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Organist: Gerard Johnston

prepare the way...



ADVENT



Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A December 21, 2025



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week December 20-27, 2025

Dec 20	Sat	9:00 AM	† Frank Quadros
		5:00 PM	† Inacio Fernandes
Dec 21	Sun	9:00 AM	† Martin Coyle
		11:00 AM	People of the Parish
		7:00 PM	† Irving 'Val' Felix
Dec 22	Mon	9:00 AM	Intention of Christian B Santos
Dec 23	Tue	9:00 AM	† Augustine Fernandes
Dec 24	Wed	9:00 AM	† Angelo Nepomuceno
		5:00 PM	† Michael & Priscila Dayot
		7:30 PM	Intention of Geoffrey Hosein & family
Dec 25	Thu	12:00 AM	People of the Parish
		9:00 AM	† Stephen Menezes
		11:00 AM	† Rosa & Ramon Chua
Dec 26	Fri	9:00 AM	† John Rodrigues
			† Maria Tedesco
			† Renante Hingada
			† Ernie Hultay
			† David Stiles
			† Kenneth & Lillian Murrell
			† Joan Williams
			Intention of Mildred Mariano
			Intention of Leocadia Shiekh
			Intention of Gabrielle Laberinto
Dec 27	Sat	9:00 AM	† Andrew Telles
		5:00 PM	Intention of Clifford D'Silva

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Closed at noon
 Christmas Day: Closed
 Boxing Day: Closed
 New Year's Eve: Closed at noon
 New Year's Day: Closed



IMPORTANT : 2025 TAX RECEIPTS

Please note that only donations received at the parish office by
December 31st, 12 noon qualifies for a 2025 Tax Receipt.

REFLECTION

Today's Gospel is both familiar and deeply comforting, drawing us into the mystery of God's astonishing choice to enter our human reality. Through Matthew's account, we are reminded that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises spoken through the prophets. Special attention is given to Joseph, who faithfully accepts his responsibility to support Mary and to safeguard the Messianic line of David. At the heart of this Gospel is the name Emmanuel—"God is with us." As we near the celebration of Christmas, we are invited to pause in wonder at this truth: that the eternal, all-powerful God humbled Himself to become human, so that He might dwell among us and lead us to eternal life. May this mystery inspire quiet contemplation and renewed hope in the days ahead.

*Adapted from Living with Christ—December 2025—Rev.
 Leonard Altília, SJ—Montreal, QC*

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

Phone Number: (416) 282-0370

Ministry	Contact	EXT
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE <i>General meetings: 2nd Mon of the month at 7 PM (the Hall)</i>	Raffaela Civello	251
FAITH ENRICHMENT <i>Meetings: every Thursday 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM (Room 2)</i>	Bonnie Washer	252
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS <i>General meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM (Room 2)</i>	Voicemail only	253
LEGION OF MARY <i>Meetings every Tues at 5:30 PM</i>	Debra Silveira	254
PRAYER GROUP <i>Meetings: every other Thurs 7:30 PM</i>	Patricia Furtado/ Jennifer Fernandes	255
REFUGEE OUTREACH <i>Meetings: every last Saturday of the month</i>	Camela Gaudet	218
SENIORS 50+ CLUB <i>Companionship: every Wed, 12 PM – 3:30 PM (the Hall)</i>	Joe Van Pinxteren	256
SOCIAL COMMITTEE	Sean Figueredo	215
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The Good Shepherd Provide-a-Meal Program Needs You!

Thank you to all who have been participating in the Good Shepherd Provide-a-Meal Program! To anyone interested in joining—**welcome!** The casseroles we prepare help feed those in need at the **Good Shepherd Refuge** on Queen Street East in downtown Toronto. How the Program Works

- We provide you with a **casserole container and recipe**.
- Pick up your container and recipe from the **parish office during business hours**, along with the drop-off schedule.
- Prepare the same meal **once per month**—and keep some for your family, it's delicious!
- Drop off your casserole on the scheduled dates **between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. after the Saturday morning Mass** at the **west parking lot**. When you drop off, pick up an empty container for next time. That's it!

Want to Join or Have Questions?

Contact **Peter or Annie Alkins** at **(416) 283-7420**.

2026 Drop-Off Dates

Jan 3 | Feb 7 | Mar 7 | Mar 28 | May 2 | Jun 6 | Jul 4 | Aug 29 | Oct 3 | Nov 7 | Dec 5

Lift Your Voice – Join Our Choir!

The 9 a.m. Choir is looking for altos, tenors, and basses! Our rehearsals are friendly, supportive, and full of laughter and sometimes cookies!



If you're interested or would like more information, please speak with Isis Rebello after the 9 a.m. Mass, contact the parish office, or call Isis at 416-528-4185.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Fr. Francis invites you to join him for our parish pilgrimage to visit Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico from April 29 to May 6, 2026. We only need your deposit of \$300 by January 10, 2025. Praying that you can join us. Thank you.



As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, may this holy season fill your hearts with peace, joy, and hope. Thank you for being a cherished part of our parish family.

Your faith and generosity make our community a true reflection of Christ's love. May the coming year bring you abundant blessings and renewed strength. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas.—Fr. Francis



Christmas Schedule

Join us and celebrate the coming of Christmas

Christmas Eve 4:30 PM Carol Singing
5:00 PM Holy Mass
7:00PM Carol Singing
7:30 PM Holy Mass
9:00 PM Carol Singing
9:30 PM Filipino Mass
11:30 PM Carol Singing
12:00 AM Holy Mass

Christmas Day 9:00 AM Holy Mass
11:00 AM Holy Mass
No evening Mass

New Year's Eve 5:00 PM Holy Mass

New Year's Day 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 7:00 PM Holy Mass



2026 DONATION ENVELOPES

The 2026 donation envelopes are available in the Narthex for pick up. Please be patient and ensure you are picking up your own box. We thank you for your generosity!

BEFORE YOU FIX YOUR WEDDING DATE



Thinking about doing your wedding in the Church? Great move! The way to go is to call the parish office and schedule an appointment with the priest **at least 12 months** before your desired wedding date. It is a requirement in the Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto. Hoping for the best for you as you process and make this important life-long decision.

Did you know that?



☞ Christmas is a whole Season lasting 12 Days, not just December 25, because God's coming is too big for one day? (Luke 2:10–11)

☞ Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are a big deal because they celebrate the moment God stepped into human history for you personally? (Luke 2:10–11; Titus 2:11)

☞ Christmas Day Mass is essential because celebrating Christ's birth without worship misses the point? (Luke 2:16, 20)

EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY 2025-2026

Registration for youth in Grade 6, 7, and 8 is still open! EDGE meets on the **2nd and 4th Fridays of each month**. Come discover the EPIC Universe!

For more information contact **Jeremy at JTanuan@archtoronto.org or (416)282-0370 Ext.**

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