## Sunday, December 29, 2024



When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. - Lk 2:21

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, December 30, 2024

8:15 am: + Richard Mendis

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

8:15 am: Thanksgiving for Chatrytor & Mel-

bourne Families

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

8:15 am: In Thanksgiving for Favours Re-

ceived—Kenny & Debby D'Souza

Thursday, January 2, 2025

8:15 am: + Ricardo Rocher Friday, January 3, 2025

8:15 am: + Sonja Hanley

7:00 pm: + Vincent D'Mello

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving for April

Torrefranca

- + Gioxa Baptista Ty
- + Vincent Mui
- + All Souls

#### Saturday, January 4, 2025

8:15 am: + Agnesa Lucchese

5:00 pm: + Maureen Isaacs

Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:30 am: + Leslie Cardoso

10:00 am: + Elenita De Castro & Jenna Tiglao

12:00 pm: + Diane Ouellette

7:00 pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners



#### **Parish Website**

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#### Youth Website

stpatricksyouth.com

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, "Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us." I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God's grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by. The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary "after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers..." (Luke 2:46). We don't know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: "Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child. What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God's presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before. -Fr. John Muir

## 2024 Tax Receipts

Please note that donations for 2024 must be received by the latest, **Friday**, **January 17**, in order for it to be included in the 2024 tax receipts. Tax receipts for 2024 will be issued and mailed mid February. We thank you for your continuous support!

## **Youth Ministry**



**EDGE** is open to all in grades 6, 7, and 8. Please register by using the following link:

https://bit.ly/spygedge2024 VERSO—if you are in grades 9-12, please register using the following

https://bit.ly/Verso2024

If you have any questions, please reach out to Dave at dguevarra@archtoronto.org.

#### 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 Čelia, Alix Meikle, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Tamara Boaden, Anna lafrate, 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, 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

## First Friday

January 3, 2025 is the First Friday of the month. Please join us for Mass at 7:00 pm followed by Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

## From the Squires

As the New Year begins, we want to express our heartfelt thanks for your dedication and support throughout the year. Your commitment means the world to us. The true spirit of the season—love, hope, and faith—guides us all. Let's continue to make a positive impact in our community, sharing this light throughout the year. Thank you for your support and wishing you a bright and prosperous 2025! - St. Patrick's Squires

# St. Vincent de Paul Raffle Winners

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**

#### 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 NO 7:00 PM Mass!

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.

## **Chalice**

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

## **Holiday Office Hours**

Dec 30: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM Dec 31-Jan 1: CLOSED Jan 2: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

