

St. Maria Goretti Parish

Christmas / New Year Highlights, 2017-18

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Sunday 24 December 2017

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass schedule: Saturday 5 pm;
Sunday 9 am, 10.30 am, 12 noon

CHRISTMAS EVE

6:15 pm Children's Christmas Pageant
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
9:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
11:30 pm Choir Carolling
12:00 am Christmas Midnight Mass

Monday 25 December 2017

CHRISTMAS DAY

Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord

9:00 am Christmas Day Mass
10:30 am Christmas Day Mass
12:00 pm Christmas Day Mass
7:00 pm Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday - Saturday, 26 - 30 December

8.00 am (& 7 pm on Monday, 5 pm on Saturday)

Sunday 31 December 2017

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

9:00 am Sunday Mass
10:30 am Sunday Mass
12:00 pm Sunday Mass

NEW YEAR EVE

5.00 pm New Year Eve Mass
11.00 pm New Year Eve Holy Hour
12.00 am New Year Eve Midnight Mass



Monday, 1 January 2018

NEW YEAR DAY: Mary, the Mother of God

9:00 am New Year Day Mass
10:30 am New Year Day Mass
12:00 pm New Year Day Mass
7:00 pm New Year Day Mass

Detailed schedule:

For the weeks of Christmas and New Year, refer to the more detailed schedule in the PARISH WEEK column inside the bulletin for the complete list of day-by-day Mass times and other events.

Joining our Parish Family

Welcome to all new parishioners! We thank God for guiding you to our community. Please register by filling out the Parish Registration Form at the office.

Parish Office:

email: stmariagoretti@rogers.com

website: stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

717 Kennedy Road, Toronto, Ont. M1K 2C1 tel: 416-261-0076

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays: 4:00 – 4:45 pm; for other times, call the Office.

Baptism, Marriage

Parishioners may call to arrange an interview with a Priest. [12a17]

Schools

St. Maria Goretti: 21 Kenmark Boulevard 416-393-5260
St. Albert: 1125 Midland Avenue 416-393-5335
Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary Sch.: 959 Midland 416-393-5554



Parish Week

Sunday,
10 December 2017

Saturday, 9 Dec. / St. Juan Cuauhtlatotzin

8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)
5.00 pm Mass: † Frances & Gabriel Andreas
(Maria Subramaniam)

SUNDAY, 10 DECEMBER / ADVENT 2-B

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
- Repair & Renewal Report
- Religious Articles Sales
- St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Sunday

9.00 am Mass: † Gumersindo Figueroa (Ellen Cruz & family)
10.30 am Mass: † Harry Yu (Belen & family)
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Ray & Dolly Aglipay (family)
1.30 pm Infant Baptism
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 11 Dec. / St. Damasus I, pope

8.00 am Mass: † Gumersindo Figueroa (Wilma & Shirley)
7.00 pm Mass: † Ossie Ameresekere (family)

Tuesday, 12 Dec. / Our Lady of Guadalupe

8.00 am Mass: † Surinder Arora (Jubeth Victorino)
7.00 pm Mass: † Basanio Bermudez (family)

Wednesday, 13 Dec. / St. Lucy, virgin & martyr

8.00 am Mass: Int. Henderson Porciuncula (his father)
9.00 am ▶ St. Albert School Reconciliation
6.30 pm St. Albert School Carolling
7.00 pm Mass: † Jeffrey Jose (Theresa & family)
- St. Albert School Family Advent Mass

Thursday, 14 Dec. / St. John of the Cross, priest & doctor

8.00 am Mass: Int. Happy 90th Birthday Valerie Fritz
(Michael Scheibli, brother)
9.00 am Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School Mass
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Loretta D'Mello (friends)

Friday, 15 Dec.

8.00 am Mass: † Eddie Juan (Shirley)
11.00 am ▶ Ina Grafton Nursing Home Mass
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Senen Ortega)

Saturday, 16 Dec.

8.00 am Mass: Int. Petra Zulueta (Rosalina)
10.00 am Wedding: Niel Jasmin & Angela Jao
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Peter Joseph (mother Agnes)

SUNDAY, 17 DECEMBER / ADVENT 3-B

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea
- Finance Report
- Pope Francis: 81st birthday

9.00 am Mass: † Romeo Martinez (family)
10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Rebello family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Josefina Ombac (family)
- Installation of Altar Server Novices
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

The Advent Wreath

Second 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 sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Messiah. Help us to prepare our hearts that Christ may be born in them, and to prepare the world that Christ may restore the Kingdom.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Today's Candle lighters are:

5.00 pm: Catholic Women's League Council
9.00 am: Mary-Jane Bujold
10.30 am: Shirley Persaud & Delma Singh
12.00 pm: Ray Dabrowski
7.00 pm: Samantha Rajapakse

Pray for the Deceased

Zeca Almeida Norma Resbo
Deacon Richard Blake Maria Tisi
Panfilo Pomponio Jose Victorino
Brandon Clarke Luciano Zevola

Deacon Fuad Nimer-Boutros

The 26 Victims of the Church shooting
in Sutherland Springs, Texas



Archdiocesan Day of Confessions

Wednesday, 13 December: 4-5 pm, 7.30-9 pm

As part of our ongoing program of spiritual growth, Cardinal Collins is inviting Catholics across the Archdiocese to receive the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* on a special DAY OF CONFESSIONS on Wednesday, 13 December.

Here at St. Maria Goretti Church, parishioners may come for Confession from 4.00 – 5.00 pm, and again following the 7.00 pm evening Mass, from 7.30 – 9.00 pm.

New Altar Servers



INSTALLATION: 12.00 Mass, 17 December

The training meetings at 9.00 am on Saturday mornings for our new Altar Server Candidates will continue until 16 December. The Rite of *Installation of Novices* will be held at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, 17 December.

COMING UP

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20 Dec. - St. Maria Goretti Advent Carolling (6:30 pm);
St. Maria Goretti Advent Family Mass (7:00 pm)
22 Dec. Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers: death anniversary (1988)
24 Dec. 4th Sunday of Advent;
- Christmas Eve Masses begin at 7.00 pm
25 Dec. Christmas: Feast of the **Nativity of Our Lord**
2nd Collection: Christmas;
31 Dec. Feast of the **Holy Family**;
- 2nd Collection: Maintenance

Finance Council Report 17 December

The annual FINANCE COUNCIL Report will be presented at all Masses on 16 & 17 December. The December REPAIR & RENEWAL Report will be presented this weekend, 9 & 10 December.

RCIA & RCIC: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children



Pray for all in our RCIA and RCIC processes who celebrated the SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION at the *Early Initiation Rite* at the 5.00 pm Mass on 18 November 2017

Baptism

**Paranitharan, Meghna MARIA
Paranitharan, Mervin MARTIN**

Baptism, Eucharist

Diedrick, Deziree ELIZABETH

Profession, Eucharist

Rajan, Jessica ELIZABETH

Sunday School: Christmas / New Year break

There will be no *Sunday School for Kids* at the 10.30 Mass on:

24 and 31 December 2017.

The Sunday School will resume on 7 January 2018.

Holy Land Religious Articles: 10 December

Beautiful olivewood religious articles from the Holy Land will be on sale in the Vestibule after all Masses on 9/10 December.

Praying With Scripture

You are invited to join in another exploration of the Bible and learning to pray with Scripture. The focus of this Advent series is on the Gospel of Luke. The presentations and discussions will be directed to developing your personal experience of God's Word in your prayer life. The series is held on Thursdays at 10.00 am in the rectory-basement meeting room of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (131 Birchmount Road). The meetings run from 10.00 to 11.30 am to allow you to participate if you wish in the Rosary and the 12.05 Mass. Refreshments will be provided; all are welcome. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible). For more information, contact the Parish Office of Immaculate Heart Church, 416.691.6968; or: **Lorraine Rozario**, treacylor@hotmail.com



Healing Prayer 1 pm, 10 December

Parishioners who took part in the SPIRITUAL WARFARE event on 28 October were struck by the impact of the healing prayers offered by the Priests present. There will be a brief follow-up service in our Church right after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, 10 December, with the Blessing for continuing Healing and Protection.

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.



If you wish to *dedicate* your flowers, please fill out the "Christmas Flower" form in the donation envelope. Dedications will be accepted until noon on Monday, 18 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 pair 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 are 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.

BUNDLE UP Sunday 10 December



On the weekend of 9/10 December, the *St. Vincent de Paul Society* will collect gently-used clothing to support the needy. A St. Vincent de Paul bin will be in front of the Church; bring your donation, and help others in our community.

Ministry Sunday

Many thanks to all who participated in our Annual *Ministry Sunday* on 28 October. A special *Thank You* to all who offered their names to serve in various parish ministries.

Our parish Volunteer Screening Committee has finished reviewing the list of candidates, to make sure they are registered in our parish, etc. Now we ask all Ministry Facilitators to ensure they have these lists, so they can contact the candidates to arrange the follow-up and begin the orientation process so they can share their talents in our parish family of faith and service.

For more details, call: **Ed Ridgeley**, 416-261-9361.

Christmas Pageant 6.15 pm, 24 December

Parents of children who would like to participate in the Christmas Pageant at 6.15 pm on 24 December at invited to call: **Anastasia Williams**, 416-285-5303.

Stewardship

Parishioners are invited to pick up their 2018 Sunday Offertory *Envelopes* in the Vestibule after Mass. If you are new to the neighbourhood, come to the Office window and register.

For the benefit of new parishioners: Ensure that your *donation amount* is written in the space on the front of the envelope.