

# 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

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## Communion Reflection

### *The Bird of Hope .....*

Hope is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul,  
And sings the tune without the words,  
And never stops at all.  
And sweetest in the gale is heard;  
And sore must be the storm  
That could abash the little bird  
That keeps so many warm.  
I've heard it in the chilliest land,  
And on the strangest sea;  
Yet, never, in extremity,  
It asked a crumb of me. (Emily Dickinson)



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

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*St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp  
Burns in memory of  
John Wilson*

## **Masses of Intentions**

**Monday** – McDaniel Family (INT) / Mary & Charles Carver (INT)  
**Tuesday** – John Beck + / Fred, Gertrude & Gerry Byrne +  
**Wednesday** – Mario Bazzocchi + / Joseph Dowdall +  
**Thursday** – Rodrigo Bernal + / Giuseppina Gagliano +  
**Friday** - Elvira Longo + / Concetta Pompeo + / T. J. Antony + / Jose Rama + / Ermelinda Docimo + / Maria De Pasquale + / Vincenzo De Pasquale +

## **Please keep in your prayers the sick:**

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

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

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

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

**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.*

Andre de Haan, the co-chair of the Finance Council gave an excellent presentation last weekend of our financial situation at Blessed Sacrament. I thank him along with all the members of our council, Michael Cavanagh, Michael Lay, Terry Leon, Patty Pilon, Paul Honeyford our Property Manager and Agnes Ahn our Bookkeeper. Special thanks to Don Langil, who recently stepped down after close to 30 years of service.

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

**St. Edward the Confessor Parish will be celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> with a Mass at 7:00 pm followed by a festival in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome.**

**Scripture : Isaiah 11.1-10, Romans 15.4-9, Matthew 3.1-2**

# December 8, 2019

*Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. (1 Corinthians 16.13-14)*

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Advent Day of Confession

Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

For all other times please come to the parish office

### Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

(NO 8:30 am Mass)

*Children's Liturgy 4:30 pm*

Masses: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm & 12 Midnight

### Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Masses: 8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am

### Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

#### St. Stephan Day

Mass: 10:00 am

### Solemnity of Mary

New Years Eve, Tuesday,

December 31<sup>st</sup>

(NO 8:30 am Mass)

Vigil Mass - 4:30 pm

New Year's Day, Wednesday,

January 1<sup>st</sup>

Masses: 10:00 am & 11:30 am

(NO 8:30 am Mass)

Parish Office Christmas Hours  
Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – Closed from noon to 2:30 pm

Closed Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at noon

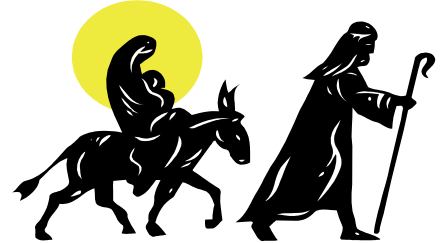
Closed Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Closed Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

Closed Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at noon

Closed Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

**ATTN: Altar Servers** - please sign up for the Mass that you will be serving at on Christmas and New Year's Day in the Loretto Room.



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.



### 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

On Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm the **Victoria Scholars** will perform a Christmas concert here at Blessed Sacrament. Followed by a reception in the parish hall. Tickets will be available at the door or on-line at [www.victoriascholars.ca](http://www.victoriascholars.ca)

There will be confessions 15 minutes before each SUNDAY Mass beginning Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
For the season of Advent



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