

Saturday, 16 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Verna & Rexy Freal (family)
5.00 pm Mass: † Mike D'Mello (Esme)

SUNDAY, 17 DEC. / ADVENT 3-B

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
- *Birthday of Pope Francis (1936)*
- *Religious Articles Sale*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lloyd Reteiff (Tina & family)
10.30 am Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)
12.00 pm Mass: † Eddie Juan (wife Shirley & children)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 18 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jacob Gomes (Mazumdar family)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Mazumdar family)

Tuesday, 19 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Pablito Medrero (family)
7.00 pm Mass: † Francis Lagundi (mother)

Wednesday, 20 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Luigi DeCicco (Emma)
8.50 am St. Joan of Arc Catholic Academy Mass
7.00 pm Mass: † Betty Ryckman & Ben Turpin (family)

Thursday, 21 Dec. / St. Peter Canisius, priest & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Joanne Martin (Joanne Wyse)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Lillian D'Souza (friends)

Friday, 22 Dec.

- *Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers: death anniversary (1988)*
- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving St. Anthony (Thomas family)
7.00 pm Mass: † Jeyaratnam Subramaniam (family)

Saturday, 23 December

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jane Evoy (family)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Norna Revil Barbon

SUNDAY, 24 DEC. / ADVENT 4-B

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Patricia Hynes (Tina & family)
9.00 pm Mass: Int. Linda Lainey (Tina & family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Clem D'Cunha (Victor)

CHRISTMAS EVE

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea (Christmas Eve & Day)*
- *2nd Collection: Christmas*

- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Victor D'Cunha (Esme)
9.00 pm Mass: Antonia Pe Benito (family)
11.30 pm Choir Caroling
12.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving for Baby Lily Kim Kamath (Grandma & D'Souza family)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, 25 Dec. / The Nativity of the Lord

- 9.00 am Mass: † Maurice & Carmine Pereira (Precy & family)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia, & Justino Rodas (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

The Advent Wreath

Third Sunday of Advent

At the beginning of Mass, the Priest will call a family to light the Advent Candle. At the end, the congregation prays:

Father, You called us to share Christ's ministry to a troubled world. Fill us with Your Spirit, so that we may faithfully proclaim Your Word in all we say and do, until Your Kingdom comes on Earth.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Today's Candle lighters are:

- 5.00 pm **Esme D'Mello**
9.00 am **Joanne Talbot**
10.30 am **SVDP Conference**
12.00 pm **Brenda Silva**
7.00 pm **Norma Karorochonien**



Pray for the Deceased

Fr. Fadi Sarraf

The 60 victims of the Balochistan terrorist attack in Pakistan in September.

Liturgy Notes Odours and Scents

As the Winter weather settles in, and doors are kept closed, we ask that parishioners refrain from wearing odorous creams and perfumes. Such scents, when coupled with enclosed spaces, tend to bother those with seasonal allergies or breathing issues. Thank you for your consideration!

Christmas Collections

23 / 24 December: Offertory

On 23/24 December, the collection taken by the Greeters at the Preparation of the Gifts will be for the *Regular Sunday Offertory*.

24 / 25 December: Offertory & Christmas

The 2nd Christmas collection for our Special Church Needs will be taken after Communion at our Christmas Eve & Day Masses, 24/25 December.

30 / 31 December: Offertory & Maintenance

On 30/31 December, the collection taken by the Greeters at the Preparation of the Gifts will be for the *Regular Sunday Offertory*. The 2nd collection taken by the Greeters (after Communion) will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

31 December / 1 January: New Year

At our New Year's Eve and Day Masses, 31 December & 1 January, the collection taken by the Greeters during the Preparation of the Gifts will be for the *New Year Collection*.

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31 Dec.

Feast of the **Holy Family**;
- 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*;
- New Year Eve Masses begin at 7.00 pm

The Knights of Columbus

Upcoming events



- 17 Dec. 1.30 pm **GENERAL** meeting;
- **POTLUCK** lunch for the Knights & their families
- 21 Jan. 1.30 pm 1st **GENERAL** meeting in 2024

Finance Council Report, 17 December

Next Finance Council meeting: 3.30 pm, 16 December.
The annual FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT will be made at all Masses on 16 & 17 December.

Confirmation

Saturday Confirmation classes: start 2 December

Preparation began on 2 December for the Sacrament of Confirmation for students in public school, and students in Catholic schools outside our Parish.
The last meeting before the Christmas break is on 16 December.
The next class will be on 6 January.

Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Watch for their upcoming events.

The next major feasts of our Blessed Mother:

- 30 December Holy Family
- 1 January Mary, Mother of God
- 7 January Epiphany
- 8 January Our Lady of Prompt Succor
- 11 February Our Lady of Lourdes
- 4 April The Annunciation; *In Eastern Rite Churches:*
Ο Ευαγγελισμός της Θεοτόκου
- 13 May Our Lady of Fatima
- 31 May The Visitation
- 27 June Our Mother of Perpetual Help
- 15 August The Assumption



RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Sponsors needed

We are currently seeking sponsors for the RCIA and RCIC. Your willingness to act as a sponsor will help another person to move closer to Jesus, and closer to the Salvation he won for us. As a sponsor you will have to indicate your sincerity and commitment in the course of the RCIA and RCIC processes. The culmination of the candidates' preparation will occur in the celebration of the rites of initiation at the Easter Vigil Liturgy, Holy Saturday night. Contact **Fr. Edwin** for details: 416-261-0076. Thank you.

ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Christmas Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS in our Sanctuary. Donation envelopes are at the Office window.



You may *dedicate* your flowers. Fill out the "Christmas Flower" form in the donation envelope. Dedications will be accepted until:

Noon on Friday, 22 December.

The forms are intended to remember *one person* for each pot donated. If you wish to honour more than one person, you may submit the name of a couple who share a common family name; or, for many persons, "For the members of the _____ Family."

St. Vincent de Paul Advent Appeal

During Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we recall many in our community who are less fortunate and who could benefit from our prayers and almsgiving.

Our parish **St. Vincent de Paul Society** seeks your support for the help we provide to the poor. Envelopes will be made available at the doors of the Church so that you can help us to extend Christ's love to our neighbors who are in need.

Pope Francis

Birthdate: 17 December 1936

Let us remember in our prayers our Holy Father, **Pope Francis**, who will celebrate his birthday on 17 December.

May God bless, guard and protect him, and guide his ministry as Vicar of Christ and Shepherd of the faithful in the Church on earth.



Sunday School Christmas / New Year break

The last Class of our Sunday School for Kids this month, before their Christmas break, will be at the 10.30 Mass on:

17 December 2023.

The Sunday School will resume on 7 January 2024.

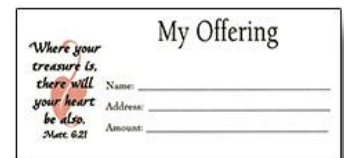
Stewardship

2024 Sunday Envelopes

Parishioners are invited to pick up their 2024 Sunday Offertory Envelopes in the Vestibule after Mass. The envelopes are for

registered parishioners only; if you are new to the neighbourhood and have not yet registered, *welcome!* Come to the Office window, fill out a *registration form*, and join our parish.

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship!





Papal Honours

The **Most Rev. Francis Leo**, Archbishop of Toronto, presented Papal Honours at a ceremony recognizing faithful service to the Catholic Church. Awards were conferred at a Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.

Papal Honours provide an opportunity to recognize persons who have exhibited the highest standards and values in making significant contributions to the Catholic Church. The conferral of Papal Honours dates back many centuries. Each award has its own history and relevance. All honours are granted by the Supreme Pontiff himself, following the nomination of worthy individuals by the local Church. We congratulate the following recipients:

Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great

James Milway. Mr. Milway has been deeply involved in the Catholic community all his life. Most notably, he served as Chancellor of Temporal Affairs for the Archdiocese of Toronto for 10 years, which included the challenging period of global pandemic.

Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross **Michael Fullan**.

Mr. Fullan was Executive Director of Catholic Charities for 29 years. Prior to retirement, he championed new initiatives to serve vulnerable seniors, with a particular emphasis on safe long-term care and comprehensive palliative care.

John Gennaro Mr. Gennaro has faithfully served the archdiocese for decades through his involvement with numerous organizations including *Serra International*, the *Sovereign Military Order of Malta* and the *Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem*.

Joseph Mancinelli, former Catholic School Board Trustee. Mr. Mancinelli has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for more than 40 years, and has given countless hours to numerous charitable causes serving the poor and marginalized.

Benemerenti Medal

Anthony Primerano. He has been deeply engaged in the Catholic community, recently leading an initiative to honour labourers, following the example of St. Joseph the Worker.

Silvija Vigeon. A 35-year employee of the Archdiocese, Ms. Vigeon supported senior church leaders including Gerald Emmett Cardinal Carter and Thomas Cardinal Collins.



Our Carol Singers meet up with long time Parishioner **Emma Allair** at the McCowan Retirement Residence, 3 December.



10 December: **Adalie Dulce**, with Dad & Mom and her two sisters, receives her Blessing in Preparation for Baptism.

Home Blessing: Pagaduan family, 14 Chevron.



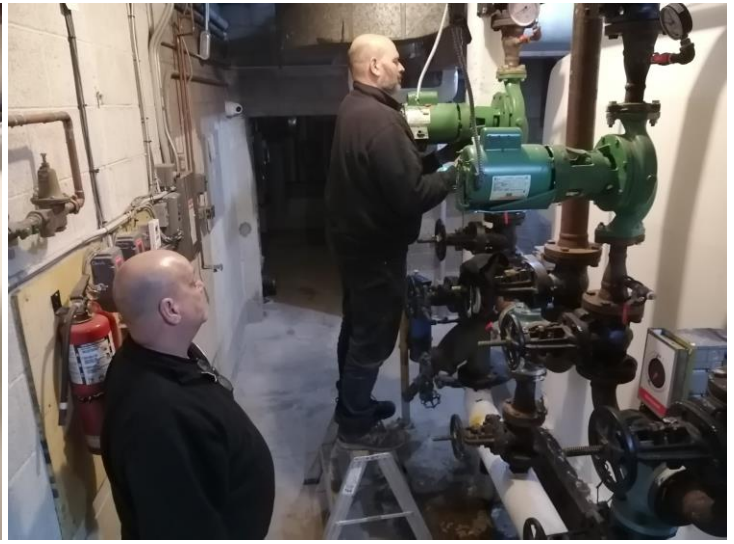
St. Nicholas School.



St. Albert School.



REPAIR & RENEWAL: Photos of recent jobs on the Church Boiler, Vestibule Doors, Granite Stairs and the Rectory Roof replacement.





Peter Carnie, Carlos Costa



Ed Court, Peter Carnie





