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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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC. 01, 2024



Dec. 3rd – Dec. 7th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Kevin Yung Sp. Int.
Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Tak Hing Wong †
Thurs. Noon - Manuel D’Souza †
Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Francis Kwong †
Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Mary D’Souza – Sp. Int.

READINGS FOR – Dec. 8th

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2
Gospel: Luke 21.25-28, 34-36



ADVENT TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday December 3rd
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm.

As we prepare for Advent, join us to pray, read scripture, sing and meditate in silence and God’s presence that welcomes deeper hope and healing.



CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS COLLECTION FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting **grocery store gift cards** after each Mass until December 15th. 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.



First Sunday of Advent

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“Be alert at all times, praying ... to escape all these things ... and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Today we begin the new liturgical year. We will spend the year, like every liturgical year, following the life of Jesus from the time of John the Baptist’s preaching to the great salvific events of Jesus’ Passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension and giving of the Holy Spirit. Each liturgical season helps us meditate upon and pray over the life of Jesus, whom we strive to imitate as disciples.

Today’s Gospel paints a frightening picture of huge natural calamities heralding the end. We pray not to have to live through such events. Similarly, as Advent progresses, we will hear the call of John the Baptist to repent and amend our ways. Being honest with our sinfulness in the face of such preaching can be depressing.

But do not stop at the frightening side of these modes of preparing ourselves. Realize that we are being called to look beyond them to see the light, the beauty of God’s promise. “Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Our Redeemer is coming; indeed, he is in our midst. Regardless of what we must go through, whether it be disaster or the slavery of sin, our merciful and loving God is waiting to wrap warm and tender arms around us, the in-God’s-only-Son Beloved.

What better occasion could we have for taking a serious, sincere look at ourselves and at our attitude to life and the things of this life, than this Advent period. If we can welcome the humble Babe of Bethlehem at Christmas with a sincere and open heart—a heart grateful for all the gifts already given us, and sorrowful for all the meanness and thanklessness we have shown in the past, we can trust and hope that the second and glorious coming of Christ will not be for us a catastrophe but rather the culmination of all our dearest hopes and desires—the beginning of a never-ending Christmas of happiness and joy.



The ladies of the CWL are most grateful to all of our parishioners who so generously supported our Christmas Bazaar. It was very successful in so many ways but most especially that we had the opportunity to spend time together. All proceeds will go to charities that the CWL is actively involved with. We extend our blessings for a peaceful and joyous Christmas.



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CWL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

DECEMBER 7th and 8th

Please join us in the hall for some delicious Christmas goodies. We would appreciate donations of baked goods too. Please drop off your baked goods after 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 7th or before all Masses on Sunday, December 8th. Please list your ingredients for those who may have food allergies/gluten & dairy sensitivities. The proceeds are donated to the many charities the CWL supports. Thank you.



FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Your donation is appreciated as we prepare for the Christmas season.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2025

Boxed sets for 2025 envelopes are ready for distribution. If you are not currently using parish envelopes and wish to have a set, please complete a form. Some parishioners have been assigned a new number. Please do not use 2025 envelopes until the New Year and kindly ask **please DO NOT** use envelopes from previous years. This will ensure that tax receipts are accurate. You may wish to consider pre-authorized giving. To make changes to personal information, please inform the office to update your records in writing.



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