



**Second Sunday
Of Advent**

December 9, 2018

II domenica di Avvento

Allora accorrevano a Giovanni...confessando i loro peccati, si facevano battezzare da lui nel fiume Giordano.

The Lord will purify us, perfect us and prepare us for himself.

Mass Intentions December 10th to December 16th

Monday, Dec. 10

8:00 AM For All Our Parishioners

Tuesday, Dec. 11

8:00 AM No Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 12

8:00 AM † Federico Santaluce / Wife & Children
 † Michele Ruggiero / Moglie & Famiglia
 † Maria Teresa Pelaia / Famiglia
 † Vincenzo Ciafaloni / Wife Anna
 † Art & Aggie Schaefer / Anna Schaefer

Thursday, Dec. 13

8:00 AM † Teodor Bacic / Wife & Family

Friday, Dec. 14

8:00 AM † Antonio Sabatino / dalla Moglie Vincenza
 7:00 PM † Tommasina Giancursio / Figli

Saturday, Dec. 15

5:00 PM † Matteo Farace / Maria Farace

Sunday, Dec. 16

9:30 AM † Mario Ciprietti / Moglie
 11:30 AM For the Blessings on Milton's Birthday /
 Monteiro Family
 7:00 PM † Mario, Domenico-Antonio, Rosa Rivera /
 Wife & Daugher-in-law Rosa & Family

SAVE THE DATE!

HAY Evening	December 13, 2018
Padre Pio Devotion/Mass	December 19, 2018
Day of Confession	December 20, 2018
Blood Donor Clinic	December 27, 2018
St. Anthony Dinner/Dance	February 2, 2019
Mount Carmel Dinner/Dance	March 2, 2019



Season of Advent: Advent has a 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 a season of joyful expectation. During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah,

are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

Donation Envelopes 2019: are now available! They will be available in the back of the Church. *Please be sure to take the box that belongs to you.* If you wish to register for envelopes, please call the office and we will assign you a number.

Le buste dell'offertorio per 2019 sono pronte. Chiediamo di prenderne secondo il vostro numero e guardare se il numero corrisponde con il vostro nome.

Christmas Tree Toy Drive at Holy Angels 2018: This Advent Season, we will be collecting brand new toys for the



less fortunate children. We are asking for donations of unwrapped toys appropriate for children ages 1-12. We will start accepting donations as of December 2nd. All toys will go to Dr. Simone for Canadian Food For Children.

Christmas is about giving; let us give generously so we can truly experience the blessing of Jesus' birth!

*Today we will be presenting
our Confirmandi 2019!*



Thank you for supporting your church. Collection for December 2nd was \$5,044.05.

Grazie della generosità per la vostra Chiesa. L'offertaio della domenica 2 dicembre era \$5,044.05.



Dr. Simone: We will be collecting toys for the month of December.

Questo mese accogliamo i giocattoli per la missione del Dr. Simone.



Sanctuary Lamp Prayer for the week of December 9th is offered in memory of Giuseppe Polizzano from the Boccia family.

La lampada del SS. Sacramento della settimana di 9 dicembre è stata offerta in memoria di Giuseppe Polizzano dalla famiglia Boccia.

Memorial leaves for our loved ones for the tree in the rear of the Church are always available upon request. Please call Maria at 905-270-7681 or the parish office.



Holy Angels Building Repairs Fund: Last week's second collection was \$1,772.70.

La Seconda Raccolta per il Nuovo Tetto della Chiesa:
Seconda raccolta della settimana passata e stata: \$1,772.70.

Mass Intentions for 2019: We are receiving Mass intentions for 2019 during the office hours or by appointment only. Mass intentions will not be received via email or phone.

Abbiamo cominciato a scrivere le intenzioni delle messe per l'anno nuovo. Per favore venite durante tempo di ufficio o chiamate prima per l'appuntamento.



December 20, 2018: will be our Day of Confessions at Holy Angels Church. We will be hearing confessions from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: On December 8th, the Universal Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – the fact that Saint Anne and Saint Joachim conceived Mary without the stain of original sin (St. Pius IX, *Ineffabilis Deus*, 1854). She was redeemed from the moment of her conception (CCC 491). The Gospel reading reminds us of *why* this was so – she was to be the Mother of God. The angel Gabriel announces her role in God's plan of salvation: this spotless Virgin was to bear the Son of God and she was to call him Jesus – “God saves.”

This poor, young woman from Nazareth had such faith in the plan of God that she said “yes.” Unlike Adam and Eve, Mary was not blinded by the allure of earthly things, nor the trickery of evil, nor the promptings of other humans. She simply responded, *Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done unto me according to your word.* God found in her the acceptance that he had awaited from the beginning. “Without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son” (CCC 494).

What can we learn from Mary? While none of us is perfect like she was perfect, we can certainly see in Mary the model of humility and obedience. Perhaps, in this Advent season, we can focus on God's plan of salvation and less on the trappings of material things. Perhaps we could better appreciate that we, too, *have found favor with God.* For the Child which Mary carried in her womb came to redeem each of us and all of us – Christ has saved us, and Christ's grace continues to sustain us. Mary's Son would be *called holy, the Son of God.* He has given us a share in his divine life so that we, too, may be holy.

Can we live up to this? Can we recognize that God has chosen us, too? Can we live a life of holiness? Let us turn to God in prayer and seek to know his plan for us. Let us not hesitate to listen to his answer, because *nothing will be impossible for God.*

