



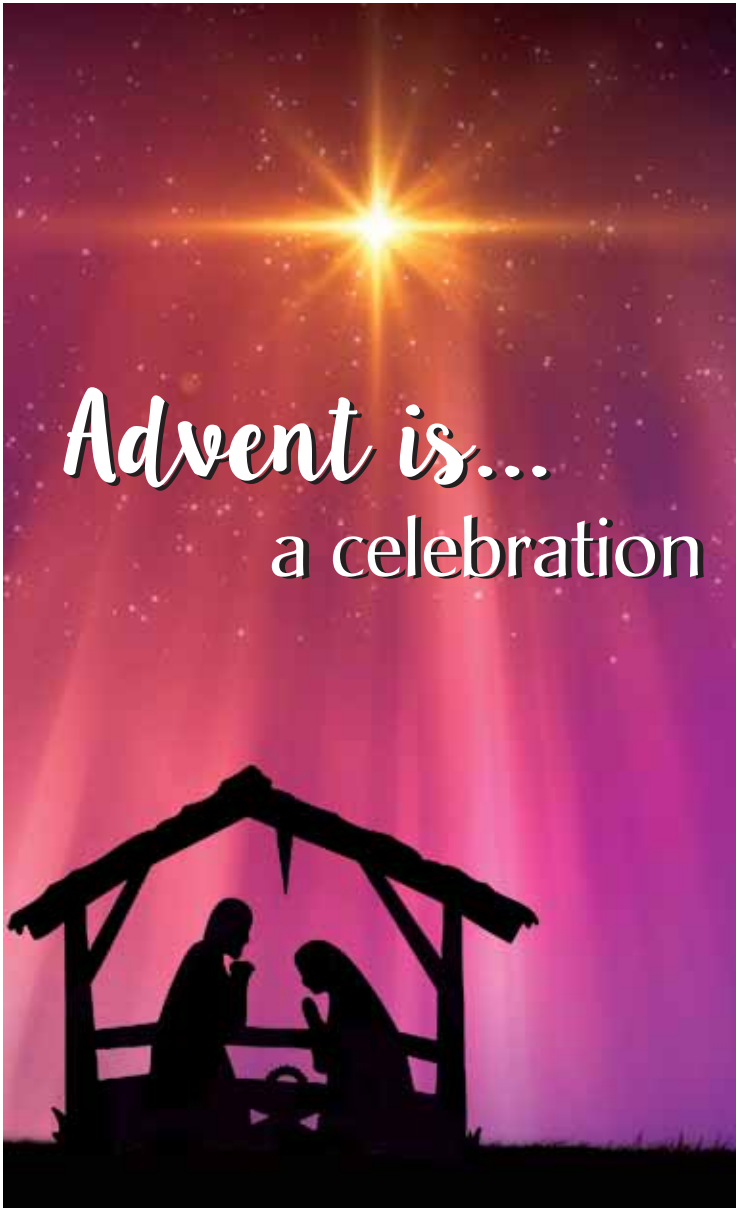
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19, 2021



*Come, Lord Jesus, come !
 Come and open our hearts and fill us
 with your love.
 — Amen*

Our mission at St. Francis de Sales is to joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith, trusting that: if you are seeking Christ, you will find Him here. If grieving, you will receive comfort. If troubled in spirit, you will receive the blessing of peace without being judged. If discouraged, you will rejoice in hope. If alone, you will find companionship and Christian love. May our parish be a sanctuary of peace for you as we journey together to the Father's house.

Parish Hours

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 am
 FRIDAY 7:00 pm
 SATURDAY 9:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm
 SUNDAY 8:30 am | 9:45 am | 11:00 am | 12:15 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
 SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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4th Sunday of Advent



“We are asked to welcome Christ’s Kingdom into our lives by allowing Him to be born in us, by recognizing Him in others and by courageously going forth with His grace to build His kingdom of love, justice, peace and holiness in our world....

...there is no room in the manger except for Jesus and us...
There's no room for our pious pride and self-righteousness... for our human power and prestige... for ... past failure and unforgiven sin. There's no room for our prejudice, bigotry....for bitterness and greed. There is no room in the manger for anything other than the absolute reality of who and what we really are: very human, very real, very fragile, very vulnerable beings who desperately need the gift of love and grace which God so powerfully desires to give.
(Fr. Antony Kadavil)”

Source of Quote: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2019-12/reflections-christmas-day-mass.html>

Peace



Receive the gift of love and grace

Christmas & New Year's Schedule (schedule subject to change)

No Registration Required. Please arrive early. Capacity is limited.

Christmas Eve

Friday 24 December

- 4:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m.
- 8:00 p.m.
- 10:00 p.m.
- 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day

Saturday 25 December

- 9:45 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.
- 12:15 p.m.

Mass of Sunday Obligation & Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday 26 December

- 8:30 a.m.
- 9:45 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.
- 12:15 p.m.

New Year's Mass (Day of Obligation)

Friday 31 December

- 5 p.m.
- 6:30 pm

Saturday 1 January

- 8:30 a.m.
- 9:45 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.
- 12:15 p.m.

Mass of Sunday Obligation

Sunday 2 January

- 8:30 a.m.
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- 11:00 a.m.
- 12:15 p.m.



No 5pm Mass on: Saturday December 25, 2021 or Saturday January 1, 2022

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 20 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. ELLIE DEMATTOS
+ DEMOCRETO & JULIANA PASAJOL
+ CECILIA CLEMENTS

TUESDAY, 21 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. FR. JOE SINGH
S.I. NICK KATSORAS & NICOLA
MAIORANO
+ MANOLO ORMAECHEA

WEDNESDAY, 22 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. EMMANUEL BURAGA
+ ROBERT SAPTEL
+ DELMARE RODRIGUES

THURSDAY, 23 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + SIMON D'SOUZA
+ MARGARET CAIN
+ JOHN OZIMEK

FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER

9:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM + GUILHERME CARVALHO
+ BARBARA CANNATA
+ BETTY GREEN
6:00PM + PAULA MACCIOCCHI
+ RICHARD & DORIS MCKEE
+ MARILYN MCCUE
8:00PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
10:00 PM + LINDON PETERKIN
+ CONNIE, JERRY & ANTHONY D'SOUZA
+ AGUSTIN TRAYA
11:30 PM + MARGARET WALSH
+ FRANCISCA DE JESUS & FAMILY
+ PATRICIA STEVENSON

SATURDAY 25 DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS DAY

9:45 AM + JOSE & PETRA RINGOR ESPIRITU
+ JADE DE CASTRO
+ GERARD MEGAHEY
11:00 AM + CAITANO D'SOUZA & CARMELINE
FERNANDES
+ AGUSTIN TRAYA
+ JUN TENORIO
12NOON + LEOCELO JOSE LLERA
+ ANA LIZA MACAS
+ PETER UDAN
5:00 PM **NO EVENING MASS**

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, 26 DECEMBER, 2021

8:30 AM + UNA & EDWARD MARECHEAU
+ MARGARET VITELLI
+ VERNON FERNANDES
9:45 AM + SIMON, EUGENE & ROSIE D'SOUZA
+ JOSEPH & REGINOLD D'SOUZA
+ ROY JOHN BAPTIST
11:00 AM + DR. MARIA ASUNCION SHIFER
+ ALLAN DESILVA
+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
CLEMENTS & BAROBA FAMILY
12:15 PM S.I. HILDRETH & WINIFRED BLANCHARD
+ ROBERTO DEMAISIP
+ GIUSEPPE SULTANA

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Please Note: Our Christmas Masses are on a first come, first serve basis. The doors will be locked after we have reached our capacity. **You will be required to attend a Mass on Sunday 26 December to fulfill your Sunday obligation.**

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

On New Year's Day we celebrate Mary Mother of God. **For Catholics in Canada, this is a day of obligation where you are expected to attend mass.**

Friday 31 December:

5 PM & 6:30 PM

Saturday 1 January:

8:30 AM, 9:45 AM, 11 AM & 12:15 PM

Please Note: Our New Year's Masses are on a first come, first serve basis. There will be no 5 PM Mass on 1 January. The doors will be locked after we have reached our capacity. **You will be required to attend a Mass on Sunday 2 January at 8:30 AM, 9:45 AM 11 AM & 12:15 PM, to fulfill your Sunday obligation.**

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit:

www.archtoronto.org/synodality

REFLECTION

Why do we call the Nativity of Jesus, Christmas?

I'm not too sure if anyone can give an adequate response. However, here is my reflection on the order of the Mass and the Infancy Narratives of St's. Matthew and Luke.

Mass

Gloria

Nativity Story

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom He favors" (Lk 2:14)

Sacred
Scripture

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people, Israel" (Mt 2:6). This was quoted from the Prophet, Micah in the Old Testament.

Offertory

"Then opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh" (Mt 2:11). These (Gentile) men of old were really offering themselves much like us, who are expected to do the same at Mass during the offertory.

Consecration

"When Herod saw that he was tricked...he was infuriated and sent and killed all the children...who were under two years old..." (Mt 2:16) The sacrifice of the Cross, which was to happen later on in the life of Jesus, the most Innocent Man to ever live, shadowed these little ones in Bethlehem. One could say that Jesus' presence in Bethlehem perfumed the Holy Innocents, to offer up in sacrifice their lives. During the Eucharist Prayer we, the Mystical Body of Christ, are called to offer up our lives (our joys, sorrows, pains etc.) in union with Christ on the Cross.

Communion

"Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God" (Lk 2:28). Simeon was happy that he was in common union with Christ.

Final Blessing

"Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled" (Lk 2:29).



FIRST COMMUNION

It has been so nice to see the children at Mass. Please remember to come early to ensure you have a space for Mass during this beautiful Advent season. Also, please remember to check the bulletin weekly for sacramental updates.

CONFIRMATION

It was great to see everyone during the Confession Night. If you have not had the opportunity to go to Confession, please do so ASAP. Also, **if you did not pick up your book, please email Noah immediately.** An email was sent out to parents regarding classes starting in January, please be sure to review the email. Preparation classes will be virtual. Please continue to monitor the parish website and bulletin for further updates. Kindly note that Noah won't have easy access to his emails or voicemails throughout the Christmas holidays. Thank you for your patience.

ONLINE DONATIONS

Dear parishioners,

If you are not able to attend, but still wish to donate, here are the ways in which you can continue to support our parish at this time:

- Mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish or drop off to the parish locked mailbox by the office door, or drop off in the donations box at Mass.
- Online donations can be made at www.archtoronto.org. Simply click on the donate now icon, select St. Francis de Sales parish from the drop-down menu and the fund you wish to donate to. This can be done as a onetime donation or as an ongoing monthly donation. It will give you a place to choose that option.
- Contribute through pre-authorized giving. You can obtain a form from the parish website. Mail the completed form and a voided cheque to the parish office. Or e-mail the form and a scanned copy or photo of a voided cheque to development@archtoronto.org for processing. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.

Thank you for your many contributions to our parish community.

Reflection Cont'd...

Tabernacle

"On seeing the star...they knelt down and paid Him homage" (Mt 2:10-11). On seeing the Tabernacle light, all wise men and women bow their knee in homage to the actual Presence of Christ in the Tabernacle.

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