E-Newsletter - Wednesday December 1, 2021

From the Desk of Fr. Tim....

Advent 2021

I offer the following SUGGESTIONS FOR CELEBRATING ADVENT:

† PRAY daily using the Sunday or Weekday Advent Mass Readings

† ATTEND SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES during this season. The powerful symbolism of the readings and prayers will be a peaceful reprieve from this stressful time. If you cannot be with us in person please watch a livestream of the daily mass of your choice, or the Livestream of our Sunday 9 a.m. mass here at St. Ignatius Loyola via our parish website: https://stignatiusloyolami.archtoronto.org .

† SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED through the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Collection (your donation is used to fund outreach throughout 2022), or also through your donations of Walmart gift cards to the St. Vincent de Paul (for Christmas outreach). Special St. Vincent de Paul envelopes for both the annual collection and Christmas outreach are in the foyer of the church, and donations may be mailed into the church or dropped off when the church is open for mass or for private prayer...or you can now also make both donations on-line through our SSVP link on the parish website under Outreach Ministries or at https://canadahelps.org/en/dn/53987. Please provide name and address when donating more than \$20 for purposes of tax receipting.

† VISIT the lonely, the sick, those who mourn – either in person or virtually... or by taking time to talk to them on the telephone during this challenging time

† BE RECONCILED to God and one another through the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) before Christmas. Advent has been called a "smaller Lent," and is as important a season as the one leading up to the Resurrection. We don't often associate penance with Advent, and yet there's a strong current of thought that says it should be part of our preparation for whatever lies ahead.

Reconciliation is available as follows:

*Saturdays between 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or anytime by appointment by leaving a telephone message with the parish office

*Archdiocesan Week of Confessions (see <u>www.archtoronto.org/confession/</u> for times of confessions for Mississauga parishes).

*Here at St. Ignatius Loyola:

Tuesday December 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Thursday December 23 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Please note that there are no Confessions on Saturdays December 25, 2021 and January 1, 2022.

Christmas and New Years' Mass Schedules

With our limited capacity (socially distanced every 2nd pew in church plus parish hall seating) we welcome you to our masses as follows:

Friday December 24 Christmas Eve Masses

3:00 pm., 4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

Saturday December 25 Christmas Day Masses

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

Please note: All Christmas masses must be booked via Eventbrite (link to be sent to parishioners by e-mail on Wednesday December 8 and posted on website Friday December 10).

The church will open 30 minutes before mass. Please arrive with your entire group for entrance to church (or parish hall once the church is full).

For parishioners without computer access, telephone reservations will be taken for the following masses only: Christmas Eve 3:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and Christmas Day 12:00 Noon Mass.

Sunday December 26 Feast of the Holy Family Masses

Regular Sunday Schedule 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 Noon Please note there is no anticipated mass at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday December 25 No need to book via *Eventbrite*...Church will open 30 minutes before each mass.

<u>Friday December 31 and Saturday January 1 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Masses</u> (Day of Obligation in Canada)

Friday 5:00 pm., Saturday 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 Noon (no 7:45 a.m. mass on January 1) No need to book via *Eventbrite*...Church will open 30 minutes before each mass.

Sunday January 2 Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord

Regular Sunday Schedule 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 Noon Please note there is no anticipated mass at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday January 1, 2022. No need to book via *Eventbrite*...Church will open 30 minutes before each mass.

CWL Cookbook Sale and Membership Renewal

Our parish CWL is celebrating their 5th Anniversary and to acknowledge this milestone, the members have compiled a cookbook - *Culinary Wonders of the League*. The funds raised from the sale of the cookbook will go towards funding the various charities they support. The cookbooks will be on sale after all Masses this coming weekend of December 4/5, and then through the parish office until

Christmas. It would make a great Christmas gift for family members and friends and the cost is \$15.00 each. If you are not able to attend Mass and would like to place a cookbook order, please contact Debbie at 905-820-1239.

With year-end just around the corner, the CWL will also be collecting 2022 membership dues after all Masses on December 4/5. The 2022 membership dues are \$30.00 and can be paid in cash or via cheque. Members not able to attend Mass or the General Meeting, may drop off their membership dues at the church office in a sealed envelope. Please include your full name on the envelope and clearly indicate "2022 CWL Dues". If paying by cheque, please make it payable to *The Catholic Women's League of Canada*.

New members are always welcome- membership is open to women 16 years and up. For information contact Loy at loy.com.com

Sacrament of Confirmation 2022

Last month we circulated registration materials and information regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation 2022 to the Grade 7 students of St. Clare, St. Mark and All Saints Schools. If you have a Grade 7 student in your family who did not receive this package (perhaps attending another school) please visit our parish website home page under the Sacramental Preparation tab for the registration materials as well as information about our afterschool RCIC program (for students not in our parish schools). <u>Confirmation Registration (for candidate and one parent only) will take place on either Wednesday December 8 or Thursday December 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the church foyer with Registration Meeting to follow in the church.</u>

Any older youth or adults wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2022 are asked to contact Fr. John as soon as possible, <u>jsutka@archtoronto.org</u>.

ShareLife Final Results & Thank You!

Thank you to all for your generous support of this year's *ShareLife* campaign. We collected \$243,600 exceeding our parish goal of \$234,600. Special thanks to the parishioner who helped us to reach our goal by matching the last \$9,000 of donations, which in turn will be matched by a donor at the Archdiocesan level!

New Parish Secretary/Receptionist

I am delighted to announce that *Olga Calderon* will be our new Parish Secretary/Receptionist and will start working with Carol Dewar in early January before Carol's planned retirement later that month. Olga and her husband Jorge are parishioners, and Olga worked in our parish office as a weekend receptionist from 2016-2018 before accepting a position as Office Administrator at St. Mary's Parish in Brampton, ON. Welcome back to our parish team Olga!

Livestream of Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass

For those not comfortable or able to return to mass quite yet we continue to encourage you to view the livestream of our Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass here: <u>https://stignatiusloyolami.archtoronto.org</u>.

42nd Annual Cardinal's Dinner

Due to the pandemic and for the second year in a row, the Annual Cardinal's Dinner took place virtually on November 23, 2021. The theme was "A Journey toward Healing and Reconciliation" and may be viewed by opening the hyperlink in your browser: <u>42nd Annual Cardinal's Dinner: A Journey Toward Healing and Reconciliation - YouTube</u>

The Cardinal's Dinner supports 30 Catholic charities and provides grassroots social services. This year proceeds will also contribute to funding Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation. Please visit: <u>Archdiocese of Toronto - Donate to Cardinal's Dinner (archtoronto.org)</u>.

2022 Offertory Envelopes/Pre-Authorized Giving

Thank you for your continued support of our parish during these challenging times, especially through your use of offertory envelopes and/or Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). <u>Offertory envelopes for 2022</u> are now available in the parish hall and have been pre-assigned and sorted alphabetically by last <u>name</u>. Please observe social distancing in picking up your envelopes before or after mass. Thank you for picking up your offertory envelopes as soon as possible!

If you are not currently registered in the parish and wish to use Offertory envelopes, please fill out the parish registration form on the table in the foyer and return it to the parish office and we will notify you when your new 2022 offertory envelopes are ready for pick up.

I thank those who are currently using the option of Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) and remind them to pick up a set of 2022 envelopes for the special collection envelopes that are not part of PAG. To register for PAG please complete the forms located in each foyer of the church or the electronic version found here: <u>Microsoft Word - PAGBROCHURE.docx (archtoronto.org)</u>

Your Financial Support is Appreciated!

Thank you once again for your generosity and support of our parish community and *ShareLife* as we return to church, either in person, by mail, or through Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG forms available through parish website) or by credit card, or single or monthly donations through the "Donate now" button: <u>www.archtoronto.org</u> or via our parish website: <u>https://stignatiusloyolami.archtoronto.org</u>.

