

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

In light of public Mass cancellations in the Cathedral, our priests will celebrate private daily Masses for the intentions of our parishioners including those previously offered.

Monday, November 30: St. Andrew the Apostle

Charlene Lawrence-Gopaul (D)
Mihaela Marcou (D)
John & Maria Badiu (D)
Betty & Al Kachurowski (D)
Rosanna & Brendan Moore (I)
Jose Palma (D)

Tuesday, December 1

Ernest Murphy (D)
Walter Reimann (D)
Rosanna & Brendan Moore (I)
Kirk Family (I)
Lo Family (I)
Marlene Gomez (I)

Wednesday, December 2

Carmela Campanon (D)
Honorio Bolivar-Diaz Senior (D)
Jessie Icatar (D)
Jaylen Bryce Pen Garay (I)
For the repose of the souls of those laid to rest in our Catholic Cemeteries
Dionsia & Benita Apolinario (D)

Thursday, December 3: St. Francis Xavier

Brian Hamer (D)
Andreina Arayata (D)
Wubica Ilic (D)
Angela Ann Martija (D)
Elena Lopez (D)
Joseph Gagat (D)

Friday, December 4

Manolo Catalan (D)
Antonio Tumlos Sr (D)
Antonio Tumlos Jr (D)
Felixberto Catalan Sr (D)
Maria Giuliana Giugovaz (I)
Bernard Macharia (I)

Saturday, December 5

Rudy Petzke (D)
Mary Anne Millson (D)
Concordia Escueta (D)
Thomas Bark (I)
Millson Family (I)

MEMORIAL LAMP TRANSEPTS

<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>Immaculate Heart</u>
Arthur & Yolande Gregorio (D)	Diego Liut (D)
Rev. Favin Alemao & Family (I)	The Lie & Leong Family (D)
Rev. Favin Alemao (I)	Lidya, Andi & Family (I)

REFLECTING ON THE MEANING OF STEWARDSHIP IN TODAY'S READINGS

Advent is a time of preparation that invites us to rouse from our sleep and prepare for the Lord's coming. One great way to prepare for His coming is to seek God's cleansing healing in the sacrament of Confession. Let us strive to be reconciled with God and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.

ORGAN PRELUDE/POSTLUDE

Preludes:

Prelude-Improvisation on Veni Emmanuel - Arthur Egerton

Six Fantasies on Hymn Tunes, Op. 72 - Kenneth Leighton
5. Veni Emmanuel (O Come, O Come Emmanuel)

Postlude

Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel" - Adolphus Hailstork

LIVESTREAMING

For those who are unable to attend morning Mass in person, please join us from home for the livestream from **Monday - Saturday at 7:30AM** and on **Sunday at 10AM**.

GIFT STORE

While the Cathedral Gift Store remains closed due to COVID-19, you are still able to make purchases! If you would like to purchase any items that you see on display, please take a photo of the item, and attach the picture to an email addressed to:
cathedral@stmichaelscathedral.com.

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE

Capacity Limit Announcement - November 2020

We want to thank all the parishioners of St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica for their ongoing support during this period of great uncertainty. It has been wonderful to see so many of you at Mass since we re-opened in June. We are especially grateful to the volunteers who have helped ensure our church is a safe place to gather – they have done incredible work!

As you know, the number of new COVID-19 cases in the Greater Toronto Area have increased significantly in recent days and, at present, Toronto and Peel Regions are in the "Lockdown Stage" as identified by the Province of Ontario. In addition, Premier Ford announced on November 20, 2020 special emergency measures that need to be taken in our area.

For this reason, **as of Monday, November 23rd, we must restrict attendance inside the church to 10 people**, including a staff member/volunteer to monitor capacity restrictions. Sadly, due to these measures, **public Masses must be temporarily cancelled**. Priests will continue to celebrate private Mass daily for the intentions of parishioners and for those suffering from Covid-19.

Our church will remain **open for private prayer** as follows:

- **Monday to Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.**
- **Sunday from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be by appointment only starting November 23rd at this email address: confession@stmichaelscathedral.com. Please be assured that for your privacy, this mailbox will be monitored only by a parish priest. **Weddings, funerals, and baptisms will now be restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry.** First Holy Communion and Confirmations are postponed at this time.

While I recognize it is not a substitute for attending Mass in person, I encourage you to view online/livestream/televised Masses. A full list is available at www.archtoronto.org.

Also, all non-essential meetings in the parish will move to virtual meetings or they may be postponed. Our staff will be working remotely in large part wherever possible.

Our parish office will be open only on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., by appointment only.

We thank you for your continued financial support of our parish during this difficult time, especially through your use of offertory envelopes and/or Pre-Authorized Giving.

We recognize these measures are extremely challenging. So many of the faithful rely on the reception of the sacraments and our churches to find solace, peace and support during this period of pandemic. Despite these new restrictions, we will make every effort to continue our outreach to you. We also ask that you find opportunities to assist those who are vulnerable or alone among us.

We will continue to update you as the situation evolves. **Please visit the parish website at www.stmichaelscathedral.com for the latest updates.** We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. May God continue to bless you now and always!

In Christ,



Rev. Edward J. Curtis

ADVENT RETREAT WITH ARCHBISHOP RICHARD SMITH

Saturday, December 5, 2020

10:30 am

Online Event

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY THE NEWMAN CENTRE

Newman Centre Catholic Mission invites you to join our Advent retreat with the Most Reverend Richard Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton. He was ordained on May 23, 1987 and pursued further studies in theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, earning a Licence in 1993 and a Doctorate in 1998. He was installed as the seventh archbishop of Edmonton on May 1, 2007. There will be two 30-minute talks with a chance to mingle virtually. Donations gratefully accepted towards the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Holy Rosary Church.

REGISTER: <https://adventretreat2020.eventbrite.ca>

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HUMANITARIAN RELIEF – PHILIPPINES RELIEF EFFORT

Most recently, Typhoon Vamco (known locally as Ulysses) struck the Philippines on **Wednesday, November 11, 2020**, killing 67 people and displacing about 325,000 others from their homes. This was just 10 days after Super Typhoon Goni (known locally as Rolly), one of the strongest typhoons ever recorded, damaged almost 25,000 homes in the Philippines.

The Archdiocese of Toronto has partnered with Development and Peace – Caritas Canada to help the people of the Philippines. Caritas is working to provide essential emergency needs for 9,750 people affected by the typhoons in provinces of Catanduanes and Albay, Philippines. At this time, we ask the faithful to [please donate to the Philippines relief effort](#), if they are able:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website (click on the “[Donate Now](#)” button at the top of the page): www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Philippines Relief Effort – Disaster Relief

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY LAY FORMATION PROGRAM – ADVENT RETREAT: IMITATION OF CHRIST

Saturday, December 12, 2020

9:30 am

Online Event

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus. We remember His first coming and we prepare for His second coming. There is, however, the time in between where we are called to be Christ-like, preparing to receive Him in our hearts. This retreat will provide time for reflection on how to be like Christ in our day-to-day lives. Presented by Dr. Josephine Lombardi.

COST: \$25

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