



Our Lady of the Airways Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24th

5:00pm - Children's Vigil Mass 9:00pm - Tamil Mass
12:00 Midnight - English Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25th (Office Closed)

9:00am - English Mass 10:30am - Italian Mass
12:00pm - English Mass
NO TAMIL MASS

BOXING DAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26th (Office Closed)

8:30am - BILINGUAL MASS

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28th

5:00pm - English Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th

9:00am - English Mass 10:30am - Italian Mass
12:00pm - English Mass
7:00pm - Tamil Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31st

5:00 pm - English Vigil Mass
10:00pm - Tamil Holy Hour ~ 11:00 pm - Tamil Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st (Office Closed)

9:00am - English Mass 10:30am - Italian Mass
12:00pm - English Mass
NO TAMIL MASS



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday: December 16th

8:00am - †Albertina & John Fernandes

Tuesday: December 17th

7:00pm - For the Grace of Healing ~
Intercession of St. Padre Pio

Wednesday: December 18th

8:00am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm - †Jose Chaves;
†Emmanuel Zammit;
†Giovanni Nardulli
(5th Anniversary of Death)

Thursday: December 19th

8:00am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday: December 20th

8:00am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm - †Frank Galea
(1st Anniversary of Death)

Saturday: December 21st

8:30am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00pm - †Collin Lazarus-Munnick
(9th Anniversary of Death)

Sunday: December 22nd

9:00am - †Eugene & Antoinette Ricard
10:30am - For the People of Our Parish
12:00pm - †Italo and Anna Dassi

“How long has Jesus been knocking at the door of your heart, waiting to enter?”

~ St. John Baptist de La Salle



ADVENT WEEK OF CONFESSIONS

Week of December 15th - 21st, 2019

Parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation available during the week of December 15th - 21st, 2019. Please consult the Archdiocese website for the locations and confessional times.

Confessions at Our Lady of the Airways Parish will be on Thursday, Dec. 19th:

8:30am to 12noon, 3:00pm to 6:00pm and 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Confessions will also be available at our neighbouring parishes as follows:

St. John Fisher Parish - Tuesday, Dec 17th from 7pm to 9pm

St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish - Wednesday, Dec. 18th from 8am to 8pm

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

Wednesday, Dec. 18th from 10am to 12pm (Noon) and 6pm to 7:30pm

St. Patrick Parish

Wednesday, Dec. 18th from 6pm to 9pm Saturday, Dec. 21st from 3pm to 5pm

Tuesday, Dec. 24th from 10am to 12pm noon

St. Anthony of Padua Parish - Monday, Dec. 23th 7pm to 9pm

Eucharistic Adoration



Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Friday from 8:30am to 7pm. Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?

Weekly Offertory



Last Week's Collection: \$5,404.30

Thank You For Your Generosity



Recently a flyer arrived in our mailbox proclaiming, "Holiday Magic starts with believing." That got me thinking. What is the magic of this season? Advent is a time of waiting; we are waiting for the coming Messiah. At Christmas we will celebrate Christ's birth. God promised through the prophets that a Saviour would be sent for humankind.

John the Baptist asks his followers to determine whether Jesus is the one whom God will send. Jesus points to what he himself says and does as evidence of who he is - "the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them." Do I believe what I see and hear? Do I trust the words and deeds of God?

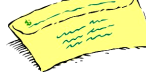
Today is also known as Gaudete (Rejoice!) Sunday, taken from the first words in today's Entrance Antiphon. Isaiah prophesies "the desert shall rejoice and blossom." Why should we rejoice? Because Jesus is coming for each one of us! He is our hope and our light. By entering our humanity he brings eternity to our reality.

With Christmas days away, may we slip away for a moment to focus on the real holiday magic of this season. May our hearts be ready to welcome Jesus as God's eternal gift to the world. ~Gerry Sobie, *Living With Christ*

Subito dopo il passo in cui Gesù invia i suoi discepoli (Mt 10,5-11,1) san Matteo pone questa domanda che ci tocca tanto - come ha chiaramente toccato anche la prima comunità e colui al quale viene qui fatta pronunciare: Non vi sono numerosi argomenti contro Gesù e il suo messaggio? La risposta alla domanda che pongono i discepoli di Giovanni non è senza equivoci. Vi si dice chiaramente: non esiste una "prova" da presentare. Eppure un colpo d'occhio sui capitoli precedenti del Vangelo di san Matteo mostra bene che la lunga lista di guarigioni e miracoli non è stata redatta a caso. Quando la si paragona attentamente a ciò che Gesù fa rispondere a Giovanni, è possibile trovare, nei precedenti testi del Vangelo, almeno un esempio per ogni dichiarazione (i ciechi vedono, gli storpi camminano...). Quando Gesù dice questo, le sue parole fanno pensare alle parole di un profeta. Bisogna che diventi manifesto che in Gesù si compiono le speranze passate anche se molte cose restano ancora incompiute. Non tutti i malati sono stati guariti, non tutto è diventato buono. Ecco perché si legge in conclusione questo ammonimento: "Felice colui che non abbandonerà la fede in me (che non si scandalizza di me)".

Quanto a coloro ai quali questo non basta, Gesù domanda loro che cosa di fatto sono venuti a vedere. Poiché di persone vestite bene se ne trovano dappertutto. Ma se è un profeta che volevano vedere, l'hanno visto! Hanno avuto ragione di andare a trovare Giovanni Battista, poiché la legge e i profeti lo avevano designato. Eppure la gente lo ha seguito come farebbero dei bambini che ballano sulla piazza del mercato senza preoccuparsi di sapere chi suona il flauto. La parabola che segue, e che non fa parte del nostro testo di oggi, dà una risposta che ci illumina: di fatto gli uomini non sanno quello che vogliono. Essi corrono dietro a chiunque prometta loro del sensazionale.

Offering Envelopes



2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK-UP!

Parishioners are asked to pick up their 2020 Offertory Envelopes in the chapel. It is important that you discard all previous envelopes when the New Year commences. Please enter your full name and address on the first few 2020 envelopes so that we may allocate donations correctly for income tax purposes.

If you do not have offertory envelopes and would like a box, please fill out a request form found in the church foyer or in the parish office.

Children's Christmas Eve Choir



Children in Grade 3 and up are invited to participate in a Christmas Choir to sing at the **5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass**.

Practices Times are as follows:

Saturday, Dec. 21st from 6pm to 6:45pm,
and Tuesday, Dec. 24th at 4:15pm.

Those interested are asked to meet Zabrina in the church.



Vocations Corner... "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

Are you one to be sent? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call

Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocations Director at 416-968-0997.
Email: vocations@archtoronto.org Web: www.vocationstoronto.ca

EDGE YOUTH CORNER LIFE TEEN

Are you in grade 5, 6, 7, or 8?

All students in **grade 5 - 8** are welcome to our next EDGE Night on **Friday, January 10th**, from 7pm - 9pm.

EDGE Registration Fee: \$25

September 2019 to June 2020 Session
(EDGE t-shirt included with registration)

Registration forms available in the church foyer.

For registration info, please contact 905-677-4615 or email: OLAYouthministry@hotmail.com

Calling all "OLA Teens" in grades 9 - 12!

Are you looking for service hour opportunities?

Teens in need of volunteer hours for High School graduation are asked to email OLAYouthministry@hotmail.com to get on the list for **Parish Service Projects and Youth Events** which will require volunteers.

Follow us on Instagram: [ourladyairwaysyouth](https://www.instagram.com/ourladyairwaysyouth)

OLA Young Adults

Programs and Events for ages 19 - 39.

Follow us on Twitter: [@Airways_YA](https://twitter.com/Airways_YA)