

*Sunday, December 7, 2025*



*Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said,  
“Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”  
- Lk 1:41b-42*

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 8, 2025**

8:15 am: John Kolosvari (Intentions)

**Tuesday, December 9, 2025**

8:15 am: + Patricia Gibson

7:00 pm: + Kenneth D’Costa Pereira & All Family Members

**Wednesday, December 10, 2025**

8:15 am: D’Souza Family (Thanksgiving)

**Thursday, December 11, 2025**

8:15 am: David Lovsin & Family

**Friday, December 12, 2025**

8:15 am: + Agnes Morris

7:00 pm: + Giovanni Marra

+ Gioan Baptista Ty

+ Piedade & Candolina Gomes

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+ All Souls

**Saturday, December 13, 2025**

8:15 am: + Vincent Mui

5:00 pm: + Grazia Franchino

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

8:30 am: + Charles Imelda & Carlton & Father Lazarus

10:00 am: Kim Hung and Family  
(In Thanksgiving)

12:00 pm: + Magdalena Kuehner

7:00 pm: St. Patrick’s Parishioners



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## **Second Sunday of Advent**



This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “locusts and wild honey” (Mark 1:6). It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We

have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey. I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts. But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it. This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts. But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it! John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

### **Mini Reflection**

It is so, so beautiful to be culturally Catholic. But actions, rituals, traditions, sentiments, nostalgia — none of it matters unless it bears the fruit of a transformed heart.



## **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, Char-maine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Maria Bowman, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Jacintha Fernandes, Anna Iafate, 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, Virginia Torrefranca, Carole Bullock, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Nikola Brodar, Rita Pinto, Henryka Zebrowska, Therese Torrefranca, Benedict De Castro, Tessie Morales, Natalie Troughton, Michael Healey, Melissa Castillo, Marisa Castillo, Gladys Castillo, Teresa Kuerv-ers, Teresa Marchese, Antonio Marchese, Wojtek Stanislowski, Theresa Fraiser, Beata, Arthur Moniz, Pasqua Dimucho, Camila M. Binauhal, Oliver Pinto, Elizabeth Blizniouk, Cathy DeBono, Samantha & Andrew Paliwada, Charlotte Carvalho, Zerina Vaz, Amal Abdou, Terry Blanchette, Justina Colaco



## **Confirmation Info Night**

We invite all parents and candidates to attend a Confirmation Information Night on **Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm** in the Church.

Books used for the classes are also available for purchase for **\$40.00**. Registration forms will be handed out during this information night to bring to Enrollment.

## **Confirmation Enrollment**

Confirmation Enrollment (registration) will take place **during all Masses on the weekend of December 20-21, 2025**. Please make sure you bring your child's Baptism Certificate along with the registration form you receive during information night.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (Youth)**

If you are interested in becoming a leader for Verso or EDGE, please contact Kristina Silvester at [ksilvester@archtoronto.org](mailto:ksilvester@archtoronto.org) or call the parish office, ext. 226.

## **2026 Envelopes**

Envelopes for 2026 are now available for pick up in the parish hall! If you are not registered to our parish, please stop by at the office to register and receive your own box of envelopes for the year.

# **Advent Mass Schedule**

## **Confessions**

Tues, December 9	5:00pm-6:45pm
Fri, December 12	5:00pm-6:45pm
Sat, December 13	3:00pm-4:45pm
Tues, December 16	5:00pm-6:45pm
Wed, December 17	5:00pm-7:00pm
Fri, December 19	5:00pm-6:45pm
Sat, December 20	3:00pm-4:45pm

## **Masses**

Mon, December 22	8:15am
Tues, December 23	8:15am, 7:00pm

## **Christmas Eve**

Wed, December 24	6:00pm, 8:00pm, and 10:00pm
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## **Christmas Day**

*(Please note there is **NO 7:00 pm Mass**)*

Thurs, December 25	8:30am, 10:00am & 12:00pm
Fri, December 26	8:15am, 7:00pm
Sat, December 27	8:15am

## **Feast of the Holy Family**

Sat, December 27	5:00pm
Sun, December 28	8:30am, 10:00am & 12:00pm & 7:00pm

Mon, December 29	8:15am
Tues, December 30	8:15am, 7:00pm

## **Feast of Mary the Mother of God**

*(Please note there is **NO 7:00 pm Mass**)*

Wed, December 31	5:00pm
Thurs, January 1	8:30am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

Fri, January 2	8:15am & 7:00pm— <i>First Friday</i>
Sat, January 3	8:15am

## **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**

Sat, January 3	5:00pm
Sun, January 4	8:30am, 10:00am & 12:00pm & 7:00pm



*Regular schedule begins Monday, Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026*