

## Sunday, December 4, 2022



*John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. - Mt 3:4-6*

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## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 5, 2022

8:15am: + Frank Madden

### Tuesday, December 6, 2022

8:15am: + Nelson Lezama

7:00pm: + Hazragh Jennings

### Wednesday, December 7, 2022

8:15am: + Connie Camilleri

### Thursday, December 8, 2022

8:15am: + Nelson Lezama

### Friday, December 9, 2022

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

7:00pm: + Eulogio & Anacleto Matias

+ Deceased Members of the D'Costa & Pereira Families

+ Mary Loan

+ Kenneth & Sydney D'Costa

+ All Souls

### Saturday, December 10, 2022

8:15am: + Fr. Jim Roth

5:00pm: + Maria & Vito Beghin

### Sunday, December 11, 2022

8:15am: + Maureen Wilson

10:00am: + Vitandrea & Maria Magistrale

12:00pm: + Edward Fernandes

7:00pm: + Jacqueline O'Brien

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### Parish Website

StPatricksMI.archtoronto.org

### Email

StPatricksMI@archtoronto.org

### Youth Website

stpatricksyouth.com

## Second Sunday of Advent



At sixty years of age, Maria and Paul had a beautiful life. High school sweethearts, they had four children, five grandchildren, a successful business, good friends and a fabulous beach house.

They felt very blessed.

Their strong faith in God saw them through some difficult challenges. Without warning, Paul died suddenly. Maria was devastated. Why did God do this? Why did God allow this to happen? An indescribable depth of sadness weighed heavily upon her heart. She felt betrayed by the God she thought was looking out for her. She was overwhelmed by despair. Have you ever experienced such incredible and deafening sadness? Where is God in all of the pain? We often want God to fix things or intervene and change nature's course. When He doesn't act as we desire, it shakes our faith. We do not always understand or appreciate why things happen as they do. There is much that is beyond our control. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus is the way to God. There is something more going on in life than what we can see with human eyes. We are on a sacred path, and God is with us. God is with us in our confusion, suffering, doubts, and intense sadness. Jesus announced God's vision for humanity and taught people to see God and themselves for who they are. There is a way through and beyond all hardship and suffering. God does not abandon us. God has a clear vision for the future, both for us individually and for our world. It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one and the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb." God is not indifferent. He is the God of "endurance and encouragement." In God, we see what we may be, what may come and who we can become. When Maria opened herself to God's creative presence, she learned to trust. She began to realize that she could endure more than she had imagined. She also discovered a spark of encouragement, bringing her through the sadness to where she could be. In retrospect, Maria knew that God's reassuring presence was with her.



### Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm,

Sat: 9am-12pm, 3pm-6pm,

Sun: 9am-1pm

### 2022 Poinsettia Pick Up

Pick up will start on **Sat, Dec 10 at 2pm** after all weekend Masses. Thank you for your continuous support!

## **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 Iafra, 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 Torrefranca, Benedict de Castro, Carole Bullock



## **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!**

## **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):

**Dec 9, 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>

## **Columbian Squires—Nativity Skit**

As we prepare for Christmas, please join the Columbian Squires on **Saturday, December 10** after the 5:00pm Mass; they invite you to watch their skit of the Nativity scene, when our Saviour comes to us as a baby in Bethlehem.



# ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

## **Mass & Confession Schedule**

### **CONFESSIONS**

Tuesday, Dec 6: 5:00-6:45pm  
Saturday, Dec 10: 3:00-4:45pm  
Tuesday, Dec 13: 5:00-6:45pm  
Friday, Dec 16: 5:00-6:45pm  
Saturday, Dec 17: 3:00-4:45pm  
Tuesday, Dec 20: 5:00-6:45pm  
Wednesday, Dec 21: 5:00-6:45pm

### **MASSES**

Monday, Dec 19: 8:15am  
Tuesday, Dec 20: 8:15am, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, Dec 21: 8:15am  
Thursday, Dec 22: 8:15am  
Friday, Dec 23: 8:15am, 7:00pm  
Saturday, Dec 24: **NO** 8:15am MASS, see below for Christmas Eve Masses.

### **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*

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## **Advent Candles & Sunday Missals**

Bring Advent into your home this year with Advent Candles! Set of 4 candles + prayer card is \$6.00. Sunday Missals and Youth Missals are also available for sale in the foyer.