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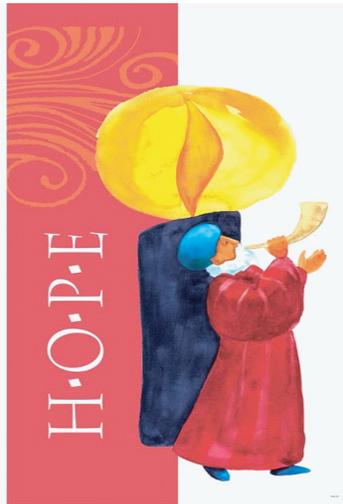
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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
8:00 am (Mass in Portuguese the second Sunday of the month.)
10:00 am, 12:00 pm
4:30 pm (Spanish Mass for Migrant Workers)
6:30 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00pm
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 8:00am to 8:30am and 3:30pm to 4:30pm
or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

MARRIAGE

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

HOLY COMMUNION for SHUT-INS and SICK

If you know of anyone who is sick and would like to have communion brought to them or would like the Sacrament of the Sick, or simply would like to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful, contact us.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha
Among Friends (Ministry for grieving women)
Catholic Moms Group
Catholic Moms and Tots
CWL (Catholic Women's League)
Consolation and Hope
EDGE Youth Ministry
El Sembrador - Ministry to Migrant Workers
Knights of Columbus
LifeTeen Youth Ministry
Liturgical Ministers
Nossa Senhora De Fatima
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Rosary Apostolate
Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Santissima Divinidade
Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you join our parish family; we invite you to register by completing the form in the parish foyer or at the parish office. Offering envelopes available by request.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, December 4, 7:00PM

+Mary Gres +Romanko Sakac +Richard Lourenco
+Venancio Borges +Catarina Nguyen Thi Ghien & Guise
Bui Huy Nhan +Rui Bolarinho & Maurino Bolarinho
+Joaquim Afonso & Feliciano DaSilva +Yvonne Maillet
Richard +Maria Moskal

TUESDAY, December 5, 9:00AM

+Tecla Tarantino

WEDNESDAY, December 6, 7:00PM

+Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo

THURSDAY, December 7, 9:00AM

+Antonio Martins & Parents

FRIDAY, December 8, 7:00PM

+Manuel & John da Silva

SATURDAY, December 9, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, December 9, 5:00PM

+Lino & Walter Andrade +Manuel da Silva
+Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa +Joao Perna
+Marina Prior +David Harrison +Pedro Viana
+Firminino Santos & Manuel Laranjeiro
+Ondina Lancha & Lidia Nunes+ Maria Dolores
Vigario +Liliane Ventura Marques +Alan
Charlebois

SUNDAY, December 10, 8:00AM,

+Emmanuel Macdonell

SUNDAY, December 10, 10:00AM,

+Cidalia Pires

SUNDAY, December 10, 12:00PM,

+Stacey Gibson-Power

SUNDAY, December 10, 4:30PM

El Sembrador

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, December 10, 6:30PM

*Alojzia & Tibor Sakac

Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord!



ADVENT

Reconciliation

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7, 2023,

6:00pm-8:00pm

"Create in me a clean heart, O God and put a new and right spirit within me"

Psalm 51:10

FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS DRIVE

During this season of Advent, let us prepare our hearts in the anticipation of His coming by being the hands and feet of Christ alive in our community displaying acts of charity and love of neighbour. Help spread the message of Christ's HOPE this season by donating non-perishable items to our Food Bank! Please feel free to drop off your donations in the crate at the entrance of our church. Thank you for your generosity!

We are looking for help with Christmas decorating on December 16 at 9:30am after Mass. All are welcome!

REFLECTION

"Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." Mark 13:33

To which time is our Lord referring? He is referring to the time of His coming. But it must be understood that even though He came to us once in the flesh long ago, and though He will return again in the flesh to judge the living and the dead at the end of time, He never ceases to come to us day and night by the transforming gift of grace. Are you attentive to this coming? Or do you miss out on the countless blessings of God's grace that He wants to bestow upon you every day, all day?

The world has many distractions. We are distracted by the lure of riches, the indulgence of our appetites, and the constant noise of modern media, electronic gadgets and the like. These and many other daily distractions make it very difficult to be constantly "watchful" and "alert." This is because our attention span is limited. Though some may learn to "multi-task" to a certain extent, no one can continually divide their attention between the presence of God and the distractions of the world.

Some may argue that it is necessary to engage the world today. It is not possible to continually pray and think only about God. But those who would be tempted to think this do not understand the attentiveness and watchfulness to which we are called.

Being watchful and attentive simply means that God is central in our lives and is the motivation and purpose of all we do every day. Our love for and service to God cannot be divided. We cannot set aside some time for the world and other times for God. Instead, everything we do, every day, all day, must have the glory of God and the fulfillment of God's perfect will as the central and exclusive purpose of our lives. Thus, if we interact with the world, tune into social media, fulfill household chores, put in extra hours at work, etc., we must constantly ponder the simple question, "Lord, am I doing this for Your glory and in accord with Your will?" We must never fail to ask ourselves that question. We must always have the glory of God and the fulfillment of His will as the central purpose and motivation for all that we do. If we can live this way, then we will discover that it becomes increasingly easy to always and everywhere be attentive to and watchful for God's will. Reflect, today, upon that to which you most often turn your attention. What is it that you think about the most each day? To what are you most attentive and watchful? If the answer to that question is not the ongoing promptings of God and His grace, then make note of that fact. Humbly pray that you can change and begin to form a transforming habit of daily keeping your attention on our Lord so that He will become your daily guide and focus in all things.

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Christmas Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent - Sunday December 24, 2023

8:00am, 10:00am (Livestream), 12:00 Noon

Christmas Eve - Sunday December 24, 2023

4:30pm Spanish, 6:30pm, 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day – Monday December 25, 2023

10:00am (Livestream), 12:00 Noon

Holy Family – Sunday December 31, 2023,

8:00am, 10:00am (Livestream), 12:00 Noon

Vigil-Mary Mother of God -Sunday December 31, 2023

4:30pm Spanish, 6:30pm

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Monday January 1, 2024

10:00am (Livestream), 12:00 Noon

CHRISTMAS NOVENA – 9 DAY NIGHT MASS

A Filipino and Spanish Christmas Tradition:

Simbang Gabi /Misa de Aguinaldo

This custom began as a way of accompanying Mary symbolically in prayer through the nine months of her pregnancy in anticipation of the coming of Our Lord. We invite all the faithful to celebrate this “Promise of Salvation” to attend this nine-day English Novena Mass starting on December 15 at the 7:00pm Mass, through to December 23 in our Parish. Experience the Joy with a peaceful spirit as we await the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. All are welcome! “Advent is the anticipation of the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ the Light that will lead us out of darkness.”

SACRAMENTS

REGISTRATION FOR 2024 FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION IS NOW CLOSED!

Thank you to all who registered to receive the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation scheduled for Spring of 2024. Registration is now closed, and we are now able to move forward with the next stage of our planning process; sacramental preparation, and the recruiting of the volunteers required to assist with the number of children registered.

For all those who have not registered for the 2024 sacramental season, we look forward to celebrating these sacraments with you next year. Be sure to visit our website and online bulletin for future communications regarding sacramental registration for next year.

Please note: There will be No Mass on Tuesday December 26, 2023, and Tuesday January 2, 2024, and the office will be closed on Monday December 25th, 26th 2023, and Monday January 1st, and Tuesday January 2nd, 2024.

POINSETTIA MEMORIAL GARDEN

We invite all parishioners to bring a poinsettia in memory of their loved ones to be placed in our poinsettia memorial garden for the altar. **Poinsettias are asked to be dropped off starting on Wednesday December 13th until Friday December 15th in the Narthex of the Church.** Labels will be available to you to write the name(s) of your loved ones. Please affix the label to your poinsettia. They will later be placed at the altar for our Christmas celebration.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

All Sunday, Christmas Day, (The Nativity of the Lord) and New Year’s Day (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God) are days of Holy Obligation for Catholics in Canada.

ARCHBISHOP PARISH VISIT - DECEMBER 17 2023

His Grace, Archbishop Francis Leo, will visit our parish on December 17, 2023, to celebrate the 12 noon Mass. The Mass will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person. **PLEASE NOTE: The 6:30pm Mass on December 17 will be cancelled.**

YOUTH MINISTRY



Edge is a fun, exciting and free

Program that offers youth the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth and peer leaders. Grades 6, 7 & 8’s are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. New Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your Faith. This semester we will be diving deeper into each fruit of the Holy Spirit. Each Edge Night will be themed with a different superhero as a fun way to demonstrate each fruit of the spirit.

Next Edge Night: December 8 – Incredible Hulk

LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ by providing resources that encourage vibrant Eucharistic celebrations and opportunities for teens to grow in their faith. Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome!

Next Life Teen Night: December 15 -Christmas Party

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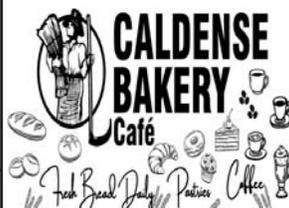
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