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*May the Blessings of this  
Holy Season be with you Always.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



### Saturday, December 19

**5:00** Victor Lea *req. by Jeanne & Family*  
Domenico, Flaviano & Filomena Quiquero *req. by Anna & Family*

### Sunday, December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

**8:00** Bruno Pietrobon *req. by the Family*  
Leopold Buteau *req. by the Family*  
**9:30** Agostino Compare *req. by Nicolina Compare & Family*  
Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski *req. by the Komor & Janusz Families*  
**11:30** Josephine Manella *req. by the Family*  
Burbidge, Murray, Gregus & Watson Families *req. by the Family*  
**7:00** People of the Parish

### Monday, December 21 St Peter Canisius

**8:00** Picca & Di Paul Families *req. by John & Lucy Di Paul & Fam*  
Dolores Hlady *req. by Paul & Family*

### Tuesday, December 22

**8:00** Charlie Ogilvie *req. by Anna Bortolin*  
Margaret Nicholson *req. by Eileen Faiella*

### Wednesday, December 23 St John of Kanty

**8:00** Nancy & Nick Di Paolo *req. by John Di Paul*  
Pietro Guerin *req. by Maria & Family*

### Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve

**8:00** Teresa & Vincenzo Amato *req. by Yolanda Ricci*  
Peter Nguyen *req. by the Family*

**4:00pm** People of the Parish

**6:00pm** People of the Parish

**12:00am** People of the Parish

### Friday, December 25 Christmas Day The Nativity of the Lord

**8:00am** People of the Parish

**9:30am** People of the Parish

**11:30am** People of the Parish

### Saturday, December 26 St Stephen

**5:00** Ralph Greco *req. by Ida Greco & Family*  
John Leo, Sante & Emilia Giacobetti & Angelo & Angela Leo *req. by Rino, Julie & Family*

### Sunday, December 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**8:00** Cecil Shannon *req. by Charlene*  
Carmine DeMizio *req. by Pasqualina DeMizio & Family*

**9:30** Adelino Marcon *req. by Theresa Marcon*  
Madeline Rosati *req. by her Grandchildren*

**11:30** People of the Parish

**7:00** Oscar Bonaguro *req. by the Family*

Ed & Mary Jane Mulligan & Mark Mulligan *req. by the Family*

### Monday, December 28 The Holy Innocents

**8:00** Charlie Ogilvie *req. by Amabile Barbisan*  
Agostino & Concetta Panetta *req. by Jim & Rosemary & Family*

### Tuesday, December 29 St. Thomas Becket

**8:00** Eileen Mancuso *req. by Joe & Family*  
Margaret & John Pederi *req. by their Dtr: Margaret Pederi*

### Wednesday, December 30

**8:00** Fern Cormier *req. by John MacDonnell*  
Mary Dimitroff *req. by Joe Mancuso & Family*

### Thursday, December 31 St Sylvester I

**8:00** Picca & Di Paul Families *req. by John & Lucy Di Paul & Family*  
Angelo Butera *req. by Anna Quiquero*

**New Years Eve 5:00** Fran & Mary Matthews *req. by the Mulligan Family*  
Bruno Gagno *req. by his Dtr: Nancy*

### Friday, January 1 New Years Day, World Day of Peace, The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

**11:00am** Mark & Wanda Solomon *req. by the Family*  
Pacifico & Jenny Sacco *req. by & Family*

### Saturday, January 2 St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

**5:00** Lilly Pettay *req. by John & Helen Olsiak*  
Margaret Nicholson *req. by Colin Nicholson*

### Sunday, January 3 Epiphany of the Lord

**8:00** Maria Marinelli *req. by Kay, Norma, Jean & Helen*  
Marie Ange & Clarence Adams *req. by her Cousin: Mario & Family*

**9:30** People of the Parish

**11:30** Antonio Pietrobon *req. by Ody & Diana Argenta*  
Mary Zanini *req. by Leo & Eda Martin*

**7:00** Angelo Butera *req. by his Wife: Teresa & Family*  
Chiara & Antonio Marcon *req. by Tullio & Giuliana Milani*

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Mary Dimitroff and Angela Casagrande. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

#### Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Mary Davey

#### Please pray for those who are ill

Deacon Patrick O'Brien, Lucy Atkinson, Edward Power, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Melchiorre, Jeannette Fabian, Cleo Gagno, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Msgr Vincent Ferrando, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gionni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Doreen Fletcher, Rosalyn Dagleish, Susan & Rick Rogers, Kitty Decicco, Patricia Desrosiers, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Mary O'Shea, Dr. Andy Fisher, Dorothy Simon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson Jill Leronowich, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Guiseppina Paonessa, Phyllis Higgins, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Todd Reid, Muriel Pivarnik, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Maria Colalillo, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Rita Bruneau, Orlando Garofalo, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Bruno Maiolo, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, BabyHope, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kell, Mary Jo O'Kell, Wanda Winslow, Baby Sebastian, Mae MacLean, Dorothy Doyle, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Chester Mottola, Shirley Machulla, Gerry Laffrati, Lorraine Spence

Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

#### Collections

December 12 & 13: \$5,873.43  
Refugee Sponsorship: \$62,395.00  
St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,358.05  
Carmelite Missions: \$10,061.70  
Many thanks for your generosity!

#### Baptism Schedule for 2015 & 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:

**Sunday, Dec 27, Jan 24, Feb 28 (infants only), no Mar Baptisms, April 17**

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, Dec 15, Jan 12, Feb 16, Monday Apr 4 at 7:00 pm.**

#### PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND



Fr. Gerard is leading a 10-Day Pilgrimage to Ireland from September 14-24, 2016: **Churches and Shrines of Ireland!** There are brochures in the parish office and also at the back of the church. We will fly direct from Toronto to Dublin, 9 nights in 4-star hotels in Newry, Donegal, Galway, Cork, Kilkenny, and Dublin, experiencing many great sights and sounds, prayers and Masses! Daily Irish Breakfast, eight 3-Course Dinners, Irish Party Show, ferry ride, Luxury Coach, Guide etc!!! This pilgrimage is limited to 40 people!!! Cost is \$3495 per person (including taxes and fuel surcharges), based on double occupancy. Don't miss out!!!

#### Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks.

#### The next St. Patrick's Day Dance is Saturday March 12, 2016

This Fun fund-raiser is run by a dedicated committee of volunteers. **Wanted a co-chairperson** to help oversee the dance, to assist with phone calls prior to dance and to help co-ordinate Prizes, Decorations and Raffle Draws the night of the dance. Interested persons please contact Colleen 905-374-4025 / [colleen@vaxxine.com](mailto:colleen@vaxxine.com) or the Church Office



Project Share sends a big thank-you for the full bins every week!!! Please continue to bring food items to Mass! Every item helps!

*"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"*

Today's bulletin is for the 4th Sunday of Advent and also for The Feast of The Holy Family! Our next bulletin will be published on January 3rd.

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 20th

The **Blessed Virgin Mary** is the main figure on the 4th Sunday of Advent! We pay special honour to her this day! Today's Gospel is the Visitation of pregnant-Mary to her elderly cousin, pregnant-Elizabeth! And of course when Mary greeted Elizabeth, John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's womb! How ironic that John would be the one who would usher in the Saviour of the world and baptize him! In many respects, John is the **hinge** between the Old and New Testament. May Mary intercede for us, and draw us closer to her Son! May we take time this week to reflect on Mary as the perfect role model for discipleship! As an old prayer says, "Keep Mary in mind and Jesus will grow in your heart!"



#### Christmas Message

On behalf of our Parish and Staff, I want to wish you all the blessings of the Christmas Season! The Gospel for Christmas Mass during the Day proclaims, **"And the Word became flesh and lived among us!"** This is not just a theological doctrine about the Incarnation! This affirms that God became one of us, a person who relates to us at any time. The gift of Christmas is the gift that we are never alone. We have within us, **divine life, light and love**. There is absolutely no limit to the depth of God's love for us. Christmas is a season of great joy. It is a time to open our eyes and our hearts to the Newborn Child! Then, open our eyes and hearts to those around us. We need to bask in the realization that **God is with us, Emmanuel!** And God will always remain faithful to us! Let's do our best to spread peace, love and good will... and celebrate the gift of His presence with everyone! My prayer is that we will each do our blessed part to Keep Christ in Christmas... and to keep Christ in our lives and in our families. **May the New-Born Saviour fill your hearts and homes with love, joy and peace!** Merry Christmas! Joyeux Noel! Buon Natale!



#### Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph- December 27th

The Gospel for this feast is Jesus being lost in the temple! This is the continuing story of Jesus' life as it unfolds. The Church presents Mary, Joseph and Jesus as a model for all families. Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Passover festival. They followed their Jewish custom to raise him in the faith. This profoundly affected how he would grow to understand his relationship to the Father. Luke says Jesus *grew up, became strong, was filled with wisdom and the favor of God was upon him*. There's a strong connection between Mary and Joseph's training and modeling, and the outcome of Jesus. Family and faith were so important to them. They stuck together through thick and thin! And it should be the same for us. May God bless our families, and may we do our part in passing on the faith to our children. Remember, **the family that prays together, stays together!**



**"In face of the hatred and anger of the world, we must bring the gentleness and the smile of the infant Jesus of Bethlehem...**

*Sr. Magdaleine of Jesus*

#### Christmas-New Years Mass Schedule

##### Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Children's Mass with Pageant in Church  
4:00 PM Mass in Parish Gymnasium  
6:00 PM Mass with Adult Choir and Caroling  
12:00 AM Midnight Mass

##### Christmas Day

8:00 AM; 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM (No Evening Mass)

##### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1<sup>st</sup> (Holy Day of Obligation)

New Years Eve- 5:00 PM

New Years Day - 11:00 AM

#### Prayer For Those who Grieve at Christmas

Comforting God, while the world is bright and sparkling, my heart feels laden and has an emptiness that cannot be filled. How can I enter into this season of joy? Instead of entering into the **Rejoice** of Christmas, I long for the sorrow of Lent. I beg you Lord, show me the name *Emmanuel* and With us. With me in this my pain, I know that you never understood so your nativity is really my pain. Thank you, Lord, for the loved one you blessed my life with. Grant me now in my grief, a peace. Give me a comfort that might not make the tears go away, but that lets me feel your presence as you take up a place deep in my heart, *with* me.



#### A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,  
and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead. Amen.

#### Refugee Sponsorship

We have surpassed our \$30,000 goal of sponsoring a refugee family, so now we can joyfully sponsor two families. Our campaign has reached \$62,000! Thank you so much for your generosity! We are still waiting for the date when our families will arrive. In preparation, we have one house rented and furnished, and we are currently working on securing a 2-bedroom apt. Furniture calls are coming in every day. We have sofas, dining sets and coffee-end tables. **We need more beds and dressers. We also will need household items for the two apartments: utensils, cutlery, dishes, glassware, lamps, pots and pans, linens, etc.** These items can be dropped off to the parish from Monday to Friday, 8:30-3:30. Our Diocese is hoping to rent some warehouse space so we can store extra furniture for other families who will be arriving. We have 14 parishes in the process of raising funds. God bless you for your generosity, in responding to this Gospel call! St. Pat's has always gone above and beyond! We are the first parish in our Diocese who have reached (and surpassed) their goal, and made application! Our next REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD ONCE WE RECEIVE NOTICE ABOUT THE ARRIVAL DATES OF OUR FAMILIES.

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