



# FIRST SUNDA OF ADVENT (Year C)

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul".



As Saint John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: "Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance." This 'vigilance' means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living 'wait'. To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles in today's reading to the Romans: "Besides this, you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Rm 13:11). We must start our journey to ascend to the mountain of the Lord, to be illuminated by His Words of peace and to allow Him to indicate the path to tread (Is 2:1-5).



The Church encourages us to be vigilant as we prepare to celebrate Christmas once again.

We are called to remember God's first coming into the world as man and to await His return at the end of our individual lives and at the end of time.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Through the sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into the Church:



**Kingston Isabelle Grant**  
**Kaspian David Korolczuk-Smith**  
**Matias Gabriel Borowiecki Cirinos**  
**Alexander Matteo Kowalski**

We wish the parents and godparents of the newly baptized, God's blessing and protection of Our Lady of Ludzmiierz for every day.

### PRAYING THE HOLY ROSARY



We invite all parishioners to pray the Holy Rosary on **weekdays from Monday to Friday at 6:15 p.m.** This week, the Holy Rosary Society, Praying Group 11 – St. Therese of Lisieux, will lead the Rosary.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

"Take the road less travelled" – take the first step to building an intimate relationship with Jesus. Offer your time to the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. More info: Beata Konieczna at 905-878-7407 or 647-403-7407.

### POPE'S MISSIONARY INTENTIONS – December

For pilgrims of hope

"We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

### FIRST THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY

This week is the first Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the month:

**Thursday** – Eucharistic Devotion

**Friday** - Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Saturday** - Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

### ADVENT RETREAT AND RECONCILIATION

We cordially invite you to the Advent Retreat, which will take place from **December 19 to 22**. Fr Krzysztof Budzikowski, an OMI missionary from Ukraine, will lead this year's retreat.

#### The Advent Reconciliation Service (confession)

with the participation of many priests, will take place as follows:

**Tuesday, Dec 17 at 7 pm**

**St Eugene de Mazenod Parish**

**Wednesday, Dec 18 at 6 pm**

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish**

**Sunday, Dec 22, from 3 to 5 pm**

**St. Casimir's Parish**

**Sunday, Dec 22 at 4 pm**

**St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish (Hamilton)**

**Monday, Dec 23 at 6 pm**

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish**

*Please note that this will be the last opportunity before Christmas.*

### ADVENT DAWN MASS 2024

**Adults:** Monday to Saturday: Lauds at 6:40 am. The "Rorate" Mass at 7:00 am.

**Children:** Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 pm

*During our advent retreat, there will be no "Rorate" Masses (Dec 19, 20)*

### CONSISTORY OF ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates Pope Francis's announcement **elevating Archbishop Francis Leo to the College of Cardinals**. We extend our prayers and best wishes to him and the new cardinals worldwide. Parishioners are invited to pray for Archbishop Leo and those who will be elevated by Pope Francis on December 8, 2024.

### THE CEREMONY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Novena to the Immaculate Conception will start on Friday, November 29

On Sunday, **Dec 8, 2024**, The Rosary Society and the Domestic Church invite you to the "Time with the Immaculate."

12:30 - Holy Mass

13:30 - Conference – Fr. Marcin Mironiuk, OMI

13:45 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and adoration

14:30 – Everyone is invited to a Pot-Luck gathering at

Our Lady of Ludzmiierz house House.



### BLESSING OF "OPLATEK", CANDLES AND CHRISTMAS EVE DECORATIONS

On **Sunday, December 15**, after each Holy Mass., there will be a blessing of "Oplatek", candles and Christmas Eve table decorations.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Upcoming events:

- Calendars for 2025
- Christmas Eve "Oplatek"
- Sale of Pierogies – **December 15**, The Youth Group
- Sale of Baked Goods – **December 22**, Friends of the Oblate Missions
- Christmas Lawn Signs – **December 15 and 22**, K of C

### MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY

Couples celebrating their 5 – 70 wedding anniversaries will have an opportunity to renew their wedding vows on the Feast of the Holy Family, **December 29<sup>th</sup> during 12:30 pm Mass**. Those wishing to participate are asked to visit the Parish Office or the Sacristy.



### AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE WORD OF GOD

On **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, from 3:00 pm. to 5:00 pm.**, youth from our parish are invited to an Encounter with the Word of God in the spirit of Lectio Divina. The meeting will be held in the St. Anthony room. For more information, please contact Sister Anna.

### COMING SOON...

**December 01** – Beginning of Advent

**December 08** – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**December 19-22** – Advent retreat

### CHRISTMAS HELP FOR MADAGASCAR

Friends of the Oblate Missions invite you to participate in the Advent campaign to help those in need in Madagascar. A donation of \$10, \$15 or \$30 will help the poorest survive the months of drought and give joy to children from the received Christmas gifts.

### REGISTRATION TO THE PARISH / CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please inform the parish office if you have recently changed your address. We encourage those who joined our community to sign up formally (after notifying the current parish about the change). Registration and address change forms are available at [www.demazenod.org](http://www.demazenod.org) and the parish office. The filled-out forms can be folded in the office or put in the basket during the collection.

### ENVELOPES FOR 2025

If you have never taken advantage of using offertory envelopes for donations and would like to receive a set for the upcoming year, please place your name and information on the list provided on the table in the church narthex. Envelopes for 2025 will be available starting December 8, 2024, in the hall of St. Anthony.

### MEETINGS

- St. Eugene's Young Adults (SEYA; ages 19-35) - Mondays at 8:00 pm.
- The youth group (ages 14-19) – Fridays at 8:00 p.m. St Wojciech Room
- Scouts – Tuesdays from 6 to 8 pm.
- “Catholic Moms” – starting in January 2025

### OUR LADY OF LUDZMIERZ HOUSE

We would like to inform you that the keys to the house of Our Lady of Ludzmiertz have recently been changed.

### WHEELCHAIRS

If you would like to request a wheelchair, please contact the parish office at 905-451-1422.

### WINTER JACKETS FOR CHILDREN

The Knights of Columbus distributes winter jackets to children ages five and older. For more information, please get in touch with Tomasz Gronau at 647-406-5938



### Parish Convivial Gathering “Oplatek”

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 1:45 pm  
Millennium Garden Banquet Centre

We invite the whole community to our annual “Christmas Oplatek”.  
The program includes prayer, lunch, carolling and artistic performances.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the back of the church, starting  
Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, and during the week in the parish office.

**\*\*Please note: The number of tickets is limited\*\***

### MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED BY OBLATES

We accept the intention of having masses celebrated by missionaries in various countries worldwide. This is one way of supporting the Missionary Oblates in their ministry. Those interested should contact the parish office.

#### November/December Gregorian Mass

- † Cezary Siemieradzki
- † Ryszard Belz – Sister with Family

### PILGRIMAGES TO...

Medjugorje with the Warriors of Mary, April 21 – 30, 2025.  
Please contact Marzena at 647-284-1631 or Małgorzata at 416-859-8469.

American Częstochowa with the Rosary Society, May 9-11, 2025.  
Please contact Halina Polowczyk at 905-216-2762

### COFFEE AND DONUTS

- December 1<sup>st</sup> – The Youth Group
- December 8<sup>th</sup> – The Rosary Society
- December 15<sup>th</sup> – Kropeczki
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> – The Missionary Group
- December 29<sup>th</sup> – The Rosary Society

### CHURCH CLEANING

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – The Knights of Columbus  
Volunteers are asked to contact Aleksandra Kaszkur at 647-830-8364.

### OUR THANKS AND GRATITUDE

We would like to thank those who have recently worked at our parish:

- Garden** – Palczewski Family, J. Grochowski
- Church** – S. Kolanowski, M. Turczynski, E. Snarski, W. Płomiński, A. Skalski
- Church Cleaning** – Families: Kaszkur, Thompson– Stokoe, and B. Sarkowicz, B. Lasota, M. Żbikowska, M. Sikora, U. Michalczuk, B. Pierzchlewska, P. Krsek, A. Dusza, Knights of Columbus
- Repair of the sink and plumbing issues in the MBL house and Saint's Antoni Hall** – Jan and Kamil Ćwik, Robert Szczecina
- Businesses** – EuroMax Foods and Price Chop Cleaners- thank you for your constant help in supporting our parish.

### THE CURRENT COST OF MAINTAINING THE PARISH

“Letter of Credit” Closing Cost	- \$62,000.00
Snow Removal from the property	- \$18,000.00
Cost of Insurance	- \$28,000.00
Cost of Electricity	- \$62,000.00
Total	\$170,000.00

**\*\*To date, \$10,405.00 was collected, representing 5.8% of the required amount. \*\***  
May God reward your generosity!

### THE SECOND COLLECTION

Today, the second collection will be taken for the current expenses of maintaining the parish.

Next week, the second collection will be taken for the Catholic media.

**May God reward your generosity!**

### OFFERINGS

Parish .....	\$ 9,257.00
Loan repayment .....	\$ 16,320.00

**May God reward your generosity!**

### MASS INTENTIONS AND DEVOTIONS

#### SATURDAY, November 30 – St. Andrew, the Apostle

- 8:30 – † Fr. Czeslaw – family
- 17:00 – † Stefania and Dominik Wojciechowski on the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of death
- 18:30 – † Andrzej Stryczula - wife with family

#### SUNDAY, December 1

- 8:00 – † For all those entered into the perpetual Mass Book
- 9:15 – *Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in English*
- 9:30 – † Marek Salapata on the 15 anniversary of death – wife with family
- 11:00 – For God's blessings and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Sister Michalina
- 12:15 – *Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in Polish*
- 12:30 – For all parishioners and benefactors
- 18:00 – † Jadwiga Keniksman – daughter with family

#### MONDAY, December 2

- 8:30 – † Barbara Wojs – residents of Villa Polonia
- 19:00 – † Marek Zbikowski – wife and daughter with family

#### TUESDAY, December 3

- 8:30 – † Barbara Wojs – residents of Villa Polonia
- 19:00 – † Jolanta Rejman Milczarek – husband and daughter

#### WEDNESDAY, December 4

- 8:30 – † Barbara Wojs – residents of Villa Polonia
- 19:00 – *Devotion to Our Lady of Ludzmiertz*  
– GROUP INTENTIONS

#### THURSDAY, December 5

- 8:30 – † Barbara Wojs – residents of Villa Polonia  
– *Eucharistic Devotion*
- 19:00 – For God's blessings for Natalia on her Birthday  
– *Eucharistic Devotion*

#### FRIDAY, December 6

- 8:30 – † Franciszka and Michal Wojcik – Anna  
– *Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*
- 19:00 – † Wanda and Czeslaw Kucharski  
– *Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

#### SATURDAY, December 7 – St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church

- 8:30 – For all members of the Rosary Society  
– *Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary*
- 17:00 – † Karolina Przybylo – daughter with family
- 18:30 – For all parishioners and benefactors

#### SUNDAY, December 8

- 8:00 – † Barbara Wieczorek – Jacek Morawa
- 9:15 – *Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in English*
- 9:30 – † For all the departed from the Stec and Goryszewki Families – Halina with family
- 11:00 – † Stanisława and Eugeniusz Skwiot and all the departed from the Trzaska and Skwiot Families – daughter Cecylia with family
- 12:15 – *Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in Polish*
- 12:30 – 1 - For the intention of the Missionary Oblate Fathers on their patronal day feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
2 - † Antoni Grzymka and Helena, Stanislaw and Zygmunt Gierczak - family
- 18:00 – † Zofia and Zygmunt Podgorski – daughter with family

### NEXT SUNDAY – The Second Sunday of Advent

- First Reading: Bar 5.1-9
- Responsorial Psalm: 126.1-2,3, 4-5, 6
- Second Reading: Phil 1.4-6, 8-11
- Gospel: Lk.21.25-28, 34-36