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Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

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Celebration of The Eucharist

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Thursday: 12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month
By appointment only.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

Parish School

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC. 10, 2023



Dec. 12th – Dec. 16th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Palmina Iacobelli †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Lucia Shen †

Thurs. Noon – Winston & Christina Ferguson †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. – Tak Hing Wong †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Esdras & Josephine Mendez †

READINGS FOR – Dec. 17th

1st Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11

2nd Reading: Thess. 5.16-24

Gospel: John 1.6-8, 19-28



Christmas Mass Schedule

DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE

REGULAR MASSES AT

9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

07:00 P.M.

10:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY

09:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 31ST NEW YEAR'S EVE

REGULAR MASSES AT

9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

04:30 P.M.

JANUARY 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY

09:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.



DAY OF CONFESSION

Father Anthony will be available for confessions on: **Tuesday December 19**

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Prepare the way of the Lord..."

"The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." In twelve words St. Mark sums up the initiation of the greatest event that ever occurred in our human history, an event whose culmination would be not on earth but in heaven. God fulfilled the plan he had for us when creation began. He raised us up to the dignity of divine sonship by the Incarnation. The eternal Son of God "humbled himself" and joined our human nature to his divinity, thus making us his brothers and sisters capable of sharing with him the eternal kingdom of his Father. Mark's story was, in fact, the greatest "good news" that man had ever received on earth. It is still the greatest, most astounding and, at the same time, most consoling new for us today. Let each one of us ask himself today: am I for Christ or against him? Am I on the road to heaven or am I facing in the opposite direction?

We hear about the coming "Day of Christ", and meet the character of John the Baptist. Just as once before he "prepared the way" for the coming of Christ, so today he does the same for us. Our hearts should be open to his voice, as he calls us to repentance and asks us to make the way straight for the coming of our Lord.

For some of us, that might mean committing more time to prayer each day, even in the midst of the December hustle and bustle. Perhaps for others it means giving the gift of presence to someone who is lonely or housebound in this festive season. Maybe it is even something as simple as making a conscious effort to treat the harried cashier with courtesy and respect. In today's celebration, prophetic voices reach out to us across the centuries. As we continue our Advent journey, may we have ears to hear their words and hearts to heed their call.



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*



CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS COLLECTION FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting grocery store gift cards after each Mass until December 17th. For those who are not able to purchase gift cards your cash donation will be accepted. We kindly ask for \$25.00 denomination. As we prepare for the coming of our Saviour, let us keep in mind those who are less fortunate and need our assistance through the holidays. **Please place your cards or donation into the gift card basket at the back of the church that will be attended by a member of the Knights.** You can still donate gift cards even if you did not pick up a tag.

PROTEIN FOR THE POOR

During Advent, the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations with their annual "PROTEIN FOR THE POOR."

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CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass next weekend (Dec.16&17). Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.



CWL ANNUAL WINE & CHEESE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DECEMBER 11th

Ladies of the CWL are invited to our annual Wine & Cheese Christmas Social (Meeting) on Monday, December 11th, beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm. We request that everyone bring a \$10 gift card (Walmart, Tim Hortons, Shoppers Drug Mart) for the women in the St. Clare Women's Shelter.

POINSETTIAS

Orders will be ready for pick-up this weekend after each Mass.



UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZES

284737	284736	284177
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USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE LEPROSY MISSION OF CANADA



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