

# St. Maria Goretti Parish

## Christmas / New Year Highlights, 2017-18

→ For the complete schedule, see the detailed Parish Week column inside bulletin

### Sunday 24 December 2017

#### 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stmariagoretti@rogers.com)

website: [stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org](http://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,  
24 December 2017

**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 60<sup>th</sup> 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)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## CHRISTMAS EVE

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea (Christmas Eve & Day)*

■ *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Christmas*

9.00 pm Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)  
11.30 pm Choir Caroling  
12.00 pm 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)

**Tuesday, 26 Dec. / St. Stephen, The First Martyr**

8.00 am Mass: † Charles D'Silva (Lydia & family)

**Wednesday, 27 Dec. / St. John, apostle & evangelist**

8.00 am Mass: † Saverio de Gregorio (Rosario Mallar)

**Thursday, 28 Dec. / The Holy Innocents, martyrs**

8.00 am Mass: † Fred & Jan Freitz (family)

**Friday, 29 Dec. / St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr**

8.00 am Mass: Int. Gil & Lucy Buslon (family)

**Saturday, 30 Dec.**

8.00 am Mass: † Pedro & Adelaida Perez (family)  
5.00 pm Mass: † Jose & Felicisima Turiano  
(Turiano & Ibarrientus families)

**SUNDAY, 31 DEC. / HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

9.00 am Mass: † Louis Daley (Jackie Poirier)  
10.30 am Mass: Thanksgiving (Gina)  
12.00 pm Mass: Thanksgiving (SMG Ushers & their families)

## NEW YEAR EVE, 2017

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

■ *Collection: New Year*

5.00 pm Mass: † All the Faithful Departed of 2017  
11.00 pm Holy Hour  
12.00 am Mass: Int. 52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Linus & Nora Colaco (neice Lillian)

## NEW YEAR DAY, 2018

**Monday, 1 Jan. / Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

9.00 am Mass: † Charles D'Silva (Lydia & family)  
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Paul Cecicoro Atupan (Garma family)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## The Advent Wreath

**Fourth 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 Mary to be the mother of Your Son, so that the world could be saved and brought to a new birth. Help us also to bring the light and peace of Christ where there is gloom and despair. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Today's Candle lighters are:*

5.00 pm: **Monica & Erma**  
9.00 am: **St. Vincent de Paul Conference**  
10.30 am: **Alice Larkin & Audrey Hussey**  
12.00 pm: **Eden Geonzon**

## Pray for the Deceased

**Mona Harrington**      **Federico Magadia**  
**Winston Mandool**      **Fr. Wilfrid McAneney**  
**John David McKenna**      **Inez Sobryan**  
**Cardinal Agustin García-Gasco y Vicent**, of Valencia, Spain  
**The 385 Victims of the two recent El-Shabab terrorist attacks in Somalia**

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*.

# Family of Faith

## Implementing the Pastoral Plan

All Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto are welcome to visit our mother Church, St. Michael Basilica Cathedral, over the Christmas holidays. Through your generosity and support of the *Family of Faith Campaign*, the Cathedral, whose construction began in 1845, has been transformed into a sacred place according to the original vision of its architect, **William Thomas**.



## 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.

## Stewardship

### Sunday Offertory Envelopes for 2018

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! This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.

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.

<i>Where your treasury is, there will your heart be also. Matt. 6:21</i>	My Offering	
	Name: _____	_____
	Address: _____	_____
	Amount: _____	_____

## Christmas Message

### Encompassed by Truth

"Wipe away, Baby Jesus, the tears of children!  
Embrace the sick and the elderly!  
Move men to lay down their arms  
and to draw close in a universal embrace of peace!  
Invite the peoples, O merciful Jesus,  
to tear down the walls created  
by poverty and unemployment,  
by ignorance and indifference,  
by discrimination and intolerance.  
It is you, O Divine Child of Bethlehem,  
who saves us, freeing us from sin.  
It is you who are the true and only Saviour,  
for whom humanity often searches with uncertainty.  
God of peace, gift of peace for all of humanity,  
come to live in the heart of every individual  
and of every family.  
Be our peace and our joy! Amen!"

– St. Pope John Paul II, Christmas Message, 25 December 1994

May the joy of Christmas and the peace which the Birth of the Saviour brings into the world be in your hearts forever.

Fr. Edwin Galea, *Pastor*  
Fr. Elias Chachati, *Associate*  
Rev. Mr. Ramon Villardo, *Deacon*

## RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

### A journey of faith with Jesus Christ

Do you want to become Catholic? Do you want to understand your faith better? Adult Catechism classes, also known as R.C.I.A., are held on Fridays from 7:30-9:00 pm. They are open to those who:

- Want to be Baptized, and to be saved by our Lord Jesus Christ;
- Are Christian and not yet Catholic;
- Are already Catholic, but have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist.

For more information, call the pastor, **Fr. Edwin**: (416) 261-0076.