

Sunday, December 5, 2021



*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."
- Lk 3:4

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 6, 2021

8:15am: + Eugene Madden

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

8:15am: + Jenny Mackiewicz

7:00pm: + Mark Ayin

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

8:15am: + Henry Joseph Madden

Thursday, December 9, 2021

8:15am: + Prip De Souza

Friday, December 10, 2021

8:15am: + Rita Flynn

7:00pm: + Connie Camilleri

+ Rudy Mathias

+ Mary & Rudy Lawson

+ Rathnie

+ Frank Walshe

Saturday, December 11, 2021

8:15am: + Kenneth D'Costa

5:00pm: + Marianha & Joaquim Joanes & Dias Piedard

Sunday, December 12, 2021

8:30am: + Deceased Members of the Pereira & Da Costa Families

10:00am: + Alroy Vaz

12:00pm: + Joao Cabaco

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 9am-1pm

Saturday 9am-12pm, 3pm-6pm

Sunday 9am-1pm

When the office is open, the Church is open as well.



Parish Website

StPatricksMI.archtoronto.org

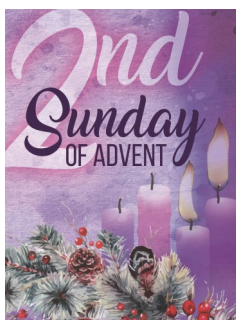
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Second Sunday of Advent



St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he

will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort. We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.

Poinsettias

Pick up will start on **Sat, Dec 11 at 2pm** and after all Masses. Thank you for your support!

Online Prayer Group (via Zoom)

Please join us **Monday evenings at 7:00pm for an hour of Prayers & Reflections** via Zoom. Zoom meeting link and reminders will be emailed through our distribution weekly on Mondays.

Note: When logging on, you will need this passcode: **196792**.

Advent is upon us! Each Monday for the next four weeks, together we will read, reflect, and pray the beautiful Advent scriptures, as we prepare and patiently wait to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. For more information, please

Email: stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com

2022 Envelopes

2022 Envelopes are ready for pick up in the parish hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Please Pray for the Sick...

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers: Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Alex

Romero, 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, Joe Aguanno, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catalli, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Dianne Ouellette, Anna Iafrate, Doreen Micallef, John Kolozsvari, Geleong Apong, Dominic Alvia



Catholic Women's League Christmas Bazaar

CWL is organizing a Christmas Bazaar next weekend, **Dec 11/12, 2021 after ALL Masses**. The much awaited Parish Cookbooks are the highlight of the sale @ \$20 each and will make excellent Christmas gifts. There will also be a Silent Auction of Christmas Baskets and a sale of baked goods and crafts. See you there!

***YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT
DECEMBER EVENTS***

Join us for The VERSO Christmas Jam!

All high school students (gr. 9 & up) and young adults (18+) are invited for our next Verso Night on Saturday December 18th from 6:30pm to 8pm in the parish. Join us in the church for Christmas Carols, Karaoke, Bingo, Games, Prizes & More! Registration is encouraged. Masking and physical distancing protocols will be in effect. For more information and to register email Maria stpatryouthgroup@hotmail.com. Our next Verso Night is on Sat, Jan 29th, 2022.

Our Annual EDGE Christmas Night is back!

Join us in December for our Annual Christmas EDGE Night. It will be a night full of fun, games, prizes & surprises along with some time to reflect on what Advent & Christmas is really all about.

Dec 3 is for St. Thomas More Students and Dec 10 is for St. Edmund, St. Teresa of Calcutta & St. Vincent de Paul Students. All those in grade 6, 7 & 8 are invited. EDGE Nights will take place on Fridays from 5:00 to 6:15pm (doors open at 4:45pm).

Pre-registration is required and Covid-19 masking and physical distancing protocols will be in effect.

EDGE & ELEV8 Nights allow youth to learn about their faith through talks, music, games, videos, small group discussions, activities and sharing with friends. For more info & to register:

<http://bit.ly/EDGEDEC> or contact our Youth Minister, Maria stpatryouthgroup@hotmail.com

Christmas & New Year Schedule 2021-2022 (Also available on the website)

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

RESERVATION NOT REQUIRED

Tuesday, December 7: 5:00 - 6:45pm
 Saturday, December 11: 3:00 - 4:45pm
 Tuesday, December 14: 5:00 - 6:45pm
 Friday, December 17: 5:00 - 6:45pm
 Saturday, December 18: 3:00 - 4:45pm
 Tuesday, December 21: 5:00 - 6:45pm
 Tuesday, December 28: 6:00 - 6:45pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

RESERVATION REQUIRED STARTS DEC 14

Saturday, December 18: 5:00pm
 Sunday, December 19: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

RESERVATION NOT REQUIRED Dec 20-Dec 23

Monday, December 20: 8:15am
Tuesday, December 21: 8:15am, 7:00pm
Wednesday, December 22: 8:15am
Thursday, December 23: 8:15am

CHRISTMAS EVE - Friday, December 24

RESERVATION REQUIRED STARTS DEC 21

NO MORNING MASS.

MASS TIMES: 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY - Saturday, December 25

RESERVATION REQUIRED STARTS DEC 21

8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00 pm
NO 5:00 pm, NO 7:00 pm MASSES

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - Sun, Dec 26

RESERVATION REQUIRED STARTS DEC 21

8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

RESERVATION NOT REQUIRED Dec 27-Dec 30

Monday, December 27: 8:15am
Tuesday, December 28: 8:15am, 7:00pm
Wednesday, December 29: 8:15am
Thursday, December 30: 8:15am

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

RESERVATION REQUIRED STARTS DEC 28

Friday, December 31: **NO MORNING MASS**, 5:00pm Only
 Saturday, January 1: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm,
NO 5:00pm, NO 7:00pm MASSES

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

RESERVATION REQUIRED STARTS DEC 28

Sunday, January 2: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

**REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE
 RESUMES ON MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022**