

# Sunday, December 25, 2022



*The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."*

- Lk 2:10-12

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## Mass Intentions

**December 26-December 31, 2022**

**NO MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**

8:30am: + Rita Pastolero

10:00am: + Agnesa Lucchese

12:00pm: + Paul Tjioe and  
St. Patrick's Parishioners & Youth

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## Holiday Office Hours

Dec 24-27: CLOSED

Dec 28: 9am-4pm

Dec 29: 9am-4pm

Dec 30: 9am-12pm

Dec 31-Jan 2: CLOSED

Jan 3: 9am-4pm



## Parish Website

StPatricksMI.archtoronto.org

## Email

StPatricksMI@archtoronto.org

## Youth Website

stpatricksyouth.com

## The Nativity of Our Lord

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic. Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth. The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas!



*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. Darren, Fr. Brian, Kimberley, Maria, Beatrice, 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, 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 Iafrate, 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>

## **Live the Liturgy**

The true meaning of Christmas is not found in the twinkling lights, the beautifully adorned trees, or the exchanged gifts. It is revealed when we find God along the way of our lives, especially when we feel displaced, desperate, and alone. Fleeing from their home, Joseph and Mary cautiously made their way through the uncertain, complex, and dark paths to a longed-for place of safety and welcome. Not sure where to lay their heads, they created makeshift preparations for the birth of their child, the Son of God. God, who always was, is, and will be, without beginning or end is the one constant in life who sees us through difficult and scary times. Jesus is the light, which enlightens everyone, and comes into the world to show us the truth. It is joyful good news that calms our fears and allows us to go forth into the nighttime of our lives, courageously. This is the meaning of Christmas. We are never lost or alone. God is with us, loving us and leading us where we need to be.



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## **Mass Schedule**

### **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*



## **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 numbers in 2023. Please stop by the parish office to pick up your envelopes! Thank you!**

## **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!