

LONDON EAST CENTRAL CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

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ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm beside St. Mary Church







Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024 Baruch 5.1-9; 1 Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11; Luke 3.1-6

Today, almost half of the Gospel passage consists of historical-biographical data. Not even in the liturgy of the Mass was this historical text changed by the frequent "at that time". This introduction, so "insignificant" for contemporary man, has prevailed: "In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee (...)" (Lk 3:1). Why? To demystify! God entered the history of mankind in a very "concrete" way, as well as in the history of every man. For example, in the life of John - Zechariah's son - who was in the desert. He called him to cry out on the banks of the Jordan... (cf. Lk 3:6).

Today, God addresses his word to me as well. He does so personally—as with John the Baptist—or through his messengers. My Jordan River can be the Sunday Eucharist, it can be Pope Francis' tweet, which reminds us that "The content of Christian testimony is not a theory, ...but better yet a person: the risen Christ, the living and only Savior of all". God has entered the story of my life because Christ is not a theory. He is the saving practice, Charity, Mercy.

But at the same time, this same God needs our poor effort: that we fill the valleys of our distrust towards His Love; that we level the mountains and hills of our pride, which prevents us from seeing Him and receiving His help; that we straighten and smooth the crooked paths that make the path to our heart a labyrinth...

Today is the second Sunday of Advent, which has as its main objective that I may find God on the path of my life. No longer just a Newborn, but above all the Most Merciful Savior, to see the smile of God, when the whole world shall see the salvation of God (cf. Lk 3:6). That's true! St. Gregory of Nazianzus taught, "Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men.

SUNDAY MASSES: SATURDAY

5:00 pm - OLC (Pl) 5:00 pm - St. Mary (En)

5:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

SUNDAY

8:00 am - OLC (En)

10:00 am - OLC (Pl)

10:00 am - St. Mary (It)

10:00 am St. Patrick (En)

12:00 pm - St. Mary (En) 12:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY

7:00 pm - St. Mary (En)

TUESDAY

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

7:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En) 7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

THURSDAY

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En) 7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

FRIDAY

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl) 7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

SATURDAY

9:00 am - OLC (Pl) 1st Saturday of the month

CONFESSIONS OL CZESTOCHOWA

Saturday at 4:00 pm & before weekly Mass

ST. MARY

Saturdays at 4:00 pm & before weekly Mass

ST. PATRICK

Tuesday at 6:00 pm Saturday at 4:00 pm

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS December 2 to December 8, 2024 December 9 to December 15, 2024 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 Mary of Perpetual Help TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 Immaculate Conception BVM Int.of Fr.Gabriel- 46 anniversary of ordination 7:00pm 7:00pm Int.of Diane Pepe † Judy Reese † Don & Eric Power Novena Mass Novena Mass † Jerzy Majewski † Wendlin Bratzel † Mark Mutton † Joseph Rac † Stephan Masterson † Jadwiga, Tadeusz Gabriel WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 9:00am † Carmine, Ezio, Rina GENTILE † Chuck, Marie, Beverly Bourgeois 9:00am † Ruth Legault † Shirley Krulick **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12** Lady of Guadalupe † DeWit Family 9:00am Int.of Furtado Family (living & dec'd.) 9:00am † Stephen Kuhn † Maxwell Hebbourn SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 2 Sunday of Advent SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 3 Sunday of Advent Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick 5:00 pm 5:00pm **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8** 2 Sunday of Advent **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15** 3 Sunday of Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

10:00am

SEASON OF ADVENT - New Liturgical Year

10:00 am Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick

† Katherine Blake

Happy Advent! This Season of waiting and preparation is just what we need to get ready to welcome the Lord at Christmas. Yet Advent can so quickly become filled with parties, gift buying and card writing as well as fears concerning difficult family situations. So how can we better embrace this season & the grace God has in store for us?

Advent has twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is the name given to the season of 24 days leading up to Christmas. The word "Advent" - means - coming, arrival, expectation.

ADVENT PREPARION FOR OUR PARISHES

Advent mission at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church from December 7 to 11, with confession one hour before Mass: 10:00am and 7:00pm.

Confession at St. Mary's Church: Saturday, Dec.14,4pm. Confession at St. Patrick's Church: December 21, 4pm. When was the last time you went to confession?

Prepare the way of the Lord; make the path straight!

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

For your planning ahead we inform you that at Saint Patrick Church, Christmas Masses will be celebrated: Christmas Eve: Tuesday, Dec. 24: 5:00pm & 8:00pm

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25: 10:00am
New Year's Eve Mass: Dec.31, 5pm, New Year: 10am

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM

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Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London will be having a special Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Principal Patron of the Diocese of London on Monday, **December 9 at 7:00 p.m.** Fr. John

Comiskey will preside. All are welcome.

ST. PETER'S SEMINARY - Advent Appeal

The Advent Appeal is essential to helping St. Peter's Seminary pay for its annual operational cost. With your commitment to touch the lives of our future priests, permanent deacons and lay ecclesial ministers, you demonstrate care for our church for today and tomorrow. We invite you once again to share in the Seminary's vital mission, to the extent that you are able. Special brochures for this appeal can be found at the back of the church.

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The sets of envelopes for the year 2025 are ready for pick up this weekend at the church. Sets - in alphabetical order. Please check your name and address before taking set home. (they are to be used in the New Year)

Catholic Calendars for 2025 for our parishioners with no charge, sponsored by Donohue Funeral Home.

2025 Sunday Missals - available at the church, \$5.00. **New parishioners -** please fill out the registration form and return into collection basket. We encourage everyone to support the church financially - offertory sets available