected 1929  
Original painting by Gary Smith

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am  
(Children's Liturgy October – May 10:00 am Mass)

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am

Public Holiday Mass: 10:00 am

First Friday Adoration: 9:00 am Mass: 12 Noon

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Loretto Room)

Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Loretto Room)

Registration forms for the parish and all sacraments, as well as mass cards and religious items, are available in the Loretto Room after all weekend Masses. We also have a DVD lending library.

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

All Parishioners are encouraged to register in our community. Registration forms are available in the Loretto Room on the weekends.

## PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Larry Marcille - Pastor

Fr. Joseph Nguyen – Associate Pastor

Sr. Johanna D'Agostino, IBVM

Sr. Mary DiGirolamo, IBVM

Joanna Manturowicz – Youth Minister/Sacramental Prep.

Adam Pantaleo – Seminarian Intern

## PASTORAL STAFF

Julie Brett - Office Administrator

Paul Honeyford - Property Manager

Agnes Ahn - Bookkeeper

Lumen Fernandes - Part-Time Reception

Juliet Lobo - Part-Time Reception

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday—3:45 pm—4:25 pm

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Request Forms are available in the Loretto Room. Baptisms are on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Marriage Request Forms are available in the Loretto Room after Mass. The form must be completed one year in advance of the wedding date.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you need a priest to visit someone who is ill at home please call the office to notify the Parish Priests.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

- \* Lectors
- \* Eucharistic Ministers
- \* Ministers of Hospitality
- \* Parish Women's Group
- \* Development & Peace
- \* Director of Music- Paul Jenkins 416-920-3341  
cpauljenkins@mac.com
- \* Heart & Soul Choir (10am) Sarah Martin & Joan McGivney
- \* R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
- \* R.C.I.C. - Rite of Christian Initiation for Children
- \* Catechetical Program for Public & Private School Children
- \* Outreach Programs ( Out of the Cold, Good Shepherd)
- \* Knights of Columbus (1388 Council)
- \* Eucharistic Marian Prayer Group - Mondays 5:30 pm
- \* Children's Liturgy (10 am - must register)
- \* Altar Servers
- \* Sacristans
- \* Marriage Preparation
- \* BSC Youth Group
- \* St. Vincent de Paul

Archdiocese of Toronto - 416-934-0606

www.archtoronto.org

Blessed Sacrament School - 416-393-5226

Principal - Richard Walo

Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544

Catholic Family Services - www.cfstoronto.com

Vocations - www.vocationstoronto.ca

Vatican - www.vatican.va

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent



## Communion Reflection

### Encircling prayer .....

St. Paul said: "Let your Armour be the Lord." Hence, we might pray as follows:

Circle me, Lord.

Keep protection near; keep danger afar.

Circle me, Lord.

Keep Hope within; keep doubt without.

Circle me, Lord.

Keep light near; keep darkness afar.

Circle me, Lord.

Keep peace within; keep strife without.

Circle me, Lord.

Keep love within; keep hate without. Amen

*St. Joseph Vigil Lamp  
Burns for the intentions of  
Dario Ardila*

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*St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp  
Burns in memory of  
Kay Shaughnessy*

## Masses of Intentions

**Monday** – John Wilson + / Carol Ann McDaniel +

**Tuesday** –Byrne & Egerton Families + / Alan & Arun Rasquinha +

**Wednesday** –Maria Eugenia Gomes + / Moises & Nole Agurod +

**Thursday** – Bob & Bill Henry + / Rosemarie Chapeskie (INT)

**Friday** - John Ophelders + / Ted Ophelders + / Christina Flynn + / Natalie &

Matthew T. (INT) / Roseanne Simon + / Margo Shaughnessy +

**Noon:** Matteo Di Folco (INT)

## Please keep in your prayers the sick:

Rosemarie Chapeskie, Joe & Rita Di Diodato, Matteo Di Folco,  
Marcus Gibbons, Aileen McGrath, Brenda McGuire, Mare Olito

Please call the parish office to have a name added to the sick list.

## **Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Sacrament Dates**

First Reconciliation will be on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

First Communion will be on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 2:30 pm

Confirmation will be on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm

**ITEMS FOR NUNAVUT - (New or gently used, all ages)** This weekend is the last opportunity to contribute hats, scarves, vests, waterproof mitts, woollen socks, slippers and reflective tape for clothing, BUT we will continue to gratefully accept donations to assist with postal expenses. The average cost to ship a carton to Nunavut is \$150; we have at least two more cartons to ship. Thank you for your generosity in contributing to this project to support the peoples of the North.

**2020 ENVELOPES** - Please pick up your 2020 envelopes at the back of the church. **PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF THERE IS AN ERROR WITH YOUR BOX NUMBER. Please DO NOT use any leftover envelopes from 2019 or any other year! Recycle your outdated envelopes.** If you did not pick up your 2019 envelopes, your name was removed from the envelope list so please pick a new box up in the Loretto Room. Your envelopes that you use here at Blessed Sacrament are not valid at other parishes. If you use them there you may not get a tax receipt from that parish. If you would like to be an envelope user, please pick up a new box in the Loretto Room as well. Please write your name and address on the first few envelopes used so we can update the parish data for 2019. Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

*Also pick up your 2020 parish calendar.*

The Parish Financial Statement for 2018 is available in the Loretto Room or the parish office.

## **A Toronto Christmas Tradition – St. Michael's Choir School**

Roy Thomson Hall, Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm For tickets call Roy Thomson Hall at 416-872-4255 or [www.roythomsonhall.com](http://www.roythomsonhall.com)

The boys of the 56<sup>th</sup> and 93<sup>rd</sup> Scout Groups will be running their annual Christmas Tree sales at the Church of St. Leonard, 25 Wanless Avenue, beginning Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The lot is open on Saturdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm and on Sundays from noon – 4:00 pm

**Scripture : Isaiah 2.1-5, Romans 13.11-14, Matthew 24.37-44**

December 1, 2019

*I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the spirit of truth. (John 14.16-17)*

## Catechetical Program

**Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation  
for Children and Youth in Public and Private Schools.**

**REGISTRATION IS CLOSED**

### First Reconciliation, First Communion Classes

Classes are Sunday's 9:00 – 10:00 am or Tuesday's 4:30-5:30 pm. Classes are held in the Parish Hall. Sunday Class dates are: ~~Oct. 6, Nov. 3,~~ Dec. 1, Jan. 12, Feb. 2, Mar. 1, Apr. 5 & May 3. Tuesday Class dates are: ~~Oct. 8, Nov. 5,~~ Dec. 3, Jan. 14, Feb. 4, Mar. 3, Apr. 7 & May 5.

**First Reconciliation to be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 8, 2020**

**First Communion on Sunday, May 24, 2020 Times to be determined**

### Confirmation Classes

Classes are Sunday's 11:00 am – 12:30 pm or Wednesday's 4:30 – 6:00 pm. Classes are held in the parish hall. Sunday Class dates: ~~Oct. 6, Nov. 3,~~ Dec. 1, Jan. 12, Feb. 2, Mar. 1 & Apr. 5. Wednesday Class dates: ~~Oct. 9, Nov. 6,~~ Dec. 4, Jan. 15, Feb. 5, Mar. 4 & Apr. 8

**Confirmation Retreat date is Saturday, April 25, 2020 - 10:30 am – 5:30 pm**

**Confirmation date is Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm.**

**Students are required to attend all classes and the Confirmation Retreat.**

The **Out of the Cold** dinner program serving a hot dinner to those in need in our community is sponsored by Glenview Presbyterian, St. Leonard's Anglican and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The program runs every Sunday from the first Sunday in November to last Sunday in March at the Glenview Presbyterian Church at 1 Glenview Avenue. The Blessed Sacrament Church is responsible for the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month. Volunteers are needed to prepare NUT FREE desserts that are easy to carry away like muffins, cookies, brownies, squares, etc. Desserts can be dropped off at Glenview Presbyterian Church on Sundays at 4pm during this period. In addition, donations for NEW socks, mittens, gloves, and undergarments are always welcome as well. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to this year's Out of the Cold leaders. 2nd Sunday: Sandra Girard and Nina Spinosa at ootc.secondsunday@gmail.com. 3rd Sunday: Ann Marie and Bill Rosenitsch at annmarieroz@gmail.com.

**The Angel Tree**—Our special tree is adorned with angels, each representing families less fortunate with a wish for Christmas. We will be supporting the St. Felix Centre for the street people and the Good Shepherd Refuge. You are invited to select an angel from the Tree beginning this weekend and purchase gift certificates. Please leave them in the box under the tree by **Sunday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> or bring to the parish office.** For more information please call the parish office.



**Life Teen** launched this weekend. LIFE TEEN is a program that strengthens our high school teens' Catholic identity while rooting them firmly in Christ and in His Church. Calling all teens from Gr.9-12. We will begin the night with Mass at 4:30, followed by a communal dinner and topic discussions. Registration forms will be available online [bsccyouth.com](http://bsccyouth.com), and in the Loretto Room this week. Bring your form, and a friend or two to Life Teen on December 14. Registration is FREE. If you are a young adult or older and feel called to volunteer, be a witness to our teens, please fill out the volunteer form in the Loretto Room, or contact me personally via e-mail. All information will be available on the website and in the Loretto Room!

**There will be confessions 15 minutes before each SUNDAY Mass beginning  
Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and going to Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
For the season of Advent**

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting for all Altar Servers at 10:30 am – noon in the parish hall. Lunch will be served. Anyone wishing to be an Altar Server is also encouraged to attend. Training will be provided**



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