

# Sunday, December 1, 2024



*“People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” - Lk 21:26-28*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 2, 2024

8:15 am: + De Souza Family

### Tuesday, December 3, 2024

8:15 am: De Souza Family

7:00 pm: John & Gladys Noronha  
(50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

### Wednesday, December 4, 2024

8:15 am: + Donald Sexton

### Thursday, December 5, 2024

8:15 am: + Thach Thi Phy Na

### Friday, December 6, 2024

8:15 am: + Hannah Lane

7:00 pm: + Peter Quyet

+ Joseph Phong, Maria Binh Ngoc Hoa

+ Mai Le & Anna Minh Pham

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving for April Torrefranca

+ Mark Macpherson

### Saturday, December 7, 2024

8:15 am: + Benjamin & Josefina Gueco

5:00 pm: + Souls in Purgatory

### Sunday, December 8, 2024

8:30 am: + Maria Tran Thi Kieu

10:00 am: + Gina Reali

12:00 pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners

7:00 pm: + Kenneth & All Members of the D'Costa Family

## First Sunday of Advent

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, “Don’t be afraid.” She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, “Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen.” A few days later she died. Christians face the ending of our personal various “worlds” in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves **“fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world”** (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to **“look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”** He then compares what’s coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That’s what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem. Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you’re troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: “Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming.” — *Father John Muir*

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

### Collection: This weekend!

St. Vincent de Paul’s mission is to serve Christ in the poor with love, respect, hope and joy. They have counted on your generosity to extend a helping hand to those in need. The reality is that inflation and higher costs of living will make celebrating Christmas that much more difficult. Families are now finding it extremely challenging to make ends meet. Your financial support helps St. Vincent de Paul Society improve the lives of our neighbours in need. We thank you and are grateful for your generous support!

## First Friday

December 6<sup>th</sup> is the First Friday of the month. Join us for Mass at 7:00pm, followed by Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

## New Year’s Eve Dance

Mark your calendars! The St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus are throwing an unforgettable New Year's Eve dance! You won't want to miss it—stay tuned for more exciting details in the coming weeks!



### Parish Website

StPatricksMi.archtoronto.org

### Email

StPatricksMi@archtoronto.org

### Youth Website

stpatricksyouth.com

**Please Pray for the Sick...**

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers: Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Biz-zaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Maria Bowman, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Tamara Boaden, Anna Iafrate, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Andre Cartier, Nikola Brodar, Pepito De Souza, Rita Pinto, Luigina Catalli, Henryka Zebrowska, Brian Pinto, Mary Jane Elder, Therese Torrefranca, Benedict De Castro, Magellan Tremblay, Roseanne & Bill Bennett, Tessie Morales, Natalie Troughton, Michael Healey, Melissa Castillo, Marisa Castillo, Gladys Castillo



**Christmas Schedule**

**Confessions**

Tuesday, Dec 3	5:00-6:45 pm
Saturday, Dec 7	3:00-4:45 pm
Tuesday, Dec 10	5:00-6:45 pm
Friday, Dec 13	5:00-6:45 pm
Saturday, Dec 14	3:00-4:45 pm
Tuesday, Dec 17	5:00-6:45 pm
Wednesday, Dec 18	5:00-7:00 pm
Friday, Dec 20	5:00-6:45 pm
Saturday, Dec 21	3:00-4:45 pm

**Weekday Masses**

Monday, Dec 23	- 8:15 am
Tuesday, Dec 24	- 8:15 am
Tuesday, Dec 24	- See <i>Christmas Eve</i>
Wednesday, Dec 25	- See <i>Christmas Day</i>
Thursday, Dec 26	- 8:15 am
Friday, Dec 27	- 8:15 am, 7:00 pm
Saturday, Dec 28	- 8:15 am

**Christmas Eve—Tues, Dec 24**

6:00 pm, 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm

**Christmas Day—Wed, Dec 25**

8:30 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm

**Feast of the Holy Family**

Saturday, Dec 28 - 5:00 pm  
 Sunday, Dec 29 - 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Monday, Dec 30 - 8:15 am  
 Tuesday, Dec 31 - 8:15 am

**Feast of Mary the Mother of God**

Tuesday, Dec 31 - 5:00 pm  
 Wednesday, Jan 1 - 8:30 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 pm

Please note there is NO 7:00 PM Mass!

Thursday, Jan 2 - 8:15 am  
 Friday, Jan 3 - 8:15 am, 7:00 pm (First Friday)  
 Saturday, Jan 4 - 8:15 am

**Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord**

Saturday, Jan 4 - 5:00 pm  
 Sunday, Jan 5 - 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm

*Regular Weekday and Sunday Schedule follows beginning with Monday, Jan 13, 2025.*

**Youth Ministry**

**EDGE** is open to all in grades 6, 7, and 8. Please register by using the following link:

<https://bit.ly/spygedge2024>

**VERSO**—if you are in grades 9-12, please register using the following link:

<https://bit.ly/Verso2024>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Dave at [dguevarra@archtoronto.org](mailto:dguevarra@archtoronto.org).



**Poinsettia Pick Up**

Pick-Up Dates—Dec 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> after all weekend Masses.

Thank you for your support!

**Christmas Bazaar**

Join us for our St. Patrick's CWL Christmas Bazaar on the weekends of **December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Hall after all Masses.

We have lots of delightful things in store for you! You can purchase food items, sweet baked treats, Christmas and seasonal decorations, crafts and handmade items. A Christmas Gift Basket Extravaganza Raffle starts this weekend up until the bazaar.

**Tickets are: \$3.00 each or \$5.00 for 2 and \$10.00 for 5 tickets.**

Thank you for your support!