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prepare the way...



ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Beloved Parishioners,

On that Night, over two thousand years ago,
something special happened.

On that Night, Christ brought us Salvation filled with
joy and happiness.

My wish for you is that this Christmas Jesus will again
bring you peace, joy and happiness. May He bless you and
your family. May he give you strength to live in the atmosphere
of that Holy Night!

Have a Blessed Christmas!

With prayers,

Fr. Pawel



ADVENT LOVE LETTERS TO JESUS

Dearest Baby Jesus.....

*Let me live with
love in my heart for
you and all the world
because you are love. take
care of us, we don't
want the coronavirus!*

With all my love.....

Stephen your altar boy
(Name)

ADVENT LOVE LETTERS TO JESUS

Thank you to all the children who wrote adorable love letters to
Baby Jesus.

POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR THE CHURCH

We are accepting donations of poinsettia plants for Christmas.
Kindly contact the Parish office to make an appointment to drop
off at the Parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tues. Dec 21	Memorial	St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor
Thurs. Dec 23	Memorial	St. John of Kanty, Priest

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24

No 8:00 am morning Mass

Christmas Eve

3:00 pm Mass
5:00 pm Mass (livestream)
10:00 pm Mass
12:00 pm Midnight Mass

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day

8:00 am Mass
9:30 am Mass (Italian) (livestream)
11:00 am Mass (livestream)
12:30 pm Mass
No 4:30 pm Mass

READINGS THIS WEEK

- 19** Micah 5.2-5a: Hebrews 10.5-10: Luke 1.39-45
20 Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d: Luke 1.26-38
21 Zephaniah 3.14-18a or Song of Songs 2.8-14: Luke 1.39-45
22 1 Samuel 1.24-28: Luke 1.46-56
23 Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6: Luke 1.57-66
24 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8-12, 16: Luke 1.67-79

SCHEDULE OF LIVE-STREAM MASSES

(Live-stream Masses are available on
YouTube channel, SMI Parish)

Sunday Masses

9:30 am in Italian
11:00 am in English

FR. PAWEL'S BOOK CLUB 2022

All Parishioners and friends are encouraged to read the four
selected books and to join Father Pawel Zborowski, Pastor of St.
Mary Immaculate Church, for each book review in the parish hall
from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 "The Little Manual for Spiritual
Growth" by Fr. John Portavella.

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 "Walk Humbly with Your God"
by Fr. Andrew Apostoli.

Wednesday, March 30, 2022 "Unleashing the Power of
Intercessory Prayer" by Joseph Hollcraft.

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 "What to say and How to say it" by
Brandon Vogt. Recommended by His Eminence Thomas
Cardinal Collins.

Books will be available for purchase end of December.

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

The 2022 offertory envelope boxes are available for pick up and
are located in 3 areas of the Church, Our Lady of Fatima Chapel,
Sacred Heart of Jesus Chapel and at the back of the Church.
Envelopes are organized by the first letter of the surname. If you
need the envelopes to be delivered to your home, please contact
the parish office.

2021 TAX YEAR

The last weekend for donations to be included in the 2021 tax
year will be **Sunday, December 26**. We ask you to please notify
the Parish office if you have changed address or contact
information. Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Open by appointment only on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Closed daily 12:00 pm–1:00 pm for lunch. Please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED DURING HOLIDAYS

Friday, December 24 at noon
Monday, December 27
Tuesday, December 28
Wednesday, December 29
Friday, December 31 at noon
Monday, January 3
Tuesday, January 4

On behalf of Fr. Pawel, Fr. Victor, Fr. Peter, Deacon Joseph and the office staff, we wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.



We are almost there. We still have to the end of December to support ShareLife. Thank you for your support of ShareLife.

"Thank you to the hardworking ShareLife volunteers and parish committee members, who found innovative ways to raise funds in these challenging circumstances. And thank you to each and every person who showed solidarity with those who suffer by making a sacrificial gift."
– Cardinal Thomas Collins

To learn more about ShareLife, visit their website sharelife.org

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/synodality.

The Story and You



Sacred Conversations

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Two silent, unborn children. One, newly conceived, has just made the ninety-mile journey within his mother's womb to the hill country of Judea. The other, conceived to the shock and awe of the neighbors (and to his father, struck mute for the duration of the pregnancy), is now six months old in the womb of his aged mother, Elizabeth.

Mary arrives at Ein Karem. How will she ever express what she is experiencing? Will she be as wordless as Zechariah in the midst of The Mystery? It turns out the infant in Elizabeth's womb does the talking for her. He---the pre-born child---is the first to announce the gospel, the first to recognize the Christ. He leaps, and then Elizabeth announces what her child already knows. *Blessed is she who believed that the promise of the Lord would be fulfilled.*

Mary and Joseph trusted. Elizabeth and Zechariah trusted. But it was God who first trusted, who created humankind, who gave us every beautiful thing, and then, in the greatest act of trust, gave us God's own Son.

The author Elizabeth Stone wrote, "The decision to have a child...is to decide forever to have your heart go around outside your body." In sending the Son, the Father decided to have his heart, forever after, go around outside his body. That's us. We are that heart, walking around outside the body of the Creator, destined to return to God. My favorite theologian, John Kavanaugh, SJ, wrote, "Mary believed the promise of God and, in doing so, gave birth to the promise." We who believe the promise must give birth to the promise. We are God's heart, walking around. Glory to God in the highest.

How are you giving birth to the promise in the actions of your life?

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CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Emma Christine Rose Hoffman & Adeline Esme Violet Hoffman
We welcome you into the Church! We wish the Parents and Godparents of the newly baptized, God's blessing and protection of our Mother Mary!

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Available to offer for loved ones for a one week period. Sanctuary lamps are the red votive candles lit beside the tabernacle. To request an intention for the sanctuary lamps, please call the Parish office at 905-884-1784 during office hours.

DEC 20 - 26: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+Dario Iacobelli

&

+Najehbeh Zakhem Isa & +Richard Isa

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THEIR CAREGIVERS

If you would like to mention a loved one who is sick or a caregiver caring for a sick loved one that are in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 905-884-1784 or email at stmaryimmaculateri@archtoronto.org.

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Catarina Clyke, Clara Pacitti, Sandi Weinholdt

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 20 – DECEMBER 26

Mon. Dec 20	8:00 am	+Holy Souls of Purgatory
Tues. Dec 21	8:00 am	+Benito Chiaravallotti & +Vincenzo Buffoni
Wed. Dec 22	8:00 am	+Antonio Suppa
Thurs. Dec 23	8:00 am	Private Intentions
Fri. Dec 24	3:00 pm	+Holy Souls of Purgatory
	5:00 pm	+Mary, +Owen & All Deceased of the McKenna Family
	10:00 pm	Private Intentions
	Midnight	+Holy Souls of Purgatory
Sat. Dec 25	8:00 am	+J.S. Rajaratnam
	9:30 am	Private Intentions
	11:00 am	+Holy Souls of Purgatory
	12:30 pm	Private Intentions
Sun. Dec 26	8:00 am	+Holy Souls of Purgatory
	9:30 am	+Ercole Richichi +Benedetto Baccilieri +Nicolino Evangelista Spec. Int. for Gabriella's Grandchildren
	11:00 am	+Kenneth Stewart & +Lacuna Family +Ynocencio Maria Delgado
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+Carlo Sinicropi

Wishing you a Blessed & Joyous Christmas!

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