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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24th, 2023



*Dear Heavenly Father,
this Advent season, we especially are in need of
peace. War rages on in our world. It impacts the
daily lives of millions in different ways.
This year, as much as ever, we need Jesus,
Prince of Peace, in our world and in our hearts.
We pray during this advent, that Jesus
transforms our world as we await
His coming again.*

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Our mission : We joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith. 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 | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm
SUNDAY 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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4th Sunday of Advent

The King of Peace is coming



"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>



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 25 DECEMBER *Christmas Day*

**10:00 AM S.I. MR & MRS MICHAEL
S.I. MR & MRS SEBASTIAN PILLAI
S.I. MR & MRS COOPER**

**12:00 PM + NENETTE PASIGAN
+ INNOCENCIO & JOSEPHINE PACHECO**

TUESDAY, 26 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + VERNON FERNANDES
+ FREDERICK & CARMEN OCULAM
+ NORBERTO & VIRGILIA TEOFILLO

WEDNESDAY, 27 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + SIXTO VERA CRUZ
+ UNAT EDWARD MARECHEAU
+ BASIL & THELMA MARECHEAU

THURSDAY, 28 DECEMBER

**9:00 AM S.I. GABRIEL THOMAS
+ ALBERTO MARTINS
+ TOFILO YAMSON**

FRIDAY, 29 DECEMBER

**9:00 AM S.I. EMMA DABU
S.I. SHAYARAJAH & PAVIYOLAH
SHAYARAJAH
+ CARMELINA FERNANDES**

SATURDAY, 30 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + GRACE RODRIGUES
+ MARGARITA CHEN
+ JOAQUIM CORREIA

5:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, 31 DECEMBER *Feast of the Holy Family*

8:30 AM + HELEN & KARL FARUGA
+ STAN KRUPICZ
+ MARIA & MANUEL CHAVES AND FAMILY

**10:15 AM S.I. ELLIE DEMATTOS
+ BENJAMIN STONE
+ MARIA CLOTILDE BORROS ABREA**

12:00 PM *NO MASS*

SUNDAY, 31 DECEMBER *New Year's Eve*

**5:00 PM S.I. DOREEN CLEMENTS
+ DAVID HOGG**

A CATHOLIC CACKLE

Need a little laughter to brighten your day?
Try out this joke.

What did Adam say on the night before Christmas?

- *It's Christmas, Eve!*



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From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!... and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. **If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

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MARRIAGE & COMMUNION

Due to the many misconceptions regarding the Catholic Church and marriage, please note that a Catholic may marry a non-Catholic in the Catholic Church, without his or her conversion to the faith. In some instances, a person, who has been previously married, can also be married in the Catholic Church after consultation with the priest.


If as a Catholic you're married outside of the Catholic Church without the permission of the Church, we respectfully ask that you refrain from receiving the Eucharist until your marriage has been validated ("sacramentalized") by a Catholic priest or deacon. To remedy this situation, please call one of the priests to make an appointment to have your marriage validated. We are only too happy to bring back to the couple, the graces necessary to live out their marriage, and to reconcile them with the graces of the Eucharist.

2024 SUNDAY MISSALS

We're so glad so many of you have picked up a Missal for this year! Unfortunately, we are not able to use old missals from previous years so you are invited to simply recycle them at home. May the new missal for the year help you enter ever deeper into the Mysteries of our Faith!



2024 OFFERTORY BOXES

 Please be sure to pick up your 2024 Sunday Offertory envelopes. If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office. **Please do not use the 2024 envelopes until January.**



*Let us pray! For the sick members of our parish
and for those who love and minister to them.*



CLARIFICATION OF MASS ATTENDANCE

SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER

- 5:00 p.m.
- *There will be no 9:00 a.m. Mass on this day.*

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER: 4th Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m.
- 10:15 a.m.
- *There will be no 12 p.m. Mass on this day.*

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER: Christmas Eve Mass

- 4:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m.
- 9:00 p.m.
- 11:30 p.m.

MONDAY 25 DECEMBER: Christmas Day Mass

- 10:00 a.m.
- 12:00 p.m.

Because the Fourth Sunday of Advent is the same day as Christmas Eve, parishioners will have to attend one of the Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and to fulfill your Christmas obligation, will have to attend one of the Masses either on Christmas Eve or Day.

SATURDAY 30 DECEMBER: Feast of Holy Family

- 9:00 a.m.
- 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER: Feast of Holy Family

- 8:30 a.m.
- 10:15 a.m.
- *There will be no 12 p.m. Mass on this day.*

SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER: New Year's Eve Mass

- 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY 1 JANUARY: Holy Mary Mother of God New Year's Day

- 10:00 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m.
- 1:00 p.m.

Because the Feast of the Holy Family is the same day as New Year's Eve, parishioners will have to attend one of the Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family and to fulfill your New Year's obligation, will have to attend one of the Masses either on New Year's Eve or Day. 1 January, Mary Mother of God is a day of Mass obligation for all Catholics in Canada.



FIRST RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION

We hope you and your children are enjoying this beautiful Advent Season! We pray that you get to slow down, make fun memories and that you find wonderful ways to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Please remember that if you are visiting another Parish during the Christmas Season, to pick up a bulletin so that we can add a stamp to your child's passport the following week. Please also remember to add February 24th to your family calendar for your child's Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please see the back of your passport for the time for your child's school. We look forward to our grade 2 class visits in our 6 Parish schools starting in January as well as continuing with the RCIC classes. We are excited to see all of the children at Mass during this very special time of the year!

God Bless,
Dawn Selda

CONFIRMATION

It was so nice to see all the students who attended the Advent Confession night on Tuesday. If you were unable to attend, please insure your child goes to confession **ASAP**. For those who do not have their confirmation workbook, you will receive yours on the first day of class.

If you are visiting another Parish during the Christmas Season, to pick up a bulletin so that we can add a stamp to your child's passport the following week. Please ensure your family attends another Mass this weekend to fulfill the Christmas obligation.

We hope you and your children enjoyed this beautiful Advent Season! We pray that you get to slow down, make fun memories and that you are prepared for the birth of Our Saviour.

God Bless,
Noah Aquino

PARKING – FIRE ROUTES



We have a problem regarding our fire routes and parking. Please respect the fire routes and do **not** park in front of them. Recently, fire trucks and ambulances have had a hard time accessing the parking lot because people who are illegally parked in the fire zones and driveways. Time is crucial if a parishioner needs medical attention and needs to be rushed to the hospital. Bylaw officers will issue tickets to those who do not comply especially during the holiday season.

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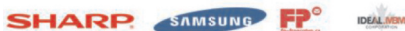
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