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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm
Sunday at 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm
Liturgy of the Word for Children: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Mass at 8:30 am
Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm Holy Hour, Mass 7:30 pm

CONFESSIONS: Saturday's 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

SCHOOLS

Fr. Fénelon Catholic Elementary School	795 Eyer Drive, Pickering, ON L1W 2K2	905-839-5409
St. Monica Catholic Elementary School	275 Twyn River Drive, Pickering ON L1V 1E3	905-509-6691
St. Mary Catholic Secondary School	1918 Whites Road, Pickering ON L1V 1R9	905-420-7166

Marriage: Marriage is a celebration of the Church. A Catholic is obliged to be married in the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish Office one year before the proposed date. At least one of the parties should be Catholic and registered in the Parish.

Baptism: Baptism is the first of all the Sacraments, and the gateway into the church. Parents, the first teachers, who solemnly promise to raise their child in the faith, should be registered members of the Parish and should attend a preparation program on effective ways to raise their child in the faith

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program of preparation and instruction designed to initiate those who desire to join the Catholic church, in its faith and its teaching. Participants meet on Wednesday every week from September until just after Easter. For information contact the Parish Office

MINISTRIES AND SERVICES IN OUR PARISH

Liturgical & Faith Formation Committees

Deacon Robert Partridge 905-839-9774

Dorothea Ritchie 905-509-2776

Finance Committee	Gerry Lee	647-998-0738	Pastoral Committee	Brian Reel	647-274-2631
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LITURGICAL AND FAITH FORMATION:

Altar Linens	Mary David & Virginia Beasley	905-839-9774
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	Dorothea Ritchie	905-509-2776
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)		
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Confirmation & First Communion		
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Liturgy of the Word for Children	Dorothea Ritchie	905-509-2776
RCIA	Parish Office	905-839-9774

PASTORAL:

Catholic Women's Guild	Patricia Beauvais	905-420-5665
Church Choirs:	Jamie Kettrick	905-213-5724
Collection Counters	Angela Kirby	905-839-9774
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Couples for Christ (Youth)	Fred Galano	416-708-9907
Cursillo	Shona O'Brien	647-529-5992
Foundations for Family Life	Jun Almeyda	905-428-3352
Gift Shop	Lear Cardoz	905-839-9774
Knights of Columbus	Rick Hemingway	416-268-9255
Legion of Mary	Inga Spinoti	416-880-1252
Provide-a-Meal (P.A.M.)	Stephanie Newitt	905-831-6525
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Alan Berlie	905-839-9774
St. Vincent Palotti's Kitchen	Mary Bridgeman	905-839-4762
Young Adults Ministry	Erica and Carlyn Figueiredo	hrpyoungadults@gmail.com

New Parishioners Welcome:

Please introduce yourself to Father and complete a registration form located at the back of the church.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 1ST 2019

ENTRANCE ANTIPHONA

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let me



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT : PREPARING OURSELVES FOR CHRIST

This Sunday marks the beginning of the beautiful season of Advent, a time to deepen our relationship with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to “keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.” This exhortation doesn’t imply that we are expected to never sleep, or sin, again, but that we must consistently strive to move from a life of running towards sin, to a life of running away from sin.

One tremendous way we can do this is to receive God’s merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is important to remember that the Lord eagerly and lovingly awaits to forgive us. The whole purpose of the Incarnation was for this reason, as St. John says in his first letter, “in this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.” Jesus became man for our salvation. In going to confession, we are enabling the Lord to fulfill His salvific mission in our lives which brings Him boundless joy.

This cleansing of our sins will greatly help us live out our lives as stewards by infusing all of our actions with the grace that flows from the sacrament. In order to receive the graces well, let us foster a sense of contrition for our sins, a firm purpose of amendment for our lives and a commitment to penance. All parishes in the Archdiocese will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions to make it easier for us to avail ourselves to this sacrament. Let us take this season of preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.

Summary

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Stewardship Bulletin Reflections from the Office of Formation for Discipleship Parish Vitality & Stewardship



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Throughout the year, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides assistance to our neighbours who are in need.

We thank all of you who so generously assist us in this mission.

At Christmas we hope to provide a little extra to our families in the community. If you can support this program by sponsoring a family, making a donation, or providing Gift Certificates (e.g. Wal-Mart) or Food Certificates (e.g. Freshco/Loblaws), please see one of the St. Vincent de Paul members in the foyer after Mass or put your donation in an envelope and drop it in our collection box. **Envelopes are stored near the collection boxes.** If you provide us with your full name and address, we will provide you with a tax receipt, as we do for identified contributions that you make throughout the year. We thank those of you who have already been able to direct the Christmas fundraising at your place of work to St. Vincent de Paul.

If your co-workers wish to sponsor a family or two, please speak with one of us in the foyer, or call the church office, and we will contact you. Every year we receive fabulous support from our parish schools.

We would be most pleased to accept your Christmas offerings
this weekend and next weekend (December 7/8).



ON (Psalm 24.1-3)

have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
none who hope in you be put to shame.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

YEAR "A" ISA 2.1-5; ROM 13.11-14; MATTHEW 24.37-44

P.A.M. (PROVIDE-A-MEAL)

The next casserole pick-up date is
Tuesday, December 3
from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
in the parish hall.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS: DECEMBER 6TH

*Please join the Young Adult
Ministry, in a special night of
worship, some scripture reading, a
short reflection, prayer, and quiet
adoration.*

Holy Hour at 6:30 P.M. | Mass 7:30 P.M.



1ST SATURDAY FATIMA

DEVOTION: DECEMBER 7TH
CONFESSION/ROSARY: 8:30AM
MASS: 9:00 AM



*Thank
You*

The parish gift shop extends to
the Knights of Columbus
gratitude and appreciation for
their donation that helped in the
purchasing of Nativity sets and
Ornaments from the Holy
Land. Thank you Council 11729

*Those looking for gifts this Christmas, drop by
the Gift Shop for beautiful handmade items.*



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

DINNER: MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
AT 6:30 P.M.

Ladies, our December Pot Luck will be held on
Monday December 9 at 6:30 pm. Bring your
favourite dish, cutlery, plates and Joy.

We are asking for money donations this year for
the Herizon House. Herizon House is a shelter
in Ajax for abused women and their children.

Don't forget your membership dues of \$15.00.



Mass Intentions THIS WEEK

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, November 30th: *Saint Andrew, Apostle*

5 p.m. + NELLA RODRIGUES

Sunday, December 1st

9 a.m. INT. BAWA & PAUL FAMILY

11 a.m. MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

5 p.m. INT. MARGARET GALANTE

Monday, December 2nd

8:30 a.m. INT. LEONARD DI NOVO (HEALING)

Tuesday, December 3rd: *Saint Frances Xavier, Priest*

8:30 a.m. + JOSE PUEY JR.

Wednesday, December 4th

7:30 p.m. + BARBARA PLESEC

Thursday, December 5th

8:30 a.m. + UNANNOUNCED

Friday, December 6th

8:30 a.m. + UNANNOUNCED

7:30 p.m. + VIJAY ANTHONY XAVIER

Saturday, December 7th

9 a.m. + UNANNOUNCED

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 7th: *Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor*

5 p.m. THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED:
NEGANDHI FAMILY

Sunday, December 8th

9 a.m. + PANFILO DEGUZMAN

11 a.m. MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

5 p.m. + GLORIA LOBO

Mass bookings are being taken from January to June 2020

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

To help us prepare spiritually for the birth of the Messiah.

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

For other days, please call the office to
schedule. Also check out the Archdiocese of
Toronto Website for Confession Dates at
parishes close to the area where you are!



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