

# St. Joseph's Church, Highland Creek

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**Music Directors:** Saturday 5:00 p.m. Baya Arts Sunday 9:00 a.m. Isis Rebello

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Jason Gotera Sunday 7:00 p.m. Barbara Sullivan

**Organist:** Gerard Johnston





# December 18th, 2022 4th Sunday of Advent

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of Dec 17 to Dec 24, 2022

Dec 17	Sat	9:00 AM	† Anne Rode
		5:00 PM	† Dante Abreo
Dec 18	Sun	9:00 AM	† Gabriel Celestine Van Veen
		11:00 AM	People of the Parish
		7:00 PM	† Giovanni & Aquilina Vacca
Dec 19	Mon	9:00 AM	† Bernadette Dinova
Dec 20	Tue	9:00 AM	† James Noronha
Dec 21	Wed	9:00 AM	† Martin Coyle
Dec 22	Thu	9:00 AM	Intention of Christian Santos
Dec 23	Fri	9:00 AM	Intention of Victoria Quiogue
			† Venze Maidne
			† Benedicta D'Sa
			† Osmond Elias Sequeira
			† Allan Becket
Dec 24	Sat	9:00 AM	† Augustine Fernandes

## PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

**Catholic Women's League:** Therese Baduria at 416.938-5855  
General meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in Room 2.

**Faith Enrichment:** Bonnie Washer at 416.284-5772 Meetings on Thursdays at 9:30 – 10:45 am in Room 2.

**Knights of Columbus:** Roy Van Deen at 416.899-2771.  
General meetings held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm in Room 2. Next meeting January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Legion of Mary:** Dawne Williams at 416.284-8699 or Manisha Raju 647.678-0371. Meetings every Tuesday at 5:30 pm in Room 1. Juniors contact Manisha.

**Prayer Group:** Patricia Furtado at 416.724-8570 and Michael McManus at 416.438-8453. Meetings held every other Thursday at 7:00 pm. Next meeting December 8<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**Refuge Outreach:** Carmela Gaudet at 416.283-8151. Meets on the last Saturday of every month.

**Seniors 50+ Club:** Joe Van Pinxteren at 416.284-4213  
Refreshments, coffee, cards and companionship from 12 – 3:30 pm in the Hall every Wednesday. Seniors mass held every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 11 am.

**Social Committee:** Bryan Noble at 647.937-6631 or bryannoble1967@gmail.com

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** 416.282-0370 ext. 217

**Technology Ministry:** Isis Rebello at 416.286-0707

**Youth Ministry:** Angie Bernard at 647. 242-8429 or abernard@archtoronto.org

## REFLECTION

God, Emmanuel, is with us. The promise made long ago to King Ahaz is fulfilled. That king lacked trust in God, and feared to ask for a sign. Matthew applies this ancient prophecy to Jesus' birth, of a virgin who at last put total faith in God. But what was Mary's predicament? We must not let false piety obscure what an earlier age saw clearly. Matthew tells the story from Joseph's point of view. We hear of an angel's visit to him rather than to Mary, for she was misunderstood and Joseph faced a dilemma. As a just man, he must obey the Law and repudiate his pregnant fiancé; as compassionate, he did not want to expose her to disgrace or punishment. He was about to divorce Mary quietly when God revealed his design. This child to be born, who will save from sin, shares with those closest to him the uncertainties and anguish of human life. Even his parents must learn to trust God completely. As Christmas nears, let us pray for trust like Mary's and Joseph's, that God may workout his plan in each of us.

*(Sunday Mass Book)*

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2022

**Christmas & New Year Schedule**

**Christmas Eve Masses**

Saturday, 24th December, 2022

4:15 pm Carol Singing

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

7:00 pm Carol Singing

7:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass

9:00 pm Carol Singing (Koro Filipino)

9:30 pm Filipino Mass (Misa de Gallo)

11:15 pm Carol Singing

12:00 am Midnight Christmas Mass

**Christmas Day Masses**

Sunday, 25th December, 2022

9:00 am (Choir led by Isis Rebello)

11:00 am (Senior's Choir)

*No evening mass on Christmas Day*

**New Year's Day Masses**

Saturday, December 31, 2022

5:00 pm

Sunday, January 1st, 2023

9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7:00pm

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

Saturday, January 7th, 2023

9:00 am & 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 8th, 2023

9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm



**OUR CHRISTMAS APPEAL**



All donations, large or small are appreciated. They can be placed in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Box after Mass or dropped off at the church.

For further info refer to the handouts at the back of the church or contact us through the church office at 416 282 0370 ext 217

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION DATES**

**First Communion Preparation— 2023**

**1st Parent Meeting**

Sunday, January 29th @ 1pm –hall

Tuesday, January 31st @ 7pm—church

**2nd Parent Meeting**

Sunday, February 26th @ 1pm—hall

Tuesday, February 28th @ 7pm –church

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday, March 25th, 2023 @ 10 am—11:30 am

**First Communion Mass**

Sunday, April 16th @ 1 pm

-St.Brendan, St. Jean de Brebeuf

Sunday. April 23rd @ 1pm

-Cardinal Leger, St. Dominic Savio, Sunday School

**PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

Friday, December 23, 2022: 9:00 am—12 noon

Monday, December 26, 2022: Closed

Tuesday, December 27, 2022 : Closed

Wednesday, December 28, 2022 : 9:00 am—12:30 pm & 1:30-5:00 pm (closed for lunch 12:30 pm-1:30 pm)

Thursday, December 29, 2022: 9:00 am—12:30 pm & 1:30-5:00 pm (closed for lunch 12:30 pm-1:30 pm)

Friday, December 30, 2022: 9:00 am—12:00 noon

Monday, January 2, 2022 : Closed

**2023 DONATION ENVELOPES**

Are available for pick up in the Narthex. They are alphabetized within each tray. Please be patient and double check that you are taking your own box.

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