

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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CHURCH HOURS

Monday to Friday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sat 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sun 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

MUSIC DIRECTORS Edwin Chiu: Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Geoff Butler: Sunday 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

T.C.D.S.B. SCHOOL CONNECTED TO THE PARISH

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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

We ask new parishioners to register with the Parish. Forms and Donation Envelopes are available at Church entrances, the Parish Office and www.holyrosary.ca

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

ROSARY Monday to Friday: 11:40 a.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday to Friday: 12:40 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Saturday evening 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Sunday 6:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament until 3pm with devotions at 2:45 p.m.

First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Rosary with Veneration of Relics of St. Jacinta and Francisco Marto at 8:30 a.m.

Confessions at 8:30 a.m. Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration with Fatima Prayers 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Monday to Sunday 30 minutes before each Mass or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Please contact the parish office.

ARRANGING A WEDDING Please contact the Parish Office for information at least 1 year in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK AND CARE FOR THE ELDERLY & SHUT-INS

Those confined to their homes by illness, infirmity or age, may arrange to receive communion by contacting the Parish Office.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame, Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame." (Cf. Psalm 24. 1-3)

Weekly Biblical Reflection

"As the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man."

Happy New Year! Today, we start a new liturgical year, and with that, a new spiritual journey. Advent always greets us quietly, almost gently, but with a message that is anything but soft: "Stay awake. Be ready. The Lord is coming."

By Jesus giving us this invitation, He isn't trying to startle or frighten us. He is inviting us to live awake, to live aware of His presence coming into our lives every single day. Advent is not only about preparing for the birth of Jesus two thousand years ago; it's about recognizing how He comes to us now, in the ordinariness of our days, and how He will come again in glory.

Therefore, what we really should be asking is: What does readiness look like?

It has nothing to do with fear, frantic activity or even spiritual perfectionism. Jesus tells us what readiness looks like. It is living with intention, with a heart that listens, with a faith that chooses love, especially when it's inconvenient or may even cost us something.

Like New Year's, when we reflect on the past year and make resolutions for the new year, Advent asks us to do the same thing. What attitudes, habits, or resentments need to be retooled into something new, something that gives life or adds to my life rather than draining it?

We do this not because we are bad or failing, but because God has something better for us, something deeper, richer, more alive. Advent is our annual reminder that our spiritual life should never be stagnant, because God is always drawing us forward.

So as we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, let it be more than a ceremony. Let it be a commitment. A small flame that represents our desire to walk in the light of Christ.

This week, I encourage you to do one simple thing. Find one moment each day to pause, breathe, and say, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Say it in the car, while doing chores, when you are anxious or rushed. Every time you do, you are choosing to live awake by opening a door for Christ.

May this Advent be a time of renewal, softening, and awakening, so that when the Lord does come, in

whatever way He chooses, He finds our hearts open, our hands ready, and our lives shining with His light.

Amen.

- Deacon Kevin

Announcements

1. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding their Annual Christmas Cards Sale **this weekend, November 29/30**. They are the perfect gift to give your family and friends. It is a beautiful way to let them know you have donated on their behalf to the Society. The proceeds will enable us to support our neighbours in need during the Christmas Season, especially families.

This weekend, November 29/30, a member of this outreach program will update the Holy Rosary Parishioners about our good works throughout the year, in the midst of these troubling times. During Advent, there will also be two Christmas Trees decorated with Angels. They represent the seniors and singles in our community, and many are alone during the holidays. Returning these Angels with a gift card, the Vincentians will then visit them at their homes. They will offer these gifts, fellowship, and the message of God's love for humanity.

2. On Saturday, December 6th, we will be making our own Pocket Shrines. These are miniature shrines or altars that you can carry with you while travelling, or as a gift for a loved one, and they will all be blessed by Fr. Peter. We will start with 9 AM Mass, and breakfast afterwards is included with the registration fee of \$20, which also covers the cost of the materials. To register or if you have any questions, please contact LPA@holyroary.ca

3. On Sunday, December 7th, during Coffee Sunday in the Parish Hall, we are bringing the Christmas story to life. We are calling all children who are interested in playing the parts of Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, the wise men, and animals for our Christmas pageant. The dress rehearsal will be on Friday, December 5th, from 4 PM to 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Costumes will be provided, as well as pizza and drinks during the dress rehearsal. No need to sign up, just show up to the dress rehearsal. Children under 5 years old must be accompanied by a parent chaperone. If you have any questions, please contact: LPA@holyroary.ca

NOVEMBER 30th, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 1, 2025

12:10 pm. Nello Infiorati (+)
Requested By: Lillian Nasello

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

12:10 pm. Donald Maynard (+)
Requested By: Ginny & Tom Reid

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Saint Francis Xavier

12:10 pm. Vivian Daylusan (+) & Faustina
Dela Cruz (+)

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Saint John Damascene

12:10 pm. Thomas Dang (+)
Requested By: Yen Bui

Friday, December 5, 2025

12:10 pm. Holy Souls in Purgatory
Requested By: Maria Cristina Castro

Multiple Intentions: Amanda (+) (1st-Year Death Anniversary), Mariano Gica (+) (8th-Year Death Anniversary), Zena Andrea Ezechiels (+), Lachlan Owen (Special Intentions - Birthday), Miranda Comerford (for Health)

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Saint Nicholas

9:00 am. Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in reparation for all sins committed against her Immaculate Heart

5:00 pm Cesar Brum (+)
Requested By: Margaret Brum Gresdal

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners
Elpidio (+) & Visitacion
Abides (+)
Requested By: Florida Abides

10:00 am. Sam Di Bratto (Intentions)
Requested By: Sherlita

12:00 pm. Catherine "Kate" Kerr (+)
Requested By: Monica Harding-McGowan

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Richard Marshall, Paul Swarney, John Callaghan, Kaye Graham, Mary Hopkins, Peter Robinson, Dominic Curran, Gerard Gonsalves, Mary Castillo de Vega, Mary Agnes Ludwick, Madeleine Mendoza, Peter Verwoerd, Paul Morisset, Mark Colbreath, Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeek, M.M. Mackenzie, and Jamie.

Please remember in your prayers those who recently died, especially: Amanda (+)

The DECEMBER Food of the Month donation is DRY PASTA. **Please drop off your donations at the Parish Office.** Thank you for your support.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Peter, to the Pastoral Team and Parish Staff, and to all the Parishioners who supported our missionary appeal in the Parish on the weekend of November 22/23. A special thank you to Ali who helped us set up the tables and chairs needed for our presentation. Your support has been invaluable. In total, we received nearly \$3,000 in cash as well as \$350 through Visa, and \$65 via E-transfer. In addition, we collected US\$123, €20, and 5 Philippine pesos. We truly appreciate your generous response!

With gratitude, The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver



Christmastide Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5 PM & 8 PM Mass (Christmas Caroling at 7:30 PM)

Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day

8 AM, 10 AM*, & 12 PM Mass

Friday, December 26

9 AM Mass (there is no 12:10 PM Mass)

Saturday, December 27

9 AM & 5 PM Mass

Sunday, December 28 - Feast of the Holy Family

8 AM, 10 AM*, & 12 PM Mass

Monday, December 29

12:10 PM Mass

Tuesday, December 30

12:10 PM Mass

Wednesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

5 PM Mass (no 12:10 PM Mass)

Thursday, January 1 - Feast of Mary, Mother of God

8 AM, 10 AM*, & 12 PM Mass

Friday, January 2

12:10 PM Mass

Sunday, January 4 - Epiphany of Our Lord

8 AM, 10 AM*, & 12 PM Mass

*Masses will be livestreamed

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