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 Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.
 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 8:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.
 Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - 7:00 P.M.
 Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after Devotions
 Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30-4:00 905-881-2786

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First Sunday of Advent



As a religious season, **Advent** has many themes and distinctive qualities. It speaks of darkness and light, despair and hope, anxiety and joy, waiting and arrival. Isaiah is the prophet of Advent and he conveys to us in the first reading Israel’s long wait for the coming of the Messiah. This is a lament and a profound plea for help, which was slow in coming.

While in exile, the people’s constant prayer was that the Lord would break the heavens open and come down to save them. The celebration of Christ’s entry into our world on the first Christmas Day was the fulfillment of that promise. The arrival of Christ in our midst after a long period of anxious waiting is reason enough to feel hopeful, as it is a sure guarantee that he will come again. The gospel encourages us to keep this in view, with its stern and direct message to make a conscious effort to ready ourselves for the coming of the day of the Lord.

The Message:

This week, in the first Sunday of Advent, the Lord urges us to be vigilant as we await the day of his second coming: “Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.” (Mark 13:33) As we approach the end of the liturgical year and coming to the end of the calendar year, the end of all things is being brought before our minds and hearts.

In Depth:

Humanity has been concerned about this problem from the earliest days. What prompted this interest? I would wager it has something to do with the painful and dark quality of the world – plagues, famines, sickness, the threat of invasion, corruption in high places.

But, perhaps, also the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. This extraordinary event convinced the early Christians that the world as they knew it was ending. And in a real sense, they were right. The Resurrection meant a cosmic realignment, a redirection.

And the Lord urges us to be vigilant: “May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

From recently canonized saint, St. John Henry Newman about these words from Our Lord:

Our Saviour gave this warning when he was leaving this world – leaving it, that is, as far as his visible presence is concerned. He looked forward to the many hundred years which were to pass before he came again. He knew his own purpose and his Father’s purpose gradually to leave the world to itself, gradually to withdraw from it the tokens of his gracious presence....In this text, he mercifully whispers into our ears, not to trust in what we see, not to share in the general unbelief [around us], not to be carried away by the world, but to “beware, keep alert,” and look out for his coming.

As we prepare for the Christmas Season, let us focus our attention and give time during this Season of Advent to prepare our hearts and minds, in great and joyful anticipation for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Reflect:

In what ways are you “sleeping” and not being “watchful” for the end, either your own death or the Second Coming?

Alan Lee Hoy, *Youth Minister*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Deceased members of the Ng Family
Tuesday	Soul of Ernest Valiquette Soul of Margaret Hanna Soul of Rajpat Kwall Soul of Erica Rego Deceased members of the Donnelly & Heaney Families
Wednesday	Soul of Ed Houlahan
Thursday	Soul of Lucy Kok Moey Chin
Friday	Soul of Delfin Pascua

Please pray for the sick in our community, especially:

Tony da Camara Jr., Jairus Papio, Nicholas Lepone, Marita Salvosa, Mary Holt, Angie Cappriccio, Austin Delaney, Edana Pelliccione, Angela Missaghian, Rosalina Bustamante, Claude & Rebecca Hau, Stuart Wright and baby Rebecca Grace Silva

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250

Points to Consider Before Coming to Weekend Mass

1. **Our washrooms are closed.**
2. Masks or face coverings are now mandatory.
3. Sanitizer is required when **entering** the Parish. You are welcome to use your own sanitizer but please apply it in front of our greeters.
4. An usher will escort you to the next available seat.
5. Please stay in your seat once seated except for communion.
6. **Please no singing during mass.**
7. Communion is still being distributed in the hand only.
8. There will be no collection during mass. Offerings may be left in the baskets in the narthex or you can donate on-line or drop off in the mailbox at the north doors.
9. No handshakes during the sign of peace.
10. No touching of statues.
11. Holy water fonts will be empty.
12. Bulletins are now available but are not permitted in the sanctuary. Please pick up a copy on your way out.
13. You are welcome to contact the Parish office on weekdays to purchase Missals, Mass Cards or if you require Holy Water refills.
14. Most areas of the parish building remain closed including the hall, our washrooms, the kitchen and the north entrance. Please do not enter any of these areas without permission.
15. When mass is over we ask that you leave the building immediately to permit sanitizing for the next mass.
16. Please follow the directions of our ushers and volunteers at all times. Thank you for your patience.
17. Due to limited spacing, please only attend mass once each weekend.
18. If you are not feeling well, please do not come to the parish.

MASKS

Masks or face coverings are mandatory **inside** all public places in York Region. Upon entering the parish building, please wear a mask or face covering and wear it correctly – **covering your mouth, nose and chin** for the duration of time you are in the parish.

If for any reason you are unable to wear a mask or face covering, please do not enter the parish.

The Little Blue Book of daily Advent devotions is now available for purchase in the narthex after mass or contact the office during the week. **\$4.00**

Good Shepherd Casserole Program

The Good Shepherd Casserole Program remains suspended due to the COVID-19 virus, however bagged lunches are still being prepared to help feed the many hungry people in Toronto. Your donations of **Mayonnaise, Mustard, Canned Tuna, Peanut Butter, Bottled Water, Small Juice Boxes, Sliced Bread and Individually Wrapped Cookies** are greatly appreciated. Please bring your donations to the parish North West doors by the office.



St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Baskets

As we prepare to enter the Christmas 2020 season and the end of a very challenging year for so many, we are constantly reminded of the less fortunate and how we can make a difference in their lives. Specially marked envelopes are available in the narthex for donations to the **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket** program. Your generous donations assist in providing gift cards to needy families in our community, enabling them to participate in this joyous season. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, December 6th. Thank you for your continued support.

* Tax receipts will be issued by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

2021 DONATION ENVELOPES

The 2021 donation envelopes are available for pickup. Please let Lois know your envelope number on your way into mass & they will be available in the narthex on your way out. You can also contact the office to pickup during the week.



ADVENT CANDLES

We have a few Advent candles left for purchase for \$5.00. See Lois in the narthex this weekend after mass.

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