

# Sunday, November 28, 2021



*“People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” - Lk 21:26-28*  
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# First Sunday of Advent



Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and

detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary “shot in the arm” to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops. And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, “Be vigilant at all times.” Even Jesus knew what “the anxieties of daily life” can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much “stuff” to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of “must and have to dos” and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an “eternity” of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short. Jesus is also clear on another point. “That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap.” If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, “We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another.” Getting to this place doesn't “just happen.” It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.



## Monday, November 29, 2021

8:15am: NO MASS INTENTIONS IN NOVEMBER

## Tuesday, November 30, 2021

8:15am: NO MASS INTENTIONS IN NOVEMBER

7:00pm: NO MASS INTENTIONS IN NOVEMBER

## Wednesday, December 1, 2021

8:15am: + Eugene Madden

## Thursday, December 2, 2021

8:15am: + Maureen Isaacs

## Friday, December 3, 2021

8:15am: + Frank Madden

7:00pm: + Rosadinha Pereira

+ Mariam Lobo

+ Ana Ruzaria & Francis Pereira

+ Lizarda Isabel & Mariano Monteiro

+ Manuel Cabral & Tony Cabral

## Saturday, December 4, 2021

8:15am: + Donald Sexton

5:00pm: + Roy & Shirley Yacynuk

## Sunday, December 5, 2021

8:30am: + Willie McLaughlin

10:00am: + Rita Martin Truong Melendez

12:00pm: + Alroy Vaz

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 9am-1pm

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

Sunday 9am-1pm

Please note: When the office is open, the Church is open as well.



### Parish Website

StPatricksMI.archtoronto.org

### Email

StPatricksMI@archtoronto.org

### Youth Website

stpatriksyouth.com

### 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 Aguanono, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catali, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Dianne Ouellette, Anna Iafrate, Doreen Micallef, John Kolozsvari, Geleong Apong



### Share Life

To date, the Parish has given **\$106,785.99** to the campaign. All that we give are appreciated by the various agencies and charities that are supported through Share Life.—Fr. John

### 2021 Poinsettia Sale

We are selling poinsettias! These plants are of outstanding colors, quality and value. Ordering will take place at the Church hall, this weekend Nov 27/28. Pick up will start on Sat, Dec 11 at 2pm and after all weekend Masses. Thank you for your support!

### St. Patrick's Online Prayer Group (via Zoom)

Please join us every **Monday evening at 7:00 pm for an hour of Prayers & Reflections** via Zoom. Zoom meeting link and reminders will be emailed through our distribution weekly on Mondays. You can subscribe via the website or contact the parish office. **Note:** When logging on, you will need this passcode: **196792**.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. Each Monday during this month, you will have the opportunity to share with us the names of your loved ones, those who have gone to their rest in the peace of Christ.

For more information, please contact: Andrea Tjioe, Mark Jennings, Karen Aranha, Gerry Smith or Amadeo Cuschieri,  
Email: [stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com)

### Thank you! From the Squires

Our Columbian Squires are blessed that we have Parishioners like you who can turn our Chocolate sales into remarkable events. We wouldn't be able to hold our events without the help and overwhelming support of St. Patrick's wonderful parishioners! We are forever grateful to you for making our Fundraiser event even more AWESOME! - Mark Jennings, Chief Councilor

## 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

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### 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

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### 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 20-Dec 23

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 Mass 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

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