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SUNDAY MASSES:

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Sunday liturgy)
8:30 a.m. English Mass
9:30 a.m. Low Mass (Usus antiquior/1962 Missal)
11:00 a.m. Sung English Mass

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Before every Mass on Sundays
Daily for 15 minutes before all Masses.

WEEKDAY MASS:

8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday
10:00 a.m. Saturday

DAILY ROSARY

The Rosary is recited in the church at the following times:
Monday - Thursday 8:40 a.m., Friday noon,
Saturday 10:40 a.m., & Sunday 10:25 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 8:30 a.m. until noon every Friday with Solemn Benediction on first Fridays & all day Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MARRIAGES:

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

BAPTISMS: On Sundays by appointment.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: 647-727-8758

PARISH CHOIR DIRECTOR:

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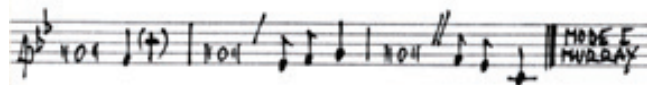
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 A.M. SUNG ENGLISH MASS

Entrance Hymn: 304 – Lo, He Comes, with Clouds
Descending

Entrance Antiphon:



[Choir] Rejoice in the Lord / always; (†) *
again, I / say re-joyce. *

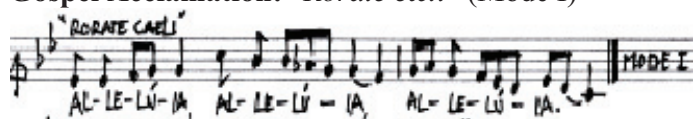
[All] Indeed, the // Lord is near.

Kyrie: Mass XVII

Responsorial Psalm:

[All] LORD, // COME AND SAVE^US.

Gospel Acclamation: “*Rorate cæli*” (Mode I)



[Choir] The Spirit of the Lord / is up-on^me; *

[All] he has sent me to bring good news // to the
poor.

Credo: 202 – *Kyriale Romanum* III

Offertory Antiphon: (see above for the psalm tone)

[Choir] O Lord, you have blessed your / land, (†) *
you have put an end to Ja/cob's cap-tivity; *

[All] you have forgiven the iniquity // of your people.

Sanctus: Mass XVII

Agnus Dei: Mass XVII

Communion Antiphon: (see above for the psalm tone)

[Choir] Say to the faint of / heart: (†) * Be strong and /
do not fear. *

[All] our God will come, and // he will save^us.

Hymn: 301 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Concluding Hymn: 310 – Come, Thou Long Expected
Jesus

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

(Said every day from December 16-24)

Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment at which
the Son of God was born of a most pure Virgin, at a
stable at midnight, in Bethlehem in the pigring cold.
At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, to hear my
prayers and grant my desires (mention request here).
Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother.

**SUNDAY MISSALS (\$7) AND CALENDARS
(\$5) ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND
AFTER EACH MASS**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

Bl. Anthony Grassi, Priest

8:00 In honour of Bl. Anthony Grassi of the Oratory

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 Isabel DeCouto

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 Toronto Oratorians

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 Leeda Crawford, req. by Cumal family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00 (+) Delia Tolibas Biong, req. by Elsa Cumal

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

10:00 (+) Relatives and friends of parishioners

5:00 (+) Anthony & Katherine Presz, req by John Anthony
Presz

PARISH FINANCES FOR DECEMBER 7

Offertory Collection: \$8,480

Maintenance & Debt: \$1,365

CanadaHelps: \$540.93

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of
the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy
that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday, January 3 at 6:00p.m.

Cost is \$40 Adults and \$5 Child. To purchase tickets, go
to: christmasdinner2026.eventbrite.ca

POTLUCK COFFEE HOUSE

Sunday, December 28th in the hall after the 11am Mass

Bring out your remaining Christmas Cheer and share with
fellow parishioners! We eat and drink whatever we bring! It
is the feast of the Holy Family in the Octave of Christmas. A
fitting day to share a meal with our parish family.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2026

Offertory envelopes for 2026 are available for pick up.
They are in alphabetical order. Please check that you have
picked up **YOUR** box of envelopes. If you have a change
of address or have changed your phone number, please
write the correct information on the envelope with
"NEW". For the first few donations of 2026, please
print clearly on the envelope your **NAME, ADDRESS,
PHONE NUMBER & EMAIL ADDRESS.**

STREET CAROLING – DECEMBER 21

Street carolling in front of St. Vincent de Paul is on once again! 1:30pm on Sunday, Dec. 21, in front of St. Vincent de Paul Parish (263 Roncesvalles Ave). We are there to proclaim what Christmas is about -- a beautiful way to evangelize this Advent! One passerby began attending mass again last year after stopping to hear us sing, so you never know what impact you are having. SVP's new music director Jeff (cc'd) is rounding up some choir members, songbooks are provided and there will be snacks of some sort in the hall (as we did last year).

MASS INTENTIONS

Each Mass benefits the whole Church scattered throughout the world. Each Mass benefits especially those at Mass. But there is a very special fruitfulness that we call the "Mass intention." This is the fruit that comes from a priest directing his actions, the prayers he says, the purpose of his being there, for a special intention. The priest offers this Sacrifice for this particular intention. Mass intentions refer to the particular purpose for which a specific Mass is offered. It is of great spiritual benefit to you and your loved ones to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for your or their intentions.

Please consider offering a Mass or Masses for those intentions close to your heart. Call the parish office at 416-535-7646 or drop by before 12:30 p.m. (except on Fridays) or email: stvincentdepaulto@archtoronto.org

MARRIAGE PREP COURSE -- UPCOMING

The 8-week marriage course will begin on Wednesday, January 28. The classes will be from 7:30pm-9pm. Please contact Fr Michael Eades: kmichaeleadesjr@gmail.com.

Mass Schedule for Christmas

CHRISTMAS EVE, Wednesday, December 24

Confessions from 4:00 – 5:00 & 7:15 – 8:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Carol Service

8:00 p.m. Sung Mass in English

Please note there will not be a Mass at midnight at St. Vincent de Paul. The Mass at midnight at Holy Family Church will be a Solemn High Mass, Usus Antiquior.

CHRISTMAS DAY, Thursday, December 25

Holy Day of Obligation

8:30 a.m. Mass in English

9:30 a.m. Low Mass in Latin, Usus Antiquior

11:00 a.m. Sung Mass in English

The 11:00 a.m. Mass will be the last Mass in our Church on Christmas Day. The last Mass at Holy Family will be at 4:00 p.m.

Friday, December 26 (St Stephen)

Holiday Schedule: Mass at 10:00 a.m.

ORATORY CORNER -- 50th Anniversary

Newman in a nutshell 5.0

How can we believe what we cannot prove? St John Henry says that the process of believing is similar to how we become certain that "Great Britain is an island." (see *Grammar of Assent*). We have a whole series of converging pieces of evidence: sailors, maps, literature, personal experience, history, etc. All these testimonies pointing to one conclusion cannot be wrong.

There is something similar about believing in Jesus. Why is it that his person, his name, his image inspired the Apostles, the early Church and even continues to inspire people? Why is he not like all other famous historical figures? Alexander the Great, Napoleon, (Tim Horton!) – all these were extremely famous in their day. They inspired many people to follow them when alive. But now? They are still remembered. But do they, as individual persons, inspire followers by their presence? No.

Our Lord is not like that. People are as zealous for **Him** as they were 2000 years ago. We do not just honour an idea or a movement or a religion. We are following a person. His person lives in our minds. And his image in our minds has power. He saves us and keeps us from sinning. He transforms us. How else does one explain the convergence of so many followers across time and culture and his current power in one's own life?

BLESSED ANTHONY GRASSI

Excerpt from a Letter of Alfonso Cardinal Capecehatro, "The Venerable Antonio Grassi, of the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip, is rightly deemed to have been a most loyal friend and indefatigable servant of Christ.

For he, during a lifetime of eighty years, was so richly nourished by God with the bread of life and understanding and the cup of saving water of wisdom, that day by day he co-operated more faithfully with the gifts of God's grace, considering his one concern to be in conformity with the image of the Son of God. He was thus so marked with holiness, particularly in his prayer and divine worship, his forgetfulness of self and zeal for the salvation of souls, that the serious and learned men of his time thought him a real follower of Philip Neri and asked for his prayers and advice on matters divine. He indeed showed himself in every way to be a distinguished follower of St Philip."

There will be a Sung English Mass in honour of Blessed Anthony at Holy Family Church at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 15.



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