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Oh Come
Let us Adore Him

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

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Children's Mass

10:00 pm Mass

11:30 pm Mini concert

12:00 am Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

8:00 am Mass

9:30 am Mass (Italian)

11:00 am Mass

12:30 pm Mass

4:30 pm Mass

Saturday, December 30

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 31

8:00 am Mass

9:30 am Mass (Italian)

11:00 am Mass

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Monday, January 1, 2024

New Year's Day

8:00 am Mass

9:30 am Mass (Italian)

11:00 am Mass

12:30 pm Mass

4:30 pm Mass

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tues. Dec 26	Feast	St. Stephen, The First Martyr
Wed. Dec 27	Feast	St. John, Apostle, Evangelist
Thurs. Dec 28	Feast	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Fri. Dec 29	Memorial	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr
Sat. Dec 30	Memorial	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity

READINGS THIS WEEK

26 Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59; Matthew 10.17-22

27 1 John 1.1-4; John 20.2-8

28 1 John 1.5 - 2.2; Matthew 2.13-18

29 1 John 2.3-11; Luke 2.22-35

30 Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 or Colossians 3.12-21; Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to Anita Markle, Mary Onorati, Peter Oliver, Colavita Family, the Knights of Columbus and all those who helped set up the Nativity scene, decorate the Church for Christmas, Christmas trees, poinsettias and flowers. Our Church looks amazing. Special thanks to our musicians, cantors, altar servers, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and last but not least all SMI Parishioners.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

The 2024 offertory envelope boxes are available for pick up and are located at the back of the Church. Envelopes are organized by the first letter of the surname. If you would like envelopes or need assistance, please contact the parish office.

2023 TAX YEAR

The last weekend for donations to be included in the 2023 tax year will be **Sunday, December 31**. We ask you to please notify the Parish office if you have changed address or contact information. Thank you for your continued support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Both programs will resume **January 14, 2024**.



Listen to Catholic Espresso with Fr. Pawel and co-host Russell Hoyt from Texas.

Advent & Christmas Edition podcast.

Visit <https://anchor.fm/catholicesspresso> or our website for the link.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED DURING HOLIDAYS

Monday, December 25

Tuesday, December 26

Wednesday, December 27

Thursday, December 28

Monday, January 1

ADVENT LOVE LETTERS TO JESUS

Dearest Baby Jesus.....

thank you for coming into our
lives. You sacrificed your life for
us by dying on the cross to
forgive our sins. Baby Jesus, you
have brought love and peace
to our world and we hope
that you will always be in our hearts.
It is a blessing that you have come into
our world.
With all my love.....
Josephia
(Name)

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



Come Join Us for Our Next Exciting Bible Study on
Follow Me – Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John
Thursday mornings 9:15 am - 11:15 am
January 25, 2024 to March 14, 2024
Contact Parish office to register.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Our Parish is offering marriage preparation course.

Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Spring session: February 7- March 13, 2024

If you are planning to marry in the near future and would like to register, contact the Parish office.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO – FEBRUARY 11, 2024 AT 3:00 P.M.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage. For questions, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.

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, Clelia Proia, Immacolata Morlando, Hamid Hemmati

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 25 - 31: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+Gabrielle & +Joseph Magnotta

&

+Najebeh Zakhem & +Richard Isa

MASS INTENTIONS DEC 25 – DEC 31

Mon. Dec 25	8:00 am	Private Intentions
	9:30 am	+All Souls of Purgatory
	11:00 am	+Lorenzo Gabriel Gibellini +Antonio Gargano +Lucy Risi +Isaac Arturo Imperial +Mariano Abella +Godofredo Abella
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	Private Intentions
Tues. Dec 26	8:00 am	+All Souls of Purgatory
Wed. Dec 27	8:00 am	+Ynocencio Maria Delgado
Thurs. Dec 28	8:00 am	Private Intentions
Fri. Dec 29	8:00 am	In Thanksgiving & Birthday blessings for Mildred Camat
Sat. Dec 30	8:30 am	+Virginia Lozano For Intentions placed in the Fatima Chapel prayer box
	5:00 pm	+Gabrielle Magnotta +Carmela Caia
Sun. Dec 31	8:00 am	+All Souls of Purgatory
	9:30 am	+Benedetto Baccilieri
	11:00 am	+Olga Guerrero Naranjo +All Deceased members of the Pacitto Family
	4:30 pm	Private Intentions

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Wishing you a Blessed & Joyous Christmas!

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