

Sunday, December 19, 2021



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."
- Lk 1:41-42

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, December 20, 2021**
8:15am: + Philomena & Freddy Lisboa
- Tuesday, December 21, 2021**
8:15am: + Rita Pastolero
7:00pm: + Candinho Garcia
- Wednesday, December 22, 2021**
8:15am: + Prazeres De Souza
- Thursday, December 23, 2021**
8:15am: + Pat & Polly Hawes
- Friday, December 24, 2021**
Christmas Eve
- Saturday, December 25, 2021**
Christmas Day
- Sunday, December 26, 2021**
8:30am: No Mass Intention
10:00am: + Connie Camilleri
12:00pm: No Mass Intention



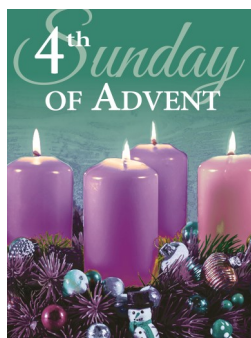
OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 9am-1pm
Saturday 9am-12pm, 3pm-6pm
Sunday 9am-1pm
When the office is open, the Church is open as well.



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Fourth Sunday of Advent



St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human

heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes. Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us. Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

Online Prayer Group (via Zoom)
Please join us **Monday evenings at 7:00pm for an hour of Prayers & Reflections** via Zoom. Zoom meeting link and reminders will be emailed through our distribution weekly on Mondays.
Note: When logging on, you will need this passcode: **196792**.
Advent is upon us! Each Monday for the next four weeks, together we will read, reflect, and pray the beautiful Advent scriptures, as we prepare and patiently wait to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. For more information, please Email: stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com

2022 Envelopes
2022 Envelopes are ready for pick up in the parish hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Please Pray for the Sick...

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers:

Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Alex Romero, 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, Joe Aguanno, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catalli, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Dianne Ouellette, Anna Iafrate, Doreen Micallef, John Kolozsvari, Geleong Apong, Dominic Alvia



Christmas & New Year Schedule 2021-2022 (Also available on the website)

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

RESERVATION NOT REQUIRED

Tuesday, December 21: 5:00 - 6:45pm

Tuesday, December 28: 6:00 - 6:45pm

RESERVATION NOT REQUIRED Dec 20-Dec 23

Monday, December 20: 8:15am

Tuesday, December 21: 8:15am, 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 22: 8:15am

Thursday, December 23: 8:15am

CHRISTMAS EVE - Friday, December 24

RESERVATION REQUIRED STARTS DEC 21

NO MORNING MASS.

MASS TIMES: 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY - Saturday, December 25

RESERVATION REQUIRED STARTS DEC 21

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

NO 5:00 pm, NO 7:00 pm MASSES

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - Sun, Dec 26

RESERVATION REQUIRED STARTS DEC 21

8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

RESERVATION NOT REQUIRED Dec 27-Dec 30

Monday, December 27: 8:15am

Tuesday, December 28: 8:15am, 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 29: 8:15am

Thursday, December 30: 8:15am

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

RESERVATION REQUIRED STARTS DEC 28

Friday, December 31: **NO MORNING MASS, 5:00pm Only**

Saturday, January 1: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm,

NO 5:00pm, NO 7:00pm MASSES

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

RESERVATION REQUIRED STARTS DEC 28

Sunday, January 2: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

**REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE
RESUMES ON MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022**



REMINDERS: CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS REGISTRATION

A reminder that Mass Registrations for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Feast of the Holy Family (Dec 26) will open on Tuesday, Dec 21.

The links will be posted on the parish website approx. 10am on Tuesday.

The email with the links to register will also be sent at the same time.

If you do not receive the email within 5-10 minutes, please feel free to check the parish website as the links will be posted there.

Our website: StPatricksMI.archtoronto.org

Please remember to read the schedule carefully as Christmas falls on a Saturday this year.

Thank you! - Parish Staff

Parish Cook Book & Thank you!

St. Patrick's Catholic Women's League would like to thank Fr. John, Fr. Brian and all the parishioners for their support of the Christmas Bazaar and cookbook launch last weekend. For those who missed the opportunity, the cookbooks will be available for sale (\$20) after all Masses, in the parish office OR can be ordered via email at stpatrickmis.cwl@gmail.com OR please call Peggy Kennedy at 905-279-5608.

Chalice—The gift that keeps on giving

This Christmas, put your love into action. The Chalice gift catalogue is filled with unique, meaningful gifts that can change a family's life. Your loved one here in Canada will be touched by the special gift given to those in need on their behalf. Catalogues are at the back of the Church. You can call 1-800-776-6855 or shop online at www.Chalice.ca Thank you for making a difference in someone's life. Merry Christmas!