

Sunday, December 3, 2023



"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."
- Mk 13:35-36

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 4, 2023

8:15am: + Henry Joseph Madden

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

8:15am: + Frank Madden

7:00pm: + Anna Misetich

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

8:15am: + Donald Sexton

Thursday, December 7, 2023

8:15am: + Jennie Mackiewicz

Friday, December 8, 2023

8:15am: + Joseph D'Souza

7:00pm: + Fred D'Silva

+ Kenneth D'Costa

+ Peter Quyet

+ Elizabeth Taylor

+ All Deceased Members of the Pereira & D'Costa Families

Saturday, December 9, 2023

8:15am: + Kenneth & Sydney D'Costa

5:00pm: + Marko Marasovic

Sunday, December 10, 2023

8:30am: + Joe Santos

10:00am: + Deceased Members of the Girolami Family

12:00pm: + Martin Tavares

7:00pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners & Youth

First Sunday of Advent



Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? **"Watch**

therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters. May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— Father John Muir

St. Vincent de Paul Society Collection

St. Vincent de Paul's mission is to serve Christ in the poor with love, respect, hope and joy.

They have counted on your generosity to extend a helping hand to those in need.

The reality is that inflation and higher costs of living will make celebrating Christmas that much more difficult.

Families are now finding it extremely challenging to make ends meet.

Your financial support helps St. Vincent de Paul Society improve the lives of our neighbours in need.

The annual collection is this weekend, December 2-3, 2023.

We thank you and are grateful for your generous support throughout this year.

Parish 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

stpatricksyouth.com



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, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catalli, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, 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, Jonathan Pinto, Jennifer Nava-Villa, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Eleonora Marchese, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Benedict de Castro, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Joseph A. Torrefranca, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Teresita Morales, Emilia Castro, Maria Madelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Cathy Mauro, Andre Cartier, Kinga Serwin, Nikola Brodar, Senen Pasolero, Pepito De Souza



Special Needs Liturgy

Our first special needs liturgy is on **Sunday, December 10th at 2pm in the Parish Hall**. If you or anyone you know would benefit from attending this liturgy, please join us! This liturgy will be an opportunity for those who are differently abled to learn about our faith in a meaningful and simplified way. This will also be a time for parents and guardians to make new connections and have support from each other. For more information or questions, contact Maria MEspinoza@archtoronto.org.

Columbian Squires

Most Rev. Francis Leo, has offered a holy sacrifice of the Mass for the intentions of the persecuted Christians at St. Michael's Cathedral. He also invited individual parishes and small faith communities to hold an event or to pray the rosary in solidarity with faith communities worldwide. On **December 8th, 2023, after the 7:00 P.M. Mass**, the St Patrick's Squires will be praying the Rosary for the Persecuted Christians worldwide. Please join us for this event!

Online Prayer Group

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us via Zoom every Monday evenings at 7:00 pm for an hour of Prayers and Reflections during the liturgical season of Advent, and onward to Christmas season.

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 9533 4570
Passcode: 196792

Further details and Zoom link will be emailed through the Parish Email distribution. Please email the parish office if you wish to be added to the email list.

CONFESSION & MASS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, Dec 5: 5:00-6:45pm
Saturday, Dec 9: 3:00-4:45pm
Tuesday, Dec 12: 5:00-6:45pm
Friday, Dec 15: 5:00-6:45pm
Saturday, Dec 16: 3:00-4:45pm
Tuesday, Dec 19: 5:00-6:45pm
Wednesday, Dec 20: 5:00-6:45pm
Friday, Dec 22: 5:00-6:45pm
Saturday, Dec 23: 3:00-4:45pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Dec 18: 8:15am
Tuesday, Dec 19: 8:15am, 7:00pm
Wednesday, Dec 20: 8:15am
Thursday, Dec 21: 8:15am
Friday, Dec 22: 8:15am, 7:00pm
Saturday, Dec 23: 8:15am

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, Dec 23: 5:00pm
Sunday, Dec 24: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
NO 7:00PM MASS

CHRISTMAS EVE

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

CHRISTMAS DAY

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

MASSES (CHRISTMAS WEEK)

Tuesday, Dec 26: 8:15am, 7:00pm
Wednesday, Dec 27: 8:15am
Thursday, Dec 28: 8:15am
Friday, Dec 29: 8:15am
Saturday, Dec 30: 8:15am

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

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

Regular weekday and Sunday schedule follows beginning Tuesday, Jan 2, 2024.