

## Sunday, December 11, 2022



*Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." - Mt 11:4-5*

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### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, December 12, 2022

8:15am: + Emma Bartolomucci

#### Tuesday, December 13, 2022

8:15am: + Heidi Johnston

7:00pm: + All Souls

#### Wednesday, December 14, 2022

8:15am: + Rita Flynn

#### Thursday, December 15, 2022

8:15am: + Joe Santos

#### Friday, December 16, 2022

8:15am: + John, Carol, Luba, Andrew Zebec

7:00pm: + Francisco & Rose Jane

+ Francisco Jose Gabriel

+ Domenico Perna & Giuseppi Colli

+ Paul Wijesekafa

+ Gioan Baotyxita Ty & All Souls

#### Saturday, December 17, 2022

8:15am: + Maria Mamma & Tarasartnam

5:00pm: + Annette Cooray & Pearl Misersky

#### Sunday, December 18, 2022

8:15am: + Carmelo Tocci

10:00am: + Lloyd Vaz

12:00pm: + Hazragh Jennings & Paul Tjioe

7:00pm: + Emelita & Teresita Torre Franca &

St. Patrick's Parishioners & Youth

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### Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm,

Sat: 9am-12pm, 3pm-6pm, Sun: 9am-1pm



#### Parish Website

StPatricksMI.archtoronto.org

#### Email

StPatricksMI@archtoronto.org

#### Youth Website

stpatriksyouth.com

## Third Sunday of Advent

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remark- ing one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a rela- tionship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God trans- forms the darkness into light. "Be strong, fear not!" Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life's roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life's unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God's merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us. We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expecta- tions, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God's child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop com- plaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist's message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this?

### 2023 Envelopes

2023 envelopes are ready for pick up in the parish hall. If you don't remember your number, we have ushers and volunteers around to help.

**NOTE: Parishioners whose current numbers are 1000 and above will be given new num- bers in 2023. Please stop by the parish of- fice to pick up your envelopes! Thank you!**



### 2022 Poinsettia Pick Up

Pick up will start on **this weekend** after all weekend Masses. Thank you for your continuous support!

## **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, Evelyn Cletus, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Wilfredo Ticzon, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catalli, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Dianne Ouellette, Anna Iafraite, Doreen Micallef, John Kolozsvari, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Morris Dzis, Jonathan Pinto, Alvaro Interiano, Arlene Claricia, Jennifer Nava-Villa, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Eleonora Marchese, Fruto Relator, Margarita Flores, Carlito Claricia, Virginia Torre Franca, Benedict de Castro, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey



## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **JOIN US FOR EDGE & ELEV8!**

EDGE is a Youth Ministry for those in Grades 6 and 7 aimed to bringing youth closer to Jesus Christ and His Church and to encourage holiness and community with each other. EDGE Nights allow the young people to learn about their faith through talks, music, games, videos, small group discussions, activities and sharing with friends.

ELEV8 is a Youth Ministry for those in Grade 8 aimed to foster intentional discipleship and deeper friendships before entering High School. ELEV8 Nights take place at the same time as EDGE Nights, but the 8's break off into their own space.

Join us Fridays at the Parish from 5pm to 6:30pm (doors open at 4:45pm):

**Jan 20, Feb 3, Feb 17, Mar 3, Mar 24, Apr 14, Apr 28, May 26 & Jun 9**

RSVP is encouraged through Eventbrite:  
<http://bit.ly/spygedge>

## **Thank you—from CWL**

St. Patrick's CWL sincerely thanks all parishioners for supporting our Christmas Bazaar and making it a success. The Parish table which received contributions from Fr. John, the Knights of Columbus, Legion of Mary and CWL brought in \$540.00 for our Church! Winners of the gift baskets are: Andrea T., Elizabeth G., Fr. Brian C., Charmaine C. and Theresa M. Once again, thank you all!

## **Lectors Needed**

Readers are needed for the 7:00pm Mass. If you are interested, please visit the parish office to complete a registration form. Once completed, you will be contacted by the Parish Lector Coordinator, David. Thank you!



# ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

## **Mass & Confession Schedule**

### **CONFESSIONS**

Tuesday, Dec 13: 5:00-6:45pm  
Friday, Dec 16: 5:00-6:45pm  
Saturday, Dec 17: 3:00-4:45pm  
Tuesday, Dec 20: 5:00-6:45pm  
Wednesday, Dec 21: 5:00-6:45pm

### **MASSES**

Monday, Dec 19: 8:15am  
Tuesday, Dec 20: 8:15am, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, Dec 21: 8:15am  
Thursday, Dec 22: 8:15am  
Friday, Dec 23: 8:15am, 7:00pm  
Saturday, Dec 24: **NO** 8:15am MASS, see below for Christmas Eve Masses.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

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

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

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

### **MASSES**

Monday, Dec 26: 8:15am  
Tuesday, Dec 27: 8:15am, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, Dec 28: 8:15am  
Thursday, Dec 29: 8:15am  
Friday, Dec 30: 8:15am, 7:00pm  
Saturday, Dec 31: **NO** 8:15am Mass, see below for New Year's Eve Mass

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

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

*Regular weekday and Sunday schedule follows after Jan 1, 2023*

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