

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,
17 December 2017

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

Monday, 18 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Panaci Gina (Irma Pisciola)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Vito & Paz Unay (Maria Guades)

Tuesday, 19 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jack Collins (Marie)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Clara Garner (Di Michele family)

Wednesday, 20 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Luigi DeCicco (Emma)
- 6.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School Caroling
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
- St. Maria Goretti School Family Advent Mass

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

- 8.00 am Mass: † Maria Mary Josephine Boco Peralta (Fedcor & family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Lillian D'Souza (friends)

Friday, 22 Dec.

- *Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers: death anniversary (1988)*
- 8.00 am Mass: † William Woods (Alice Larkin)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Rita Costello (Reardon family)

Saturday, 23 Dec. / St. John of Kanty, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lionel D'Souza (Stella Alderson)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Victoria Fernandes on her 60th birthday

SUNDAY, 24 DECEMBER / ADVENT 4-B

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*
- 9.00 am Mass: † Fernando Narvaez (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Giovanni Di Liso (Lu Di Liso Silver)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Dennis, Walter & Freda Morgan (Angelina)

CHRISTMAS EVE

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea (Christmas Eve & Day)*
- *2nd Collection: Christmas*
- 6.30 pm Christmas Pageant
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo
- 9.00 pm Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)
- 11.30 pm Choir Caroling
- 12.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Priscilla Balano (family)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, 25 Dec. / The Nativity of the Lord

- 9.00 am Mass: † Rita Costello (Jenkins family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Gina)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Anacleto Miraflor (Dorie & Dahlia)

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: **Solisa Family**
- 9.00 am: **Rainbow Village Prayer Group**
- 10.30 am: **Gina, Wilma & Isabelle**
- 12.00 pm: **Adrian Pereira**
- 7.00 pm: **Asuncion Family**

Pray for the Deceased

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| King Mui Kwai | Fr. Michael Santoro |
| Alma McNamara | Ed Villanueva |
| Jose Ramos | Jennifer Wilson |



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The 540 victims of the earthquake in Iran

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*.

COMING UP

31 Dec.

Feast of the **Holy Family**;
- 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*;
- New Year Eve Masses begin at 5.00 pm

Finance Council Report 17 December

The annual FINANCE COUNCIL Report will be presented at all Masses on 16 & 17 December.

Family of Faith

Implementing the Pastoral Plan



Family of Faith

Many thanks to all parishioners who are participating in our diocesan *Family of Faith* campaign, to implement the Pastoral Plan developed by **Cardinal Collins**.

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.

Pope Francis

81st Birthday: 17 December

Let us remember in our prayers our Holy Father, **Pope Francis**, who celebrates his 81st birthday on 17 December 2017.

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



Spiritual Reflection

A bird does not sing because he has an answer.
He sings because he has a song. - *Joan Walsh Anglund*

New Altar Servers



INSTALLATION: 12.00 Mass, 17 December

The Rite of *Installation of Novices* will be held at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, 17 December. Congratulations to them and to their families. May God bless them, and all of our Parish Altar Servers, for their faithful service.

World News *Pakistan in turmoil*

On 25 November 2017, Pakistan fell into turmoil as hundreds of thousands of protesters rioted across the nation's cities and villages. The situation reached such dangerous levels that the army was called in to bring order. Anti-blasphemy demonstrators began the campaign two weeks earlier, after a call for protests over a change in the electoral oath for lawmakers that once confirmed the finality of the prophet Muhammed. Protesters claim the changes are blatant appeasement for the members of the Ahmadiyyah sect, who are considered heretics. Their faith is outlawed in Pakistan.

Minority communities have expressed great fear. Many Christians have been praying for a quick end to the nightmare that has taken over their cities. Protestors across Pakistan are shouting anti-minority slogans, and many experts believe that the heightened emotions could lead to a major attack on an Ahmadiyyah or Christian community if the situation is not brought under control.

(Wilson Chowdry, GELLER REPORT, 27 November 2017)

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.

Fragrance Irritation and Allergies

Fragrances are found in a variety of different products, including: perfume, cologne, lotions, etc. The chemicals used may cause allergic reactions in some people. Typical reactions to fragrances include breathing problems, asthma and dermatitis (itchy rash). Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners, and refrain from wearing cosmetics with discernable fragrances to Church.

Stewardship Sunday Offertory Envelopes for 2018

	My Offering
Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt. 6:21	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	Amount: _____

Parishioners are invited to pick up their 2018 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, and fill out a *registration form*.

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship! Please ensure that you have your own box: *the number on the label and on the envelopes* must be the same.

Wait until New Year

Kindly wait until 1 January 2018 to begin using your new envelopes. If you have misplaced your box for the current year, just visit the Office after any Sunday morning Mass, and we can provide you with the number of envelopes you need for the Sundays between now and the end of the calendar year.

Donation amounts

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