

## **18 DECEMBER 2022 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY 17 December** 5:00pm Maria DiGregorio

**SUNDAY 18 December** 8:30am Margaret Swinimer 10:00am Domenico Raso & Rosaria Lombardo 11:30am Giuseppe e Armando Pietrangelo 1:00pm Vincenzo Salatino

**19 December** MONDAY The church remains closed. **TUESDAY 20 December** 8:30am Ennio & Melenina Papa WEDNESDAY 21 December

8:30am **Open Intention** 

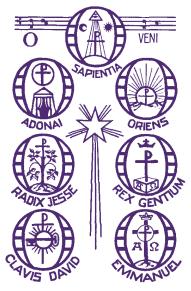
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**22 December** THURSDAY

8:30am **Open Intention 23 December** FRIDAY

8:30am **Open** Intention

## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE



During the last days of Advent, from the 17 to 23 December (just before Christmas Eve), the Church intensifies Her prayer of longing for the coming of the Lord. This is most clearly expressed through the "O Antiphons" that are used during Evening Prayers on these days. They also

appear as the verse for the Gospel Acclamation at the daily Mass. Each verse begins with a title from the Old Testament that we now attribute to the person of Jesus Christ. The hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel is a well-known setting of these antiphons. Let us join the whole Church in crying out for the Lord to come into our lives especially in these great days of Advent.

# AROUND OUR PARISH





**EVENING REFLECTIONS Thursday 22 December 2022** starts at 7:00pm



**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** after the Friday morning Masses from approximately 9:00am until 12:00noon



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS) Saturdays from 4:00pm to 4:45pm



PARISH ADVENT MOVIE NIGHT Friday 23 December 2022 at 7:00pm

Popcorn will be available. The movie night is free, but donations towards our parish youth ministry are welcome.

Christmas Schedule		
CHRISTMAS EVE		
24 December 2022		

24 December 2022 4:00pm Confessions until 5:00pm 5:00pm English **10:00pm** Italian 12:00midnight English

#### CHRISTMAS DAY **25 December 2022**

8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 1:00pm

English English Italian English

# **PLEASE NOTE:**

The weekday Masses from Tuesday 27 **December until Friday 30 December** will be at 9:00am (instead of 8:30am).





# New Year's Schedule

NEW YEAR'S EVE Saturday 31 December 2022

9:00am Morning Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 12:00noon ending with the *Te Deum* Prayer

4:00pm

Confessions until 5:00pm

5:00pm Vigil Mass for the Solemn Feast of Mary, Mother of God

NEW YEAR'S DAY Sunday 1 January 2023 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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8:30am		English
10:00am		English
11:30am		Italian
1:00pm		English



## **2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

The new boxes of offertory envelopes (for use in 2023) are now available! Those who are currently

using a box (in 2022) may find their new box in the parish hall. The envelopes are laid out in alphabetical order by last name.

Anyone who is not currently using a box may register for one in the sacristy.

## THANK YOU FROM THE CWL

The CWL thanks everyone who helped make our Bake Sale and Bazaar Weekend such a success.



Baked goods, bazaar items, funds raised, and free-will offerings: *all* your contributions are greatly appreciated. Above all we appreciate your prayers and support.

We also extend a huge thanks for your support of our Food and Gift Card Drive. Your generosity will help many people in our community.

We wish you all a Blessed Christmas Season!

# ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE

**PALLIATIVE CARE HOPE LINE** Palliative care is a special kind of health care for individuals and families who are living with a life-limiting illness. The



goal of palliative care is to provide comfort and dignity for persons living with the illness as well as the best quality of life for both the individual and their family. **The Palliative Care HopeLine** is for those who are interested in discovering palliative and end-of-life support services and holistic care for themselves, their caregivers and extended family and friends, by connecting people with services that align with Catholic faith teaching. If you are in search of locating hospice palliative care resources and services in your community, call the **HopeLine** at **416-619-5700** – leave your name, phone number, and the name of the community in which you live. Please note – this service is an information line and is not an emergency or crisis line – in case of an emergency please call 911.



#### 2022 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN: DONATIONS MATCHED UNTIL THE END OF 2022

All contributions to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 Million. Please support our ShareLife Agencies. You may use an envelope found at the back of the church, or give online through our parish website.

# UPCOMING RETREATS AT MANRESA



## Weekend Retreat (13 to 15 January 2023): On the Road to Union with God

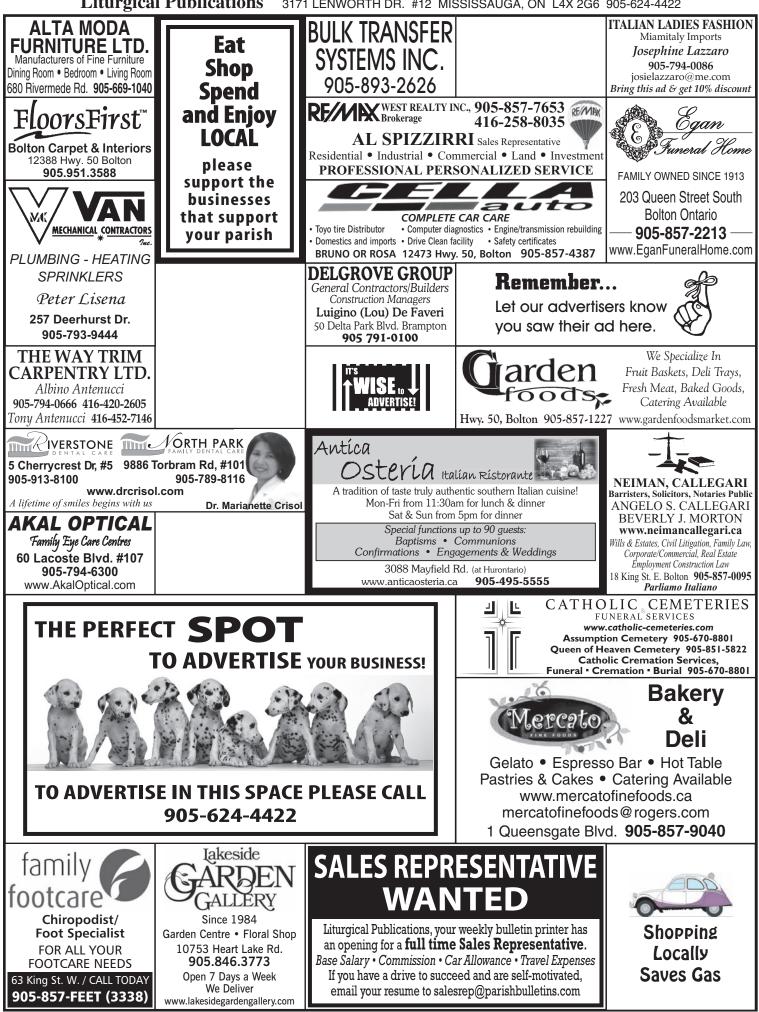
Participants will be guided toward an understanding of self in relation to our infinite loving and merciful God in the context of their own earthly life-journey. The suggested offering is \$245/person, which includes accomodations and meals for the duration of the retreat.

#### Day-long Retreat (30 January 2023): Praying with Sister Faustina Kowalska

Participants will be introduced to the life of Faustina Kowalska, to whom the image of Our Lord's Divine Mercy was revealed. The retreat starts at 9am and will end at approximately 3pm The suggested offering is \$65/person, which includes snacks, lunch, and Mass.

For more information including registration, please contact the Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre in Pickering by email at **registration@manresa.ca** or by calling (905) 839-2864.

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