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prepare the way...

4th Sunday of Advent



Communion Reflection

Count your blessings instead of your crosses,
Count your gains instead of your losses,
Count your joys instead of your woes,
Count your friends instead of your foes,
Count your courage instead of your fears,
Count your laughs instead of your tears,
Count your full years instead of your lean,
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean,
Count your health instead of your wealth,
Count on God instead of yourself.

St. Joseph Vigil Lamp

Burns in memory of

Hernando-Saledad Pabon

St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp

Burns for the intentions of

Susan Brett

Masses of Intentions

Monday – Allan Smart + / Cosimo Puseter +/ Sheila & Jamie Creaghan +

Tuesday –Christmas Eve

Wednesday –Christmas Day

Thursday – 10:00 am – Jack Fennel + / Anthony De Bruin +

Friday - Kevin Greer + / Steve Humeniuk + / Barbara Clark (INT)

Please keep in your prayers the sick:

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

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

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 Recycle your outdated envelopes.** If you did not pick up your 2019 envelopes, your name was removed from the envelope list so please pick a new box up in the Loretto Room.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.

Prepare a Home - Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, anticipation, preparation and longing. Advent is a natural time to get involved at home and directly connect with worship at church. In the church each Sunday during Advent the focus is leading to the birth of Jesus. Some families decorate the house for the beginning of Advent, or bake special cookies or treats, or simply begin to use table coverings for meals. All of these provide opportunities to teach children the significance of this sacred time, and to remind ourselves of it as well. We live in a world in which bigger and better define our expectations for much of life. We have become so infatuated by super-size, super stars, and high definition that we tend to view life through a lens that so magnifies what we expect out of the world that we tend not to see potential in small things.

This year Robert Pilon will be spending Christmas with his family in Whitehorse. Bishop Hector Vila will be enjoying his wonderful voice this Christmas Eve. We wish Robert, Patty and his family a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

There will be no Childrens Liturgy until Sunday, January 12th.

GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE – in need of Casseroles, recipes and pans are available at the bottom of the south stairs to the parish hall. Community volunteer hours will be given to grade 7 Confirmation students and high school students.

Scripture : Isaiah 7.10-14, Romans 1.1-7, Matthew 1.18-24

December 22, 2019

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. (Matthew 2.10)

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24th

(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 25th

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

Thursday, December 26th

St. Stephan Day

Mass: 10:00 am

Solemnity of Mary

New Years Eve, Tuesday,

December 31st

(NO 8:30 am Mass)

Vigil Mass - 4:30 pm

New Year's Day, Wednesday,

January 1st

Masses: 10:00 am & 11:30 am

(NO 8:30 am Mass)

Closed Tuesday, December 24th at **noon**

Closed Wednesday, December 25th

Closed Thursday, December 26th

Closed Tuesday, December 31st at **noon**

Closed Wednesday, January 1st

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 and purchase gift certificates. Please leave them in the box under the tree by **Sunday Dec 22nd** or bring to the parish office. For more information please call the parish office.



The Christmas Mass on TV

For those who cannot make it to church, please join the Catholic Community this Christmas. Watch the Daily TV Mass: **Christmas Eve** on VisionTV at 9:00 pm ET yesTV at 10:00 pm ET

Christmas Day at 8:00 am and 12:00 pm ET on VisionTV
11:00 pm ET on Salt + Light 1:00 pm on yesTV
You can also watch on the web at www.dailymass.com

Parking - We understand the difficulty of finding parking (especially in the winter) but please do not block our neighbours' driveways, it is illegal as well as a danger to the people in emergency situations. Please make sure when parking on the streets around the church that there is room for emergency vehicles to get by safely. The Toronto Police asked if parishioners would park on streets west of Duplex, on Yonge Street or Lawrence. Also note that there is a parking place for WHEELCHAIR PARKING ONLY on the north side of Cheritan close to Yonge Street. If you park there without a permit you can be fined a minimum of \$250. Thanks, Fr. Larry

On Monday, December 23rd 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 Tickets are \$30 or \$25 for students & Seniors www.victoriascholars.ca

During Advent there will be confessions 15 minutes before all Masses concluding with Sunday, December 22nd



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