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**Rev. Mr. Rudy Ovcjak**  
**Rev. Mr. Ken Sylvan**  
**Shelly Coish**  
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## LITURGICAL LIFE

Altar Servers	Deacon Rudy Ovcjak	647-970-4495
Children's Liturgy	Doris Sweeney	905-837-2944
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Teresa D'Amelio	647-200-9315
Lectors	John L. Santos	905-665-5217
Ushers & Greeters	Steve Dugal	416-436-3203
Music Coordinator	Anna Hughes	905-576-9398
Organist:	Andrew Weleschuk	
Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation	Ext. 505	
Youth Choir:	Vanessa Lowing	
Parish Choir:	Anna Hughes	
Gregorian Choir	Michelle Cuyugan	647-292-1422

**YOUTH MINISTRY** Shelly Coish Ext. 223

EDGE Programme: Grade 6, 7 & 8

Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month

Lifeteen Programme: Highschool Students

Please join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month

## OTHER APOSTOLATES

Bereavement	Please call the parish office	
Legion of Mary	Fran Baduel	Ext. 504
Rosary Apostolate	Camille Jacques-Carr	905-509-8500
St Vincent de Paul	Ben Jardine	Ext. 502

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Women's League	Marie James	905-839-8890
Knights of Columbus	Dennis Lacey	905-839-7001
Children's Play Group	Ramona Kelland	905-831-5772
Parish Finance Council	Bart Calderone	905-839-9116
Bldg/Maint. Council	Paul Bertrand	905-622-5910
Refugee Committee	Joe Przybylo	905-839-8233

## PARISH SCHOOLS

### PRINCIPAL

St. Elizabeth Seton	Sharon Bird	905-839-0005
St. Isaac Jogues	Jim Raper	905-839-1844
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Notre Dame Secondary	Joe D'Amico	905-686-4300
St. Mary Secondary	Michael O'Brien	905-420-7166

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm  
Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am, 7:00pm  
(Rosary 15 minutes before each Mass)

## DAILY MASSES

Monday to Friday 7:30am  
Wednesday 7:00pm  
Saturday 8:30am  
First Friday 7:30pm  
First Saturday: 11:00am Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (Latin)  
(Mass will be offered at 10:00am on Public Holidays)

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 9:00 to 9:30am, 3:45 to 4:15pm.  
Sunday: 15 minutes prior to each Holy Mass  
(Any time by appointment)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday between the morning and evening Masses  
First Fridays after morning Mass until 6:30pm Holy Hour

## DEVOTIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Every Wednesday at 7:00pm  
First Friday: Holy Hour at 6:30pm

## BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated at least once per month. Parents are to be registered parishioners. To register your child for baptism, pick-up a baptism package in the parish office.

## MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married contact the parish office at least one year in advance. No wedding date is to be set before consultation with the Priests/Deacons. At least one of the parties must be a registered parishioner.

## RITE OF INITIATION OF ADULTS INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact the office.

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE ILL OR HOMEBOUND

Requests for the Sacrament of the Sick, prayers or visitations, please call the parish office.

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

To be a registered member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to the Catholic Church locally. Please introduce yourself to the Priests or Deacons and register in the office.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Mass Intentions & Parish Activities

#### **MONDAY 4 DECEMBER -- ST JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST & DOCTOR**

7:30am Mass: + Lavia Volpe

#### **TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER**

7:30am Mass: + Antonio Tosti

7:30pm Knights of Columbus general meeting

#### **WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER -- ST NICHOLAS, BISHOP**

7:30am Mass: + Antonio Fiorentina Tosti

7:00pm Multiple Mass Intentions

#### **THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER -- ST AMBROSE, BISHOP & DOCTOR**

7:30am Mass: + Walter Fraser Sr. & Jr., & Harriet Lammy

9:00am to 12 noon Children's Play Group

#### **FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY**

7:30am Mass: + Sofronio Rojas

#### **SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER – ST JUAN DIEGO**

8:30am Mass: Multiple Mass Intentions

4:30pm Mass: + Helen McKinnon & deceased members of the Przuluski family.

#### **SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER: ADVENT II**

8:30am Mass: + Ron & Donelda Burnett & Orine Nobbs

10:00am Mass: Pro Populo

11:30am Mass: Thanksgiving

7:00pm Mass: + Ramon Bertol

### FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

#### KEEP WATCH!

**Advent** is upon us once more. In the first instance, Advent is not about looking back to the first coming of the Saviour two thousand years ago, which we will celebrate once more at Christmas. Advent opens a new year of the Church's life by looking forward to Our Lord's Second Coming. Last Sunday we reminded ourselves that we proclaim our belief in this future event every Sunday in the Creed. Today, which is a new beginning, Our Lord urges us to be vigilant, watchful—so that we will be ready to meet Him. How are we to be vigilant? Think about it in terms of someone who learns that he or she is going to die soon. Wouldn't that knowledge change the way you looked at things? Even those who don't believe in God or in His judgement find the idea of imminent death a sobering one, to say the least. But for those who *do* believe in the judgement, that should make us live every moment of our lives more carefully and watchfully. How will what I have done today and in all my past days look when I go before my Judge? Of course, we are not thinking today only about our own personal judgement, though that is a pretty urgent and serious prospect for us all! No. Today Our Lord is talking about His Final Coming, when the entire human race will be judged. In order to prepare well, then we must be watchful now of the way we live our lives. We need to take our faith more seriously. One suggestion: why not make a good *examination of conscience*. That is like "putting our affairs in order", a 'spiritual will,' if you will!!

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**St John Damascene** (c.676-749) Having succeeded his father as the Christian representative at the Caliph's Islamic court in Damascus, he became a monk in Jerusalem. A theologian, he set his mind to the great debate of the time which was whether it was against the 1st Commandment to have sacred images. He strongly defended their use as aids to prayer, a teaching confirmed by the Second Council of Nicea in 787.

**St Nicholas** (d. 350) Bishop of Myra in present day Turkey, he has been a very popular saint since early times and is the patron of sailors and prisoners as well as children.

**St Ambrose** (d.397) Born of a Roman noble family, he became governor of Milan at the age of only 35. When the bishop died, Ambrose was so popular that he was elected bishop, despite being still under instruction and not yet baptized! However, he was to become one of the greatest bishops of all time: an excellent administrator, a champion of the poor, fearless when dealing with the tyranny of state rulers; and he was a profound theologian, yet simple preacher. He was also the first bishop to write hymns for the use of the people.

**The Immaculate Conception:** in her total sinlessness Our Lady is the perfect embodiment of what a human person was meant to be by our Creator. In her maternity she not only brought the Saviour into the world, but also became "the Mother of all who live", because life, which was lost by the sin of Adam and Eve, is restored in a wonderful way by the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Mary's Son. So the Church Fathers saw Mary as the "new Eve", the one who reverses the harm done to all her descendants by the first Eve. So by a happy coincidence in Latin, the name "Eva", can be reversed to give us the first word of Gabriel's greeting: "Ave!" *Hail*, which we make especially our own when we pray to her "Hail, Mary, full of grace!"

**St Juan Diego** (d. 1548) was the simple Mexican peasant chosen by God to have a vision of His Blessed Mother who revealed to him her love for the Mexican people.



Each year the Knights of Columbus support the worldwide **Light Up for Christ/Keep Christ in Christmas** campaign to remind us that Christmas is, above all else, a holy day to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. To help communicate this message, our Council is hosting an Advent event **Wednesday, December 6th, beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm**. We encourage all Knights, their families, friends, and fellow parishioners to attend this event. Together with Fr Paul and Fr Tom, we will gather outdoors where there will be a Christmas tree and nativity scene (manger). The order of service will include carols, passages from Scripture, blessing of the Christmas tree and manger. With the turning on of the lights simultaneously, a symbolic message will be conveyed that we should all prepare for the birth of the Lord. As in previous years, refreshments will be provided afterwards.

**Novena in honour of Our Lady and the Solemnity of her Immaculate Conception on December 8.**



Sunday, December 3 - 1:00pm  
 Monday, December 4 - 7:00pm  
 Tuesday, December 5 - 7:00pm  
 Wednesday, December 6 - 8:00pm after Perpetual Help Mass  
 Thursday, December 7 - 7:00pm



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

*“Therefore the Child to be born will be called holy, The Son of God.”*

*(Luke 1:35)*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY**



**Sunday, December 10, 2017**  
**St. Isaac Jogues Parish Hall -**  
 Complimentary  
 Doors open 12:30pm  
 Light lunch, drinks, snacks

Children are invited to participate in games and entertainment with a visit from Santa. Bring an unwrapped toy for children in need or a non-perishable food item (optional).

Also, looking for teen volunteers to help with face painting and games from 12:30-2:30pm. **Contact Al Ashby if you're able to help out at [905-427-3273](tel:905-427-3273).** Community Service Hours can be provided.

**DAY OF CONFESSION ST. ISAAC JOGUES**



*Wednesday 13 December*  
 9:00 - 10:00am, 1:00 - 2:00 pm  
 and 6:00 - 7:00pm

Regular Penance Schedule: Saturday 9:00 - 9:30am, 3:45 - 4:15pm. Sunday: 15 minutes prior to each Holy Mass. (Any time by appointment)



Children’s Liturgy is for those in Junior Kindergarten up to and including grade 3 (ages 4 to 8 years). **Children under the age of 4 years are welcomed, but MUST be accompanied by an adult.**

**BIBLE STUDY**

St. Bernadette’s Parish, 21 Bayly St E Ajax, will be hosting *James: Pearls for Wise Living* Bible study beginning **Wednesday January 3rd** at 9:30 am to 11:30 or **Friday January 5th** at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and continuing every Wednesday or Friday until Wednesday March 14 Friday March 23 or, 2017. *James* is one of the most practical books of the Bible. For more information or to register for the study, call Renate at 905-686-0745 or Michelle at 905-686-3259 or [susangkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:susangkennedy@gmail.com)

**Smile of the Day:**

Which Muppet is green and made out of wood?  
*Kermit the Log.*

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**  
 Sunday 24 December  
 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm  
 & 12 Midnight

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**  
 Monday 25 December  
 10:00am & 11:30am  
**NO 8:30am OR EVENING MASS**

**FEAST OF ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR**  
 Tuesday 26 December 10:00am

**ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST**  
 Wednesday 27 December - 7:30am & 12 noon  
 Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
 between the Masses

**THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS**  
 Thursday 28 December - 7:30am

**MEMORIAL OF ST THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP & MARTYR**  
 Friday 29 December 7:30am  
*Fifth Day of the Octave of Christmas*

**Saturday 30 December 8:30am**  
*Sixth Sunday of the Octave of Christmas*

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
 Saturday 30 December 4:30pm  
 Sunday 31 December 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
*Holy Day of Obligation ~ New Year's Eve Mass*  
 Sunday 31 December 4:30pm  
*New Year's Day Masses*  
 Monday 1 January  
 10:00am, 11:30am & 7:00pm (no 8:30am Mass)

**TUESDAY 2 JANUARY**  
 10:00am - *St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors*

**WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY**  
 7:30am & 7:00pm - *Christmas Weekday - The Most Holy Name of Jesus*



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