

## Sunday, December 10, 2023



John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me."  
- Mk 1:4, 6-7a

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## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 11, 2023

8:15am: + For the intentions of the forgotten souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, December 12, 2023

8:15am: + Margaret & Joseph D'Souza

7:00pm: + Mervyn De Souza

### Wednesday, December 13, 2023

8:15am: + Janine Villaneauve

### Thursday, December 14, 2023

8:15am: + All Souls

### Friday, December 15, 2023

8:15am: + Luba & Andrew Zebec and John & Carol Zebec

7:00pm: + Maria Loan

+ Rosa DiFranco

+ Antonio Pimentel

+ Renzo Vertolli

Aidan Chaytor

### Saturday, December 16, 2023

8:15am: + Huey Luong

5:00pm: + Olimpia Jose

### Sunday, December 17, 2023

8:30am: + Domenico Perna

10:00am: + Saturnino & Felicitas De Leon

12:00pm: + Martin Tavares

7:00pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners & Youth

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## Second Sunday of Advent



We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths.

In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free. It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens. Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "**The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**" It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors. — *Father John Muir*

## Special Needs Liturgy

Our first special needs liturgy is on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Parish Hall**. If you or anyone you know would benefit from attending this liturgy, please join us! This liturgy will be an opportunity for those who are differently able to learn about our faith in a meaningful and simplified way. For more information or questions, contact Maria [MEspinoza@archtoronto.org](mailto:MEspinoza@archtoronto.org).

## Chalice Gift Catalogue

Be the beginning by walking with the most in need. Our Gift Catalogue 2023 has many options that are valuable gifts for a child and a family in need. Gift Catalogues are available at the back of the Church on the shelf by the bulletin board.

### Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9am-4pm,

Sat 9am-12pm, 3pm-6pm,

Sun 9am-1pm

## **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 Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Lynn Viscardi, Maria Bowman, Luigina Furlan, Francis Asis, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catalli, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Anna Iafate, Doreen Micallef, John Kolozsvari, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Jennifer Nava-Villa, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Eleonora Marchese, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Benedict de Castro, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Joseph A. Torrefranca, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Teresita Morales, Emilia Castro, Maria Madelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Cathy Mauro, Andre Cartier, Kinga Serwin, Nikola Brodar, Senen Pasolero, Pepito De Souza, Rita Pinto



## **Catholic Women's League**

St. Patrick's CWL wishes to thank everyone for supporting our 2023 Christmas Bazaar and making it a huge success. We appreciate all the time, effort and donations that so generously poured in. May our Blessed Mother bless you all abundantly!

### **Winners of the Christmas Gift Basket**

**Raffle:** Ken Pereira, Chimamanda Obiejesi, Sergio Batista and Mary Ann Lavrisa.

**Winners of the Silent Auction items:** Barbara Azzopardi, Marie Martinez, Andrea Tjioe, Gayle Dzis and Lauren Gerger.

### **General Meeting – Wed, Dec 13, 2023**

St. Patrick's CWL will be holding our general meeting on **Wednesday, December 13, 2023**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:00 pm, followed by Christmas Sharing Reflection, and light refreshments after a short business meeting. All ladies are welcome!

## **Online Prayer Group**

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us via Zoom every Monday evenings at 7:00 pm for an hour of Prayers and Reflections during the liturgical season of Advent, and onward to Christmas season.

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 9533 4570  
Passcode: 196792

Further details and Zoom link will be emailed through the Parish Email distribution. Please email the parish office if you wish to be added to the email list.

## **CONFESSION & MASS SCHEDULE**

### **CONFESSIONS**

Tuesday, Dec 12: 5:00-6:45pm  
Friday, Dec 15: 5:00-6:45pm  
Saturday, Dec 16: 3:00-4:45pm  
Tuesday, Dec 19: 5:00-6:45pm  
Wednesday, Dec 20: 5:00-6:45pm  
Friday, Dec 22: 5:00-6:45pm  
Saturday, Dec 23: 3:00-4:45pm

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday, Dec 18: 8:15am  
Tuesday, Dec 19: 8:15am, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, Dec 20: 8:15am  
Thursday, Dec 21: 8:15am  
Friday, Dec 22: 8:15am, 7:00pm  
Saturday, Dec 23: 8:15am

### **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Saturday, Dec 23: 5:00pm  
Sunday, Dec 24: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm  
**NO 7:00PM MASS**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Sunday, December 24  
6:00pm, 8:00pm and 10:00pm

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Monday, December 25  
8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm  
**NO 7:00pm Mass**

### **MASSES (CHRISTMAS WEEK)**

Tuesday, Dec 26: 8:15am, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, Dec 27: 8:15am  
Thursday, Dec 28: 8:15am  
Friday, Dec 29: 8:15am  
Saturday, Dec 30: 8:15am

### **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

Saturday, Dec 30: 5:00pm  
Sunday, Dec 31: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm  
**NO 7:00pm Mass**

### **MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

Sunday, Dec 31: 5:00pm  
Monday, Jan 1: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm,  
**NO 7:00pm Mass**

*Regular weekday and Sunday schedule follows beginning Tuesday, Jan 2, 2024.*