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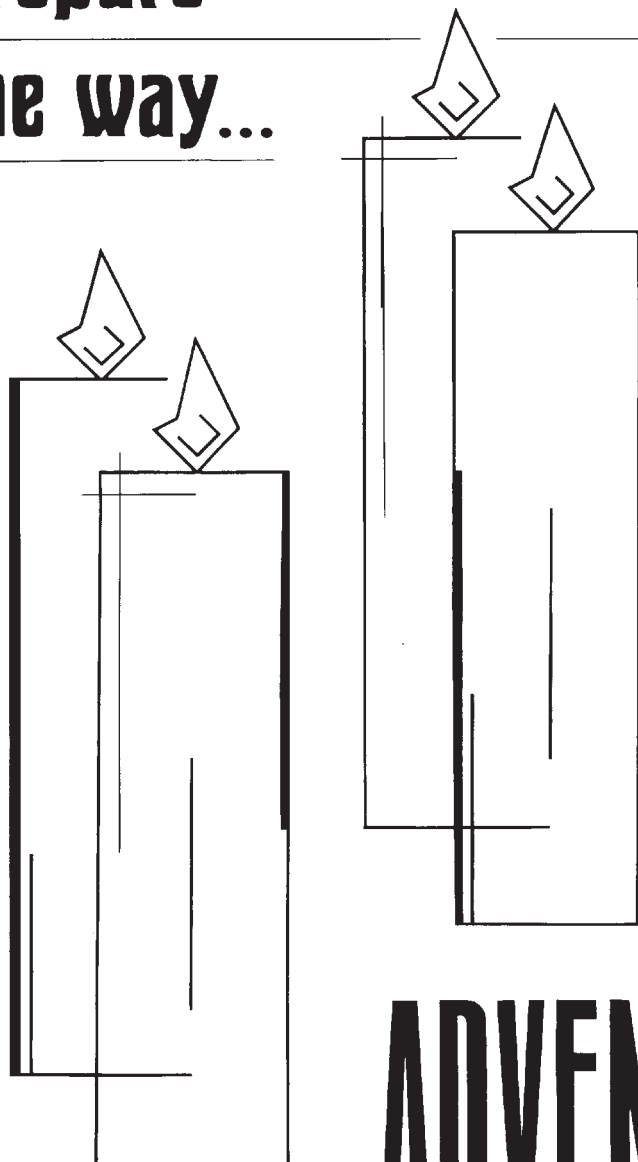
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ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intention: December 18 - 24, 2021

Saturday: 18 December

6:00 pm + Familiares de Adriano e Alice Nascimento, Almas do purgatorio, Sagrado corações de Jesus, Maria e José
 + Ramiro Ruivo
 + Jose Fortunato Moniz, Maria Hortenca dos Santos Moniz
 + Maria Victoria Afonso (7° dia)
 - 25° Aniversario de casamento por Carlos e Apol Ferreira

Sunday: 19 December

9:00 am + Nunzio e Pasqualina Tantalo, Maria e Antonio Varone, Nicolina Di Palma
10:30 am + Jose Carvalho, pais, irmaos e familiares + Silvino Borges
 + Armando Faustino, pais, sogros e familiares, Almas do purgatorio
 + Paulo Da Torre
 + Antonio de Oliveira (aniv de falecimento) esposa e familiares
12:00 pm + Maria Adelaide Nuovo (90th Birthday)

Tuesday: 21 December

6:00 pm + Almas do purgatorio (Maria Batista)


Thursday: 23 December

6:00 pm +

Friday: 24 December

6:00 pm - Pro Populo

The office will be closed from December 23 until January 4. Please send an email or leave a message.

 Watch Sunday Mass on YouTube
 St. John Bosco R.C. Church Toronto

PLEASE STAY HOME IF: You are not feeling well. You have been in contact with a COVID-19 positive individual. You have a compromised immune system. Thank you.

FOOD DRIVE We do not only give thanks to God for all the blessings that we continue to receive but we must also share them with our brothers and sisters who are in need. We invite our parishioners to bring non-perishable food to the church which we will be collecting for **GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE**. **Please do not remove from original package. Expiration date and ingredients are important information. Thank you.**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died especially:
Aldo Pullano
 Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace

MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR 2022. The office is booking mass intentions for 2022. Please come in or call the office hours 9am-12pm and 1pm-4:30pm Monday to Friday. The proposed offering for Mass is \$20.00. Please use envelope provided at the entrance of the church marked **mass intention** for the offering (not Sunday Offering envelope) Thank you.

Church envelopes for 2022 are ready at the entrance of the church. Envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order. Please look for your **name**. If you cannot find your name please call the office. Those wishing to request envelopes can call the office or fill out the front of the bulletin and drop in the offertory basket. Please only take your envelopes. Thank you for your support.

Reflect, today, upon your own invitations from God to embrace the mysteries of life. God's ways are often more than we can comprehend and figure out. Mary and Joseph give us the witness of how we are to handle every mystery God invites us to participate in. Say "Yes" to the will of God just as this holy couple did.

Dearest Mother Mary and Saint Joseph, pray for me that I may have the faith you both lived. When questions arise in my heart, help me to respond generously to God as you did. May I trust in all that God has spoken in imitation of each one of you. Jesus, I trust in You.

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love?

Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

**Email vocations@archtoronto.org
 www.vocationstoronto.ca**



St. John Bosco would like to extend our appreciation to **Vescio Funeral Home**. Vescio has kindly donated the Missals for 2021-2022 year and the 2022 calendar. Calendar is available at the entrance of the church.

ON THE ROAD TO UNION WITH GOD

**Friday, January 07, 2022 07:00 PM - Sunday, January 09, 2022 01:00 PM
 Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering**

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for men. Generally, there are three broad recognizable stages as we grow closer to God: the purgative stage, the illuminative stage and the unitive stage. We will explore this journey with the help of the life of the saints, persons like you and me, who had to get in touch with their own human frailty along their own unique life-journey. The hope is that the retreatant comes to a higher understanding of self in relation to our infinite loving and merciful God in the context of their own earthly life-journey.

Facilitated by Fr. Henk van Meijel, SJ.

A suggested offering of \$235 per person. Includes two nights' accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction.

REGISTER: <https://manresa-canada.ca/>

CONTACT: registration@manresa.ca PHONE: 905-839-2864

April 23, 1961 - April 23, 2021



CHUCKLES FROM THE PEW...A WARNING FOR ALL SKIERS AND "OTHERS"! A woman skiing in Colorado in 12 degrees below zero weather, complained to her husband that she was in need of a restroom. He told her that he was sure there was a wash-room at the top of the lift. He was wrong and the urgency did not go away. Her husband suggested that since she was wearing an all white outfit, she should go off into the woods and no one would notice as the white outfit would provide adequate camouflage. So she headed for the tree line, began disrobing and proceeded to do her thing. If you're ever parked on the side of a slope, then you know there is a right way and wrong way to set your skies so you don't move. And she had positioned the wrong way. Without warning the lady found herself skiing backwards, entirely out of control, racing through the trees, somehow missing all of them and onto another slope. Her reverse side was still bare, her ski pants around her knees and she was picking speed all the while. She continued backwards totally out of control, creating an unusual vista for the other skiers. She finally collided violently with a pylon. The bad news was that she broke her arm and was unable to pull up her ski pants. At long last, her husband arrived and put an end to her nudie show and transported her to a hospital. While she was in the emergency room, a man with a broken leg was put in the bed next to hers. "So, how did you break your leg?" she asked, making small talk. "It was the darndest thing you ever saw" he replied "I was riding up the ski lift and I couldn't believe my eyes. There was this crazy woman skiing backwards out of control with her bare backside hanging out and her ski pants were down around her knees. I leaned over to get a better look and fell out of the ski lift. Then he asked..." "So how did you break your arm?"

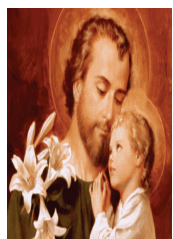


IV DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

Maria è colei che in modo più profondo e misterioso ha collaborato all'Incarnazione. Oggi guardiamo a lei che accoglie il dono di essere Madre del Salvatore correndo a servire la cugina Elisabetta. Maria, donna della fede, ci aiuti ad accogliere il Signore, dono del Padre, imparando a donare.

PER FAVORE RIMANETE A CASA SE: NON VI SENTITE BENE; SIETE STATI IN CONTATTO CON UN INDIVIDUO POSITIVE AL COVID-19; AVETE UN SISTEMA IMMUNITARIO INDEBOLITO.

E' tempo di Avvento. Ancora una volta ci prepariamo, insieme alla nostra famiglia ed alla comunita', per la nascita di nostro signore e salvatore Gesu' Cristo. Sappiamo che il Natale non significa solo ricevere regali ma anche darli soprattutto alle persone bisognose che non possono permettersi di ricambiarsi. Ricordiamoci di loro specialmente nel periodo di Avvento, incoraggiamo i parrocchiani a portare, in Parrocchia, cibo non deperibile per la nostra raccolta di alimenti da distribuire ai poveri per Natale. Vi preghiamo di portare solo cibo.



Salve, custode del Redentore, e sposo della Vergine Maria. A te Dio affidò il suo Figlio; in te Maria ripose la sua fiducia; con te Cristo diventò uomo. O Beato Giuseppe, mostrati padre anche per noi, e guidaci nel cammino della vita. Ottenici grazia, misericordia e coraggio, e difendici da ogni male. Amen.

Preghiera a Maria

O Maria, Tu risplendi sempre nel nostro cammino come segno di salvezza e di speranza. Noi ci affidiamo a Te, Salute dei malati, che presso la croce sei stata associata al dolore di Gesù, mantenendo ferma la tua fede. Tu, Salvezza del popolo romano, sai di che cosa abbiamo bisogno e siamo certi che provvederai perché, come a Cana di Galilea, possa tornare la gioia e la festa dopo questo momento di prova. Aiutaci, Madre del Divino Amore, a conformarci al volere del Padre e a fare ciò che ci dirà Gesù, che ha preso su di sé le nostre sofferenze e si è caricato dei nostri dolori per condurci, attraverso la croce, alla gioia della risurrezione. Amen. Sotto la tua protezione cerchiamo rifugio, Santa Madre di Dio. Non disprezzare le suppliche di noi che siamo nella prova, e liberaci da ogni pericolo, o Vergine gloriosa e benedetta.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOU ARE IN GOD'S HOUSE.
KEEP IT CLEAN. THANK YOU.

4º DOMINGO DO ADVENTO

O Evangelho sugere que esse projecto de Deus tem um rosto: Jesus de Nazaré veio ao encontro dos homens para apresentar aos prisioneiros e aos que jazem na escravidão uma proposta de vida e de liberdade. Ele propõe um mundo novo, onde os marginalizados e oprimidos têm lugar e onde os que sofrem encontram a dignidade e a felicidade. Este é um anúncio de alegria e de salvação, que faz rejubilar todos os que reconhecem em Jesus a proposta libertadora que Deus lhes faz. Essa proposta chega, tantas vezes, através dos limites e da fragilidade dos "instrumentos" humanos de Deus; mas é sempre uma proposta que tem o selo e a força de Deus.

Por favor, fique em casa se: não se sentir bem; esteve em contacto com alguém que testou positivo com Covid-19; tem un sistema immune comprometido.

ADVENTO - Iniciamos mais um advento, o tempo de preparação para a vinda do Senhor. E uma oportunidade de encontrar-se com Deus no seu coração, na sua família e na comunidade. Neste tempo podemos pensar sobre muitos dos nossos irmãos que não receberão os presentes e nem terão o que comer durante o tempo de Natal que se aproxima. Por isso mais uma vez convidamos a trazer os alimentos não precíeis, para partilhar com os necessitados.



Salve, guardião do Redentor e esposo da Virgem Maria! A vós, Deus confiou o seu Filho; em vós, Maria depositou a sua confiança; convosco, Cristo tornou-Se homem. Ó Bem-aventurado José, mostrai-vos pai também para nós e guiai-nos no caminho da vida. Alcançai-nos graça, misericórdia e coragem, e defendei-nos de todo o mal. Amen.

Oração a Maria

Ó Maria, Vós sempre respaldais sobre o nosso caminho como um sinal de salvação e de esperança. Confiamos-nos a Vós, Saúde dos Enfermos, que permanecestes, junto da cruz, associada ao sofrimento de Jesus, mantendo firme a vossa fé. Vós, Salvação do Povo Romano, sabeis do que precisamos e temos a certeza de que no-lo providenciareis para que, como em Caná da Galileia, possa voltar a alegria e a festa depois desta provação. Ajudai-nos, Mãe do Divino Amor, a conformar-nos com a vontade do Pai e a fazer aquilo que nos disser Jesus, que assumiu sobre Si as nossas enfermidades e carregou as nossas dores para nos levar, através da cruz, à alegria da ressurreição. Amen. À vossa proteção, recorremos, Santa Mãe de Deus; não desprezeis as nossas súplicas na hora da prova mas livrai-nos de todos os perigos, ó Virgem gloriosa e bendita.

Friday, December 24, 2021
Christmas Eve Service
6:00 pm

Saturday, December 25, 2021
Christmas Day
9:00 am - Italian
10:30 am- Portuguese
12:00pm - English
No 6:00 pm mass



Friday, December 31, 2021
6:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021
SOLEMNITY OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
9:00 am – Italian
10:30 am – Portuguese
12:00 pm – English
No 6:00 pm mass

NO MASSES/NO MISSA/NO MESSA

Tuesday, December 28, 2021
Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Merry Christmas



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