Sunday, December 22, 2024



"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." - Lk 1:43-45

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 23, 2024 8:15 am: + Leslie Cardoso Tuesday, December 24, 2024 Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 25, 2024 Christmas Day Thursday, December 26, 2024 No Mass Intentions Friday, December 27, 2024 8:15 am: + Vincent Boutilier 7:00 pm: + Dragica Biondic & Miso Petrilic + Vincent Mui & + Manlio Franco + Elisa Cantarero & Francisca Trevizan + K.J Mathew & + Ante Smojevar + Stepan & David Haramina & Visnja Haramina-Perkov Saturday, December 28, 2024 8:15 am: + Leslie Cardoso 5:00 pm: + Percy Alcocer & Angela Bernales and + Esther & Eucharistic Roselyn Said Sunday, December 29, 2024 8:30 am: + Joe Santos 10:00 am: Francis Isaacs (Good Health)

12:00 pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners 7:00 pm: + Bogo Aysec



Parish Website

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Fourth Sunday of Advent



The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary "blessed" for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady's belief that "there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord" (Luke 1:45).

Mary is "blessed" entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him. So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our "motherly" contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him. Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus' presence. Pray: "Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her." — Father John Muir



May this Christmas be a time of love, joy, and peace for you and your families.

> From our parish family here at St. Patrick's:

Fr. Brian, Maria, Beatrice, Dave, Mark, Kimberly, Andrea, Dominic and I, Merry Christmas and Blessings for the coming year! - Fr. John 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, 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, Virgina 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, 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

<u>Chalice</u>

Chalice is a Canadian, Catholic international child sponsorship charity. For more than 30 years, our sponsors have supported children experiencing poverty to overcome obstacles, finish school, and have a hope-filled future. You **can** make a difference in someone's life today. Please visit the website to see how you can help a child, with a one time donation, a yearly sponsorship, or a gift for them in the name of someone here close to you. It's a gift that keeps on giving. If you prefer to call directly, Chalice can be reached at 1-800-776-6855 www.chalice.ca

New Year's Eve Celebration

Don't miss this night of fun, laughter, and fellowship as we welcome 2025 together. Bring your dancing shoes and your appetite for good food and great company! WHEN: 31st December, New Year's Eve WHERE: Church Hall TICKETS: \$75.00 per person

Tickets will be available after all masses.

<u>St. Vincent de Paul</u> <u>Raffle Winners</u>

Congratulations to **Cathy T.** and **Maila R.C.**, the winners of this weekend's raffle! A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your generous support!

Christmas Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday, Dec 23 - 8:15 am Tuesday, Dec 24 - 8:15 am Tuesday, Dec 24 - See *Christmas Eve* Wednesday, Dec 25 - See *Christmas Day* 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 <u>NO 7:00 PM Mass</u>!

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 6, 2025.

Holiday Office Hours

Dec 23: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM Dec 24-26: CLOSED Dec 27: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM Dec 28: 3:00 PM—6:00 PM Dec 29: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM Dec 30: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM Dec 31-Jan 1: CLOSED Jan 2: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

