

Sunday, January 12, 2025



*"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
- Lk 3:16bc*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 13, 2025

8:15 am: + Margaret Ritchie

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

8:15 am: + All Souls

7:00 pm: + All Souls

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

8:15 am: Jack & Irene Nolan

Thursday, January 16, 2025

8:15 am: + Mervyn D'Souza and Family

Friday, January 17, 2025

8:15 am: Thanksgiving for the Pinto Family

7:00 pm: + Arulan Arthan

+ Rita Pastolero

+ Raul Soriano

+ Paul Vella

+ Sr. Gabriella Petoniak

+ All Souls

Saturday, January 18, 2025

8:15 am: + P.V Varkey

5:00 pm: + Dorothy Troy

Sunday, January 19, 2025

8:30 am: St. Patrick's Parishioners

10:00 am: + Sheila Miraballes

12:00 pm: + Wilfredo V. Ticzon

7:00 pm: + Giulio Mattacchione

The Baptism of the Lord



In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response.

The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words '**You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased**' (Luke 3:22) until they mean some-

thing to you." Easy penance, I thought. But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with *me*? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son. Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— Father John Muir

2024 Tax Receipts

Please note that donations for 2024 must be received by the latest, **Friday, January 17, 2025** 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!

Prayer for Baptism

Oh God, You desire each of us to be a part of Your sacred family, called and invited into relationship with You. May the grace of our Baptisms surround us anew, who are beloved and chosen by You. Amen.



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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 Biz-zaro, 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, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Tamara Boaden, Anna Iafrate, 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, 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, Teresa Kuervers

**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 link:

<https://bit.ly/Verso2024>

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

Chalice Appeal

A Chalice volunteer will be making a short presentation at the end of the Masses on the weekend of **January 25th and 26th**. This Canadian Catholic sponsorship program is present in 13 developing countries around the world, and is helping to improve the situation of children who are living in impoverished circumstances. You will learn more about this charity and how you can help a child in need. Information on Chalice can be found at www.chalice.ca

That Man is YOU!

That Man is You! Join us every **Wednesday at 7:00 PM** in the Main Hall. Come join your brother parishioners for coffee and donuts, prayer and fraternity. For info, please contact the parish office.

Practicing Catholic—Reflection

Mini Reflection: It makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. But the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow.

Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins

If you or a loved one are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the parish office and we will arrange for one of our Eucharist Ministers to drop by. For more information, you can contact the parish office at (905) 270-2301 or stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org

Hot Chocolate Sales!

Warm up with a cup of hot chocolate with us! St. Patrick's Squires invites you to join us on January 25th and 26th after all Masses for a delicious cup of hot chocolate. Each cup is just \$2.50. Your support is greatly appreciated! See you there.

Everyday Stewardship

What have been the most significant moments in your life? You probably celebrate your birthday every year, so the day you were born must be pretty important. Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in Jesus Christ. You were marked for Him with an indelible mark that no one can remove, not even you. On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth. Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day. It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God. If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9am-1pm
Sat 9am-12pm, 3pm-6pm
Sun 9am-1pm