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# FOURTH SUNDY OF ADVENT & THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 23, St. John of Kanty, Priest  
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 24

**5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve mass**

**10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve mass**



Wednesday, December 25, The Nativity of our Lord


**9:00 a.m. Christmas Day mass**

**11:00 a.m. Christmas Day mass**



**No Mass on Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

Friday, December 27, St. John, Apostle & Evangelist  
8:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 

4:30 p.m. (+) Joe Andreazza, req. by the Family

(+) Manuel Linsao, req. by Lourdes Alcaraz

(+) Phyllis Boulet, req. by G & P Bester

Sunday, December 29, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:00 a.m. (+) Michelantonio Fantetti  
req. by Ida Falcone

(+) Fedele, (+) Filippo, (+) Maria & (+)

Giovina Trigiani, req. by Filomena Fazzari

11:00 a.m.

Monday, December 30

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 31

4:30 p.m. **New Years Eve mass**

Wednesday, January 1, **New Year's Day masses**

9:00 a.m. (+) Hope Banisch Venneri,  
req. by Mama, Papa & Noah

11:00 a.m. St. Ambrose Catholic Mothers Group

**No Mass on Thursday, January 2, 2025**

Friday, January 3

8:00 a.m. (+) Michelantonio Fantetti, req. by Eufemia

Saturday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

4:30 p.m. (+) Gus Rinella, req. by the Family

Sunday, January 5, **Epiphany of the Lord**

9:00 a.m. (+) Giovanni Colantonio, req. by Family  
(+) Jacek, (+) Jan & (+) Teresa Sitarski,  
(+) Pavel, (+) Stefania & (+) Anna Pavlovski,  
req. by Krystyna Sitarski

11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving – 32<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
of Bernabe & Gloria Buenaventura



*The Holy Innocents* did not know Jesus, but died in his place. The feast *recognized* these baby boys as the first Martyrs and pro-life patron Saints. In the Gospel of Matthew, after Jesus' birth, *King Herod the Great of Judea* — named "king of the Jews" by the Roman Senate, heard from the Magi of this "**newborn king of the Jews.**" Unsettled by this news, he deceptively asked the Magi to report back to him Jesus' location so that he too may go and do him homage. A dream warned the Magi not to return to Herod. St. Matthew (2:16–18) records when Herod realized he had been deceived by the Magi, he became furious and



ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem & its vicinity who were 2 years old & under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the Magi. "Then was fulfilled what had been through Jeremiah the prophet: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more.'"

## PROPERTY & BUILDING UPDATE & VIDEO



On the weekend of September 27/28, a video presentation was shared at the end of the 3 weekend masses. This presentation considered the history of the area, the establishment & growth of St. Ambrose parish since 1955, and the parish to address a number of building and property issues of the church. This presentation can still be viewed at [www.stambroseparish.com/photo-gallery.html](http://www.stambroseparish.com/photo-gallery.html) Based on a Preliminary Property Assessment Report commissioned during the summer, the many issues were found, such as:

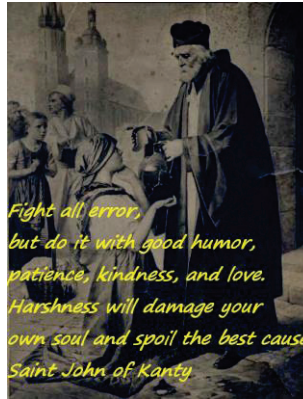
- Remove existing asphalt and regrade and repave the parking lot
- Excavate and repave the inside of the garage
- Replace many existing window wells around the building
- Address water ingress damage to the church walls
- Address the church front steps
- Brick repointing as needed
- Replace church and rectory AC units
- Replace the church sign near Browns Line
- Chimney on south-west side of church roof needs to be taken down
- Repair the flat roof over the mechanical room
- Replace carpets, install flooring for some of the rooms in the hall basement
- Repair the northwest stairs by the garage
- Update lighting in the hall
- Add a backflow preventer to the hall
- Possibly replace the main church doors
- Kneeler and pew repairs in the church

In the Property assessment report, it was estimated that the total costs of these repairs would be at least \$450,000. Currently, we have we have over \$79,000 on deposit with the Archdiocese of Toronto, and roughly \$88,000 in our Family of Faith account with the archdiocese. Over the last few months, parishioners have donated over \$55,000 through our Building Fund that is being deposited with the archdiocese; until that time that we begin these repairs. However, this still leaves us needing to raise at least another \$220,000 in the near future.

I urge you to give generously to the Parish Building Fund, both before the year end and in 2025. We have an agreement with the archdiocese that **we can keep 100% of your donations to the Building Fund until**

**the end of 2025**, unlike the 15% tax we pay to the archdiocese on our regular offertory collections.

God bless you! *Fr. Michael Machacek*



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION

**& CONFIRMATION:** *First Communion Registration is Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.* For more information and for Confirmation information and registration date, please visit [www.stambroseparish.com](http://www.stambroseparish.com) and click on Schools tab.

## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

*Please note the office will be Closed on:*

Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
& Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>



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