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**Fr. Tom Kluger**  
**Rev. Mr. Rudy Ovcjak**  
**Rev. Mr. Ken Sylvan**  
**Shelly Coish**  
**Pat Smith Robertson**

## 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
Gregorian Schola	Michelle Cuyugan	647-292-1422
Lectors	John L. Santos	905-665-5217
Music Coordinator	Anna Hughes	905-576-9398
Organist	Andrew Weleschuk	
Parish Choir	Anna Hughes	
Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation	Ext. 505	
Ushers & Greeters	Carlos Figueroa	905-420-3794
Youth Choir	Vanessa Lowing	

**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: High School 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	647-294-5454
St Vincent de Paul	Desmond D'Mello	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	Please call the parish office.	

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES** 416-733-8544

## PARISH SCHOOLS

	<b>PRINCIPAL</b>	
St. Elizabeth Seton	Sharon Bird	905-839-0005
St. Isaac Jogues	Valerie Cappuccitti	905-839-1844
St. Wilfrid	Mike Young	905-427-6225
Notre Dame Secondary	Joe D'Amico	905-686-4300
St. Mary Secondary	Susan Duane	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

 <b>Mass Intentions &amp; Parish Activities</b>
<b><u>MONDAY 3 DECEMBER – ST FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST</u></b> 7:30am Mass: + Maurice Raymond 3:30pm: Youth Choir 7:30pm: RCIA meeting (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
<b><u>TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER – ST JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST &amp; DOCTOR</u></b> 7:30am Mass: + Lavia Volpe 8:30pm: Gregorian Schola
<b><u>WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER</u></b> 7:30am Mass: + Kevin Massey 3:30pm: Youth Choir 7:00pm Mass: Multiple Mass Intentions 8:00pm: Parish Choir
<b><u>THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER – ST NICHOLAS, BISHOP</u></b> 7:30am Mass: Thanksgiving – Loy Pais 7:00pm: Legion of Mary meeting
<b><u>FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER – ST AMBROSE, BISHOP &amp; DOCTOR</u></b> 7:30am Mass: + Hillary Conway 7:30pm Mass: Marie Ninone Noel
<b><u>SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY</u></b> 8:30am Mass: Multiple Mass Intentions 4:30pm Mass: Thanksgiving Mass – Fernandes family & + Father Dominic Almeida
<b><u>SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</u></b> 8:30am Mass: + Roland Trindade 10:00am Mass: Pro Populo 11:30am Mass: + Helen McKinnon & Przulski family 7:00pm Mass: Thanksgiving – Herschel & Chandini Stave

**First Friday:** Holy Hour at 6:30pm and extra Mass at 7:30pm

### FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

#### THE KING WHO IS TO COME

Today a new year of the Church's life begins. Yet this new beginning for the Church does not look backwards to the beginning of all things, but rather forwards toward their end, which is, of course, still to come. Our Lord speaks in today's Gospel of the end times as something fearful. Yet despite the terror of the "nations in agony", the "clamour of the ocean and its waves" and the menace caused by the breaking up of the powers of the heavens, all this will only usher in a far greater event—the Return of the Son of Man, our Lord and Saviour, in all His infinite majesty and glory. Advent, as we remind ourselves each year on this its first Sunday, is a time of waiting for Christ to come again. When He came the first time to this earth, the Son of God emptied Himself of all His majesty. As St. Paul teaches us, Christ took upon Himself the condition of a slave. So He lived and even more wonderfully still, so He died in astonishing self-abasement. At the end of this Advent season we will once again commemorate that first coming over two thousand years ago in Bethlehem. Yet just as that first coming was no legend, but utterly true—so will the second be. Nevertheless, the difference will also be very great; for whereas His first coming was in the stillness of night in a very brief time of peace on earth, His second coming will take place at the end

of this period of most fearful agony in the world, and not only on this earth, but in the whole universe as well. Writers of science fiction often dwell on the vastness and emptiness of space, and upon the existence of huge forces such as black holes which are capable of annihilating our world in an instant were we to come anywhere near them. These writers portray the cosmos as terrifying not only in the contrast between its vast emptiness and its catastrophic power, but especially as utterly impersonal. The collision of galaxies, the explosions of stars of breathtaking magnitude and blinding brightness—beside which our little sun and its solar system of planets seem puny, let alone the earth which is such a small part of that system—all impress upon our imaginations the insignificance of our tiny world and our short lives. Yet the message of Advent Sunday is quite different. Behind its startling imagery of chaos and disorder. Our Lord is telling us that He will especially manifest His power and glory at the time of greatest apparent disintegration of the entire universe. It seems unimaginable to us, but the Lord who was born in Bethlehem and died on the cross both created the entire universe of which we know but a fraction, and sustains it all at every single moment by his sovereign will. And not only will He show His infinite power at that time, but He will also bring all human existence to its climactic completion. On that day, history will end—but not by dissolving into nothingness or endless chaos—not at all. On that final day the created heavens and the earth will shrivel up not by its own internal power, but by the living presence of the One who made them all. On that day, that living, personal, powerful presence will bring every human being whom He has made since our first parents to stand before Him and be judged worthy of being eternally in that presence, or not. No wonder the message He gives us today is so very urgent. He says that we must "*stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man*". We cannot afford to ignore this call to wakefulness and watchfulness. But how are we to be "watchful"? By being careful for ourselves—not giving ourselves over only to the cares and pleasures of this world which will only *coarsen* us. The Second Coming of our Saviour is a fact as real and sure as His first Coming. It is different principally in that it has not yet happened. Yet every year that goes by sees us, inevitably, one year nearer its fulfilment. How are we preparing ourselves *now* for that day, and for the eternity which follows it.

#### FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**St Francis Xavier (1506-1552)** He and St Ignatius Loyola, both Basques, met while they studied in Paris, and together founded the Jesuits in 1542. Francis went as a missionary to Goa and from there to Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Japan. Although he met with severe difficulties, he was in the end very successful and is regarded as perhaps the greatest individual missionary since St Paul.

**St John Damascene (c. 676-749)** He succeeded his father as the Christian representative at the Islamic Caliph's court in Damascus, but was not comfortable with politics and retired to a monastery in Jerusalem. He became a great theologian and as such, set his mind to the great debate at the time, which was whether it was against the First Commandment to have sacred images. He strongly defended their use as aids to prayer and worship, a teaching confirmed by the 2nd Council of Nicaea in

787. He had a deep devotion to Our Lady and wrote many hymns and sermons in her honour.

**St Nicholas (d. c. 350)** He was Bishop of Myra in present day Turkey, and is one of the most popular saints in Christendom. He is venerated as the patron saint of sailors, captives and, as the original *Santa Claus*, (Saint Nicklaus) of children.

**St Ambrose (c. 340-397)** Bishop of Milan, he was one of the greatest bishops of the early Church: an excellent administrator, a champion of the poor, fearless when dealing with tyrannical rulers and a renowned theologian. He was also the first bishop to write hymns for the use of the people to strengthen their faith and deepen their devotion. He baptised St Augustine of Hippo.



**DAY OF CONFESSION  
ST ISAAC JOGUES**



*Wednesday 19 December*  
9:00 - 10:00am, 1:00 - 2:00pm  
and 6:00 - 7:00pm

**Regular Penance Schedule:**

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



**PLEASE NOTE REVISED DATE!**

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 5th, beginning with Mass at 7:00pm.** 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 afterward in the parish hall.

**CHILDREN'S  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Sunday, December 9, 2018  
St Isaac Jogues Parish Hall

Doors open at 12:30pm  
Complimentary light lunch, drinks and snacks.



Children are invited to participate in our annual Christmas Party. There will be games and entertainment, and a special visit from **Friendly Freddy the Clown** and **SANTA**. We are looking for teen volunteers to help with face painting and games. Community Service Hours can be provided. **Contact Marc Jakubiec (416-856-1491) if you are able to help. Hope to see you there!**

We invite you to bring a donation of an unwrapped toy or a non-perishable food item to help make Christmas special for children in need. **Sponsored by the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

Monday 24 December  
4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm  
& 12 Midnight

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**

Tuesday 25 December  
10:00am & 11:30am

**NO 8:30am OR EVENING MASS**

**FEAST OF ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR**

Wednesday 26 December 10:00am

**ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST**

Thursday 27 December – 7:30am

**THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS**

Friday 28 December – 7:30am

**MEMORIAL OF ST THOMAS BECKET,  
BISHOP & MARTYR**

Saturday 29 December 8:30am  
*Fifth Day of the Octave of Christmas*

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

Saturday 29 December 4:30pm  
Sunday 30 December 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am  
& 7:00pm

**Monday 31 December 7:30am**

*Seventh Sunday of the Octave of Christmas*

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

*Holy Day of Obligation ~ New Year's Eve Mass*  
Monday 31 December 4:30pm  
*New Year's Day Masses*  
Tuesday 1 January  
10:00am, 11:30am & 7:00pm (no 8:30am Mass)

**WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY**

7:30am & 7:00pm - *St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors*

**THURSDAY 3 JANUARY**

7:30am – *Christmas Weekday – The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

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