

❖❖❖ **2016 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE** ❖❖❖

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Saturday, December 24</b>	<i>Midnight Mass only</i>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>Sunday, December 25</b>	<i>11 AM (No 7 pm)</i>
<b>Daily Mass</b>	<b>December 26 - 30</b>	<i>12:15 PM</i>
<b>Daily Mass</b>	<b>Saturday, December 31</b>	<i>9:30 AM Mass</i>
<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>Sunday, January 1</b>	<i>11 AM (No 7 pm)</i>
<b>Daily Mass</b>	<b>Monday, January 2</b>	<i>12:15 PM</i>

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Mass Times	Liturgical SCHED. - Dec 11 & 18
Monday - Friday 12:15 pm   Saturday 9:30 am Sunday 11 am & 7 pm (Rosary prayed before all ferial Masses)	<b>December 11, 11 am:</b> <i>Sacristan</i> - SCM; <i>Server</i> - Victor V. ; <i>Lectors</i> - Larry R., Joan B.; <i>EMHC</i> - Richard B., Mary V., Sr. Ann M.
<b>Mass on statutory holidays:</b> 9:30 am	<b>December 11, 7 pm:</b> <i>Sacristan</i> - Jeremy J.; <i>Server</i> - Richard R.; <i>Lectors</i> - Martin S., Fertaa Y.; <i>EMHC</i> - Hyewon K., Assembly Volunteers.
<b>St. Thomas Aquinas Church Visiting Hours:</b> Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:45 pm	<b>December 18, 11 am:</b> <i>Sacristan</i> - Nathan F.; <i>Server</i> - SCM.; <i>Lectors</i> - Sr. Lois B., Larry R.; <i>EMHC</i> - Sr. Ann M., Assembly Volunteers.
<b>Confession</b> Monday to Friday 11:45 am - 12:05 pm Saturday 9:00 - 9:20 am Sunday 10:15 - 10:45 am and 6:15 - 6:45 pm (Alternatively, schedule an appointment with Fr. Peter)	<b>December 18, 7 pm:</b> <i>Sacristan</i> - Julie W.; <i>Server</i> - Richard R. ; <i>Lectors</i> - Liam F., Mike P.; <i>EMHC</i> - Hyewon K., Assembly Volunteers.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.*

- Entrance Antiphon, 3rd Sunday of Advent

Greetings in the Lord!

On Dec 11th we will celebrate ***Gaudete Sunday***. This day takes its name from the Latin word for "rejoice". Advent is the season of preparing for the arrival of our Lord Jesus (both His first *and* His second coming...and third in the daily events of life), and by the Third Sunday of Advent, we are most of the way through the season. This is one of the two times within the liturgical year (the second being Laetare Sunday, which occurs during the Lenten season) that a priest can wear rose coloured vestments.

This colour represents joy. We are especially thankful to one of our weekday parishioners, Josefina Siao, who graciously donated a fine new rose coloured chausuble to Newman Centre.



So why are we called to be filled with joy? All of the readings for Gaudete Sunday are focused on the fact that Jesus is the fulfillment of every promise made by our Heavenly Father through the prophets to the Jewish people. That is why we are called to rejoice. We are more blessed than John the Baptist because we are now living in the time that Jesus Himself inaugurated! Moreover, through baptism, men and women become children of the Father through His Only Begotten Son.

Let us be increasingly mindful of this great gift as we approach the celebration of Christmas. May the Virgin Mary, Icon of Advent, intercede for us and pray that the Good Lord will grant us the same spiritual joy she felt when she gazed upon the face of her newborn Son and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

God bless,

Fr Peter Turrone

**To Volunteer for a Liturgical Ministry, please contact:**

**Altar Servers** - Rogelio, [rogelio\\_mir@hotmail.com](mailto:rogelio_mir@hotmail.com)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Italy Pilgrimage:** If you missed the information session and need details to join our pilgrimage to Italy from May 22 - June 1, 2017, please contact Sonal at [sonal.castelino@newmantoronto.com](mailto:sonal.castelino@newmantoronto.com). 40 spaces available. Details on our website and on the notice board.

**Solemn Mass of the Immaculate Conception:** All are invited to Solemn Mass on Thursday, December 8th at 12:15 pm celebrated with praise and worship followed by Holy Hour.

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe:** Parishioners and parents with young children are invited to enjoy a short play on the miraculous story of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 11th after both Masses.

**De-Stress from exams:** The U of T Newman Catholic Students Club is organizing a Christmas themed opportunity for all students to de-stress during the exam season on December 12th. We will meet at 2 pm at the Newman Centre to depart for skating at Nathan Philips Square until 4:30 pm. The fun continues when we return to Newman at 5 pm with board games, cookie decorating, and Christmas music until 6:30 pm.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent Season:** In addition to our regular confession schedule, our Parish Day of Confessions is on Friday, December 16th from 10 am - 12 pm and 2 pm - 4 pm. Regular confession is available every day before Mass, please see timing below:

Monday to Friday: 11:45 am - 12:05 pm

Saturday: 9:00 - 9:20 am

Sunday: 10:15 - 10:45 am & 6:15 - 6:45 pm

**Bible in a Year:** Would you like to join a group to read the Bible in a Year? We encourage our parishioners to become more familiar with the Word of God. Copies of the program will be handed out at Sunday Masses. If you are interested in joining an online chat group about the Bible, please email Sonal at [sonal.castelino@newmantoronto.com](mailto:sonal.castelino@newmantoronto.com).

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS REPORT: NOVEMBER 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Nov. Offertory	\$8,722	\$9,941	Shepherd's Trust - Nov 13	\$550	\$777
Total Year to Date:	\$101,716	\$110,421			

Chapel Maintenance Fund To Date: \$11,315

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

*Want to get involved with our community? Drop by or email us.*

## Newman's ADVENT DINNER - Sold Out!

Thursday, December 8, 2016 | 6:30 PM

We look forward to welcoming our Newman community and celebrating Advent in honour of the Immaculate Conception.

We begin with Vespers by Toronto's new auxiliary Bishop Reverend Robert Kasun C.S.B at 6:30 pm followed by dinner, entertainment and some special surprises from 7 pm onwards.



**Holy Hour for Chastity & Vocational Discernment:** Every Thursday after the 12:15 Mass from 12:45 - 1:45 pm in the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel. For details, please visit our website or visit [www.Angelicwarfareconfraternity.org](http://www.Angelicwarfareconfraternity.org) All welcome.



**Save the Date:** First Angelic Doctor Lecture with Fr. Peter Cameron on Thursday, January 26, 2017.

Stay tuned for details in the upcoming edition of the Torch.

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Thank you for your continued support of Newman Centre's programs that provide spiritual and intellectual support to students.

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