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December 22nd, 2024

### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On this last Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of **Peace** – the “Angel’s Candle”, reminding us of the message of the angels: “*Peace on Earth, and goodwill toward men.*”

*Jesus, You are constantly coming to your people,  
 Even when we fail to see You.  
 In each and every moment that we are blessed  
 To recognize You here and now,  
 Give us the courage to leap with joy at your coming.  
 — Amen*

### Advent – a season of JOY & HOPE

Advent is the season of *Joy* and *Hope* for all who follow Jesus.

We must be careful not to lose sight of the true meaning of the season as the world around us hustles to buy and sell, to have parties and plan vacations. Advent is a time to renew our life in Christ and to thank God for saving us in Jesus.

It is a season for asking God to save all people and for praying for peace in the world.

During Advent, we are invited to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord – to wait in joyful hope for his return in glory at the end of time and to prepare for the annual celebration of his birth.

— Advent: Joy and Hope Liturgical Leaflet, National Liturgy Office

### 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 any day by appointment)

#### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
 SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
 SUNDAY 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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4th Week of Advent

# The King of Peace is coming



## The Ruler from Bethlehem

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the  
strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the  
name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall  
be great to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

Micah 5: 2-5

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 23 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + SYLVIA, SIMON & SYDNEY D'SOUZA  
+ DAPHNE IRANI  
+ JASMIN ILUMBA

TUESDAY, 24 DECEMBER

9:00 AM NO MASS  
*Christmas Eve*

4:00 PM + BARBARA CANNATA  
+ CONNIE MCALEESE  
+ ANIA HEALY

6:00 PM S.I. FOR THE PHILLIP & PHILLIPS FAMILIES  
+ CHRISTIAN REVENTAR  
+ RICHARD, DORIS & MARILYN MCKEE

9:00 PM + CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ  
+ SALEEM ELVENA KHAN  
+ PATRICIA ELLUL

11:30 PM S.I. WILLIAM GERMAINE  
S.I. JEWEL POLLOCK  
+ JAMES & SHEILA BAPTISTE

WEDNESDAY, 25 DECEMBER *Christmas Day*

10:00 AM + NATIVIDAD CARPIO  
+ JADE DE CASTRO  
+ SIMON D'CRUZ & BERNARD ROSARIO

12:00 PM + MR & MRS FIC  
+ MR & MRS TVRDON  
+ ANTONIA HAWKINS SHORT

THURSDAY, 26 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. EMMA DABU  
+ FREDERICK & CARMEN OCULAM  
+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CLEMENTS &  
BAROBA FAMILIES

FRIDAY, 27 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. ELDA MARTINEZ  
S.I. FOR BENJIE & JENIE BURAGA  
+ SIXTO VERA CRUZ

SATURDAY, 28 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. FOR THE CLERGY OF ST. FRANCIS  
+ TEOFILO YAMSON II  
+ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

5:00 PM S.I. SHARON QUINTAL & JEWEL POLLOCK  
S.I. HILTON JAMES & LINDA LONDON  
+ SIMON D'CRUZ

SUNDAY, 29 DECEMBER

8:30 AM + CARMELINA FERNANDES  
+ THIRUNAMAM NAGAMANI  
+ THAMBU THURASINGHAM

10:15 AM + EMILIO LATOZA PASCUAL  
+ SIMEONA PEREZ  
+ MARILOU MACALALAD-RIVERA

12:00 PM + EDITH COUTINHO  
+ CONRADO BURAGA  
+ LITO BAUZA

7:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH



### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

4 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m. & 11:30 p.m.

**Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25**

10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

**Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at: 5 p.m.

Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup> at: 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

To fulfill your Christmas obligation, you will have to attend one of the Masses on either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God is also a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics in Canada. To fulfill this obligation, you must attend Mass on either New Years Eve or New Years Day.

### VOCATIONS



Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? **Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### 2025 OFFERTORY BOXES



Please be sure to pick up your 2025 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 2025 envelopes for 2024 donations. Use these**

**envelopes from January 1, 2025.** Thank you for your generosity! If you have requested envelopes over the past couple of weeks, the envelopes will not be ready until the second or third weekend in January. Please continue to use the visitor's envelopes located in the pew pockets. Print your full name and address clearly on the line so we can attach it to your parish registration. This will ensure you receive a tax receipt at year end.

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[www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org](http://www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org)

## PARKING ENFORCEMENT

The safety and security of our parishioners are of utmost importance. **Please respect the fire routes and DO NOT park in front of them**, even if you have an Accessible Permit! It only takes a second for an emergency to happen. You never know when emergency vehicles will need to access a fire route. Do not stand, stop, or park in an Accessible Parking Space without a valid permit displayed and the person it has been issued to is the driver or passenger. Recently, fire trucks and ambulances have had a hard time accessing the parking lot for emergency situations due to vehicles being parked in no parking 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. We thank you for helping us keep the driveways and area easily accessible.



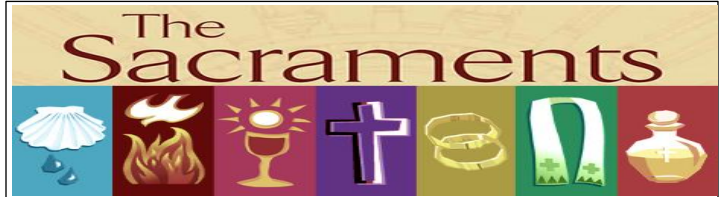
Thank you to all students who attended our Edge and Life Teen nights the past few weeks! We will be on Christmas break and return in the new year. The first Edge night is on January 24 for students in Gr 6-8. Whereas for the high school students attending Life Teen, your first night will be on Saturday, January 18. Wishing everyone an amazing, restful and prayerful Christmas. God Bless!



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.

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



## 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 22<sup>ND</sup> 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! **Don't forget, you also need to attend Mass on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day.**

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.**

**As a gentle reminder, Father kindly asks all students to wait until the priest reaches the back of the church before heading to the passport station.** Thank-you to those who have been following and respecting this guideline.

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



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