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# **Advent**

DECEMBER 24TH, 2023  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### Fr. Peter's Christmas Greeting

From the time I was a little boy my dear mother taught me to say thank you when I received something good from someone, whether it was a gift or a meal or a kind gesture that they went out of their way to do. Little did I know how relevant to life and to faith this lesson would be. Here we are at Christmas 2023. We are finally free of the worst of the effects of covid, but by no means are we free from all the troubles, sorrows and the fears this world faces, the wars and economic uncertainties for example. These things touch every period of human history. One of the things that has given me pause in the past year is the number of people who are still waiting for a sign to come back to church after the pandemic. It makes me ponder the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist, especially given the challenges we are facing in the world. St. Ignatius of Antioch once said that the Eucharist is, "*the medicine of immortality, the antidote that we take not to die but to live forever in Christ*" (Letter to the Ephesians 20.2). Similarly, St John Paul II wrote, the Eucharist "*is truly a glimpse of heaven appearing on earth; a glorious ray of the heavenly Jerusalem which pierces the clouds of our history and lights up our journey*" (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 19). At the birth of Jesus we celebrate this glimpse of heaven in the peaceful face of the baby Jesus whose redeeming sacrifice has already begun at the poverty of his birth in our humanity. Jesus did not spare himself from anything that has afflicted humanity. He has shown us only love and divine kindness. This is how God has chosen to reveal his love to us in human history, in the simplicity of love and in poverty focused only on us with a humility that shines forth peace for the whole world - ALL are welcome to gather around him in his creche and just be still for a while. ALL are welcome to join his eternal banquet of life in heaven. Let us not forget to gather as his people and thank our Lord as he continues to assure us of the true way of peace that he has given not only to us but to all of humanity.

God's blessings and peace to you in this holy Christmas tide.



DECEMBER 23RD TO DECEMBER 30TH 2023

- Sat Dec 23rd 5:00pm - Ciriaco Dizon †
- Sun Dec 24th 7:30am - Hazel Hastings †
- 9:00am - Ingrid Barbara & Gloria Hussain †
- 10:30am- People of the Parish
- 12:00pm- Ricarido Palencia †
- 7:00pm Benjami, Cecilia & Jeffrey Lugos †
- 9:00pm Corazon Lim †
- 12:00am People of the Parish
- Mon Dec 25th 9:00am - All Souls in Purgatory †
- 11:00am- Lourdes Ramos †
- Tue Dec 26th 8:30am - Jesusa Jimenez Alinas †
- Wed Dec 27th 7:30pm - Birthday Thanksgiving for Wesley & William Bugante
- Thu Dec 28th 8:30am - Edward Wagner †
- Fri Dec 29th 7:30pm - Gilda Gaglione †
- Sat Dec 30th 8:30am - Gilda Gaglione †



#### OUR SICK:

Anunciacion Chang, Derek Rosario, Maria Theresa, Maria Johanna Tizon, Bob & Linda Morgan, Sally Benadetto, Maverick Valle, Richard Stockman, Don O'Shaughnessy, Alana Maurica Gerardine, Bette McDermott, Josephine Lavecchia, Romeo Dimalanta, Mara Ezgeta, Fredrick Martyn, John Rodriguez, Sabrina Achaibar, Sharon Garisto, Elizabeth Singh, Richard Rodriguez, Kenny Gonsalves, Kris Gonsalves, Carlo Tomasi, Anna Tomasi, Evelyn Gatila, Judith Ritch, Rita Clemenz, Estela Pett, Steve McAuley, George Paramby Varghese, Edward Kaminski, Emmanuel Carpio, Ligaya Carpio, Holly MacInnis, Norma Diso, Jennifer Solomon, Bill Filipchuk, Kathleen Filipchuk, Colleen Balgobin, Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrey Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ramona Labo, Ruth Claire Alinas, Andre Baksh, Alicia Alvares, Anna Ardurini, Lolita Ramos, Rose Marie Sorbera, Alice Rego, John Jansen In De Wal, Mary Foulkes, Lorraine Fraser, Jean Griffin Davis, Stephanie Solomon, Shirley Ecclejton, Kathleen Copeland, Conchita Estolano Paran, Giacomina Genova, Frosa Karakolis, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Jennifer Young, Glenda McNeil, Naty Germain, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albaran, Innes Potgieter, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Monica Bouchard, Harold Hunt, Adeline Noronha, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Marie Herrera, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Duverney Family, Mr. & Mrs. Cerami, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Marina Jose, Frances Schober, William Schober, Marie Dignum, Ahilla Kissoon.



## **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**



### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Regular Sunday Masses  
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 12pm

### **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**7:00PM** — Mass with Children's Pageant  
**9:00PM**  
**11:30pm CAROLS; Mass 12 MIDNIGHT**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH**

**9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
(NO 7:30AM, 10:30AM OR NOON MASSES)

### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 31ST HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

Regular Sunday Masses  
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 12pm

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 5:00PM**

### **NEW YEAR'S DAY MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST**

**9:00AM 10:30AM  
12NOON**



### **Prayer for Christmas**

The day has finally arrived where we celebrate Christmas, the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that peace will enter into the hearts of all, especially those who may live in parts of our world that are far from peace. Let us pray this day that God will fill us with wisdom and the enlightenment to find peaceful solutions for all our differences.



### **PARISH OFFICE NEWS**

The Parish Office will be closed from Saturday, December 23rd 2023 to Monday, January 1st 2024. Office will re-open on Tuesday, January 2nd.



## **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

If your child has not yet registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation, or if you know of anyone who has not received their Sacrament of Confirmation, please ask them to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible at 416-261-5983 to pick up a registration package.



If you attended the Registration and have not yet dropped off your Registration Form, Baptism Certificate and registration fee, please do so ASAP.

### **ENROLLMENT CEREMONY**

The enrollment ceremony where you will receive the Confirmation Cross is on the weekend of **January 6th and 7th 2024 at any one of the five (5) Masses.**

### **Catechesis Sessions:**

SATURDAY JANUARY 13, 2024 — 10:00 AM TO 12 NOON  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2024 — 10:00 AM TO 12 NOON  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024 — 10:00 AM TO 12 NOON  
SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2024 — 10:00AM TO 12:00 NOON  
SATURDAY APRIL 20, 2024 — 10:00 AM TO 12 NOON

### **MANDATORY CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

MAY 11, 2024 — 10AM TO 4PM

### **Thank you from Fr Peter and Fr Percy and our Pastoral Team**

Fr Percy and myself would like to thank all of you who have been so kind, thoughtful and generous to us over the past year, and especially in this Christmas season. We are grateful for the cards, goodies and gifts that warm our hearts — and make us put on weight!

On behalf of myself, Fr Percy, our parish secretary Felicita we thank you and wish you a very blessed and joyful Christmas and New Year.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you,  
Fr Peter

### **DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS FOR 2023 (tax receipt purposes)**

Please note that the last day to drop off donations for this year's (2023) tax receipt will be on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH.**

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