

# ST. BARNABAS PARISH

## WEEKLY BULLETIN | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### GOD'S PROMISES

Judea was a place that reminded the Jews of God's promises. However, deep in the heart of that region was Jerusalem, and the king's palace in Jerusalem was a place that mocked other promises. When God chose Israel as his own, he originally intended for them to be governed by the priesthood. However, eventually Israel noticed that other kingdoms were ruled by kings, and they soon asked God for a king (see 1 Samuel 8). God relented and gave Israel their kings, the greatest of whom was King David. We read of God's promise to David: "When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever, I will be his father, and he shall be my son" (2 Samuel 7:12:14). What did this mean? God promised that the Messiah would come from David's line. However, as part of that promise, God promised David that his offspring would lead the kingdom of Israel. Two thousand years ago, this promise seemed to be unfulfilled. Judea was occupied by the Romans, and the Romans had appointed their own king, the hated King Herod, as their puppet. Herod's rule as "king" would have been a mockery to the Jews. Not only was Herod not of David's lineage; Herod was not even Jewish. Herod's father was by descent an Edomite, whose ancestors had converted to Judaism. The greatest city in Judea was Jerusalem, and Herod's palace was in the centre of the upper city. His palace towered over Jerusalem as a place that would have pierced the hearts of the people of Israel. It mocked God's promises and tempted the Jews to think that God's promise of the Messiah might never be fulfilled. Sometimes you and I also find ourselves in circumstances that make us doubt whether God will come through on his promises. Unanswered prayers, especially those we begged God for during times of suffering, can erode our trust in Him and tempt us to doubt His promises. In addition, no other time of the year has expectations higher than they are now, in Advent. Unmet expectations, especially the expectations of the people in circumstances most personal to us, can also weaken our trust in God's promises. Look deep within. How are you doing with God's promises? - *Rejoice! Finding Your Place in Advent* by Fr. Mark Toups

### *Parish Schedule*

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekday Adoration: 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM**

**Weekday Mass:**

Monday: 9:00 AM (Ad Orientem)

Tuesday: 9:00 AM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM (Ad Orientem)

Thursday: 9:00 AM

Friday: 9:00 AM (Ad Orientem)

Saturday: 9:00 AM

**Weekend Mass:**

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM, and 7:00 PM

#### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday to Saturday at 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM

Wednesday at 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturdays at 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

4:30 PM (Sat. Vigil): Brian MENDONCA †  
 5:30 AM: Special Intentions of Breanna DOOKIE  
 9:00 AM: Alexander FILARDO †  
 10:30 AM: Special Intentions of Dominic MONTEIRO  
 12:15 PM: Angela, Cheryl & Clement PEREIRA †††  
 7:00 PM: Thanksgiving of ESCOBAR – CARDILLO Family

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023

5:30 AM: Felipe BARICUATRO †  
 9:00 AM: Regina Winifred STANISLAUS †

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023

5:30 AM: Special Intentions of Laurina & Laurette ISIEKWENA,  
 Imade & Itohan EGHAREVBA  
 9:00 AM: Gratian & Audrey PAIS ††

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023

5:30 AM: Loreto & Berlina ALICANTE ††  
 9:00 AM: Thanksgiving of GONSALVES & D'LIMA Families  
 7:00 PM: Robert WILLIAMS †

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023

5:30 AM: Antonio GAPAS & His Deceased Children †††  
 9:00 AM: Marion BARBER †

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2023

5:30 AM: Thanksgiving of Mark & Unissa CAPARAS  
 9:00 AM: Thanksgiving of Noel FERNANDES

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023

5:30 AM: Thanksgiving of Jun & Jen, Tish & Yana & Lolo Efrén  
 9:00 AM: Community Memorial Mass

## NAMES OF THE SICK

Lydia ABRAZALDO  
 Amelia ANTONIO  
 Luisa ARIOLA  
 Jen ATKINSON  
 Horacio AVANZADO  
 Vida BAILEY  
 Cirilo BANZIL  
 Al BANZON  
 Katelyn Hope BAUTISTA  
 Monica BAUTISTA  
 Lita BEDFORD-JAMES  
 Julita BRAVO  
 Milagros BRINAS  
 Cleone BYGRAVE  
 Theresa CALDERON  
 Crescensia CASTANEDA  
 Terry CHAN  
 Matilda CHARLES  
 Anushka CHELLIAH  
 Bodhi CHELLIAH  
 Trevor CHUNG  
 Sera COLACO  
 Martin CORSANO  
 Jerwin Cruz CORTEZ  
 Jack CRAWFORD  
 Dawn CRITCHLOW  
 Carmalita CRUZ  
 Divina DE LEON  
 Maureen DALEY  
 Emmanuel DE LEON  
 George D'SILVA  
 Epifanio DACANAY  
 Freddie DACANAY  
 Elizabeth Fe DACANAY  
 Charlie DEISCHTER  
 Salvador DE LEOZ  
 Julietta DE LEOZ  
 Nikita DeSILVA  
 Jannette DEMPSEY  
 Ampy DECHOSO  
 Christina DELINOR  
 Arya Cali DIAZ  
 Felicitas DISMAYA  
 Jacquelin DUMEICHEN  
 Teresita ESMAO  
 Milagrina ESMAS  
 Veronica ESPANO  
 Carrol FERNANDES  
 Mary FERNANDES

Sabino FERNANDES  
 Sybil FERNANDES  
 Emmanuel FERNANDO  
 Janson Louis FERDINAND  
 Columba FREDERICK  
 James FRASER  
 Teresita FONTANILLA  
 Abigail FORBES  
 Rolando GARBINO  
 Barry GILL  
 Nathan GIRDHARRY  
 Gilda GUIOQUIO  
 Gem GOUVEIA  
 George GRAY  
 Sean KUA  
 Bernard OSEI-KWABENA  
 Kevin HARRIS  
 Robert HENRIQUE  
 Vernon HOFFMAN  
 Renate HOFFMAN  
 Tina HOLLOWAY  
 Summer HOLLOWAY  
 Robbie HOJILLA  
 James HUTCHINSON  
 Leonardo IGNACIO  
 Joan IRONSIDE  
 Sheldon IYENGAR  
 Henry JACOT  
 Lorraine JOHNSON  
 Danilo Batara JOSE  
 George JOSEPH  
 Ruth LABAO  
 Josefina LAGMAN  
 Martinah LLANES  
 Consuelo LOPEZ  
 Maria Lourdes LUZ  
 Audrey Mendonca LUCAS  
 Bienvenido MABBAYAD  
 Noli MABABANGLOOB  
 Allison MAGPAYO  
 Willex MAGPAYO  
 Miguel MAGTIBAY  
 Alisha MATHLIN  
 John McGARRY  
 Ron McGARRY  
 Betty McNEIL  
 Glenda McNEIL  
 Constance MENEZES  
 Lipika MITRA  
 Linda MOORE  
 Andreyana NAZAL

Winston NEWMAN  
 Collette O'DONNELL  
 Denise ORTIZ  
 Marie ORTIZ  
 Kyle PAGUIA  
 Mary Ann Ibana PALOMARES  
 Mary Thimen PAN  
 Cecilia Hwa PAN  
 Victo Juann PAN  
 Divya PATEL  
 Josue PEREZ  
 Miranda PINTO  
 Merlyn RAYMOND  
 Claudette RAMOS  
 Michael REID  
 Henry REYES  
 Norberto REYES  
 Ermie RICAFORT  
 Maricar ROBERTO  
 Elanor RODRIGO  
 Faye SALAMILLAS  
 Kathy SAMUELS  
 Zosimo SANCHEZ  
 Lourdes SANTIAGO  
 Domingo SANTOS  
 Karen SANTOS  
 Gener SARMIENTO  
 Metarita SEARS  
 Caril Chen SEE  
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 Cecile SILVERIO  
 Vicky SUAREZ  
 Bob STEELE  
 Norma STEELE  
 Jovito TAMAYO  
 Rowena TELAN  
 Cecil TUAZON  
 Adelia UYGUANGCO  
 Romeo UMALI  
 Christiana VELINOR  
 Jalen VELINOR  
 Julian VILLANUEVA  
 Estrella VILLAR  
 Levon WILLIAMS  
 Jeanette WILTSHIRE  
 Franklyn WYKE  
 Conrado YABUT

If you would like to include the name of your sick family member, kindly send us an email through [stbarnabassc@archtoronto.org](mailto:stbarnabassc@archtoronto.org) or give the parish office a call.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS

### CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Parents with children grades 7-8, we have our registration open. You can go to our website at [stbarnabasto.ca](http://stbarnabasto.ca) to register. If you have any other questions, please contact Kim Marania at 416-298-0989 ext. 205 or email her at [stbarnabassc@archtoronto.org](mailto:stbarnabassc@archtoronto.org).



### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Starting January 25th, 2023  
 7 consecutive Thursdays | 7PM - 9PM  
 Register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/stbarnabasto/MARPREP2024> or go to our website at <https://stbarnabasto.ca>



### FIRST COMMUNION DATES

The First Communion registration will open on **January 2, 2023** until **February 5, 2024**. Parent's Orientation will be on **February 8, 2024** 6pm-7pm (Group A). and 7:30pm - 8:30pm (Group B). For questions, please contact Gabe Marania at [stbarnabasfirstcommunion@archtoronto.org](mailto:stbarnabasfirstcommunion@archtoronto.org) or at 416 298-0989.

# A N N O U N C E M E N T S

## OFFICE HOURS DURING CHRISTMAS

From **December 24, 2023 - January 1, 2024**, the parish office will be closed. Please make sure to settle anything prior to the dates stated. **Our office will resume operation on January 2, 2024.**



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN

RCIC registration will begin on **December 20, 2023**. For more information, contact Alyanna Viray at [alyanna.viray@outlook.com](mailto:alyanna.viray@outlook.com)



## CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

The Knights of Columbus will be having a Special mass to celebrate the Feast of the Consecration to the Holy Family. It will be on **Friday, December 29th, at 7PM**. We invite all parishioners together with their families to not only celebrate but consecrate themselves to the Holy Family.



## MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT

Our next **Marriage Date Night** is on **January 20, 2024**. Our topic this night is **The Blueprint of Love**. Every marriage needs a blueprint - a plan to follow for real love. Find the blueprint for your marriage in the loving actions of Christ for the Church. To register, please go our website at <https://stbanabasto.ca>



**ST. BARNABAS PARISH & Hallow ADVENT**

St. Barnabas partnered with Hallow to prepare us for Advent. With the voice of Liam Neeson reading as C.S. Lewis, we will journey through prayer and reflection with the Hallow App. To know more, please pick a pamphlet at the narthex. \$1 per subscription until Easter.

## Advent Schedule



**December 23/24 4th Sunday of Advent** 4:30 PM (Vigil), 5:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM (Livestream)

**Christmas Eve Mass** 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM, 12:00 AM

**Christmas Day Christmas Mass** 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM (Livestream)  
No Evening Mass

**December 30/31 Sunday Mass** 4:30 PM (Vigil), 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM (Livestream)

**New Year's Eve Mass** 4:30 PM, 10:00 PM (Adoration) until midnight  
Countdown at the hall

**New Year's Day Solemnity of the Mother of God** 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM (Livestream)  
No Evening Mass

## FINAL LIVESTREAM

With grateful heart, we would like to announce that our last livestream will be on **January 1, 2023 at 12:15PM**. Thank you so much for the 3 years of online support during and after the pandemic.





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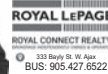


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