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# *prepare the way...*



# ADVENT

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>MON, DEC 22</b> 9:15 am	Honorato Bettencourt †; Angela, Rocco, Maria & Antonio Ruso †
7:00 pm	For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family; For the Soul of Mary †
<b>TUES, DEC 23</b> 7:00 pm	For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family; For the Soul of Paul †
<b>WED, DEC 24</b> 5:00 pm	Agnes Gomes †; For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family
8:00 pm	Michelle & Lauren Bouchard †; Brian McGinnis †; Clemente Crisol †; Mabini Castello †; Erlinda Cal †; Mathew & Lucy D'Souza †; Stany & Barbara Rodricks †
12:00 AM	Angelo Rosario †; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Christabel Mahesan; For the living & deceased members of the Gonzaga family
<b>THUR, DEC 25</b> 9:00 am	Dominic Maida †; Maria de Lourdes Ramalho †
10:30 AM	For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family; In thanksgiving - Leonard Rebello & family
12:30 PM	Juanito & John Elmer Go †
<b>FRI, DEC 26</b> 9:15 am	Nestor & Belen Villarroja †; For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family
<b>SAT, DEC 27</b> 9:15 am	Micheline Imeriale †; Freda Cabral †; In thanksgiving - Maria Angelica & Ignatius D'Souza; For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family
5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
<b>SUN, DEC 28</b> 9:00 am	Francis Pinto †; Annama John †; Felicito Tata Calara †; In thanksgiving - Ogunde family; In thanksgiving - Metu Family
10:30 am	Damaso & Julia Quiogue †; Severino & Flaviana Muñoz †; In thanksgiving - Segundo & Marlene Gavilema family
12:30 pm	Angelito Olindan †; Sixto Viduya †; Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Deceased members of the Flores, Biding & Go family †; All Souls in Purgatory †
8:00 pm	For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family

*The Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.*

#### **Symbol of Faith, Creed of Nicea, 325**

A prominent feature of this past Jubilee Year of Hope was the commemoration of the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nicean Council. To affirm the true faith against heresies that distorted and denied the equality of the Son with the Father, the most precise articulation of the nature and essence of Jesus Christ was formulated. The Oneness of Being (consubstantiality) was dogmatically proclaimed to give expression to the unfathomable, eternal mystery of Jesus. Obviously, it expands more explicitly this unfolding of the mystery of the second person of the Trinity from its more well known Apostles' Creed.

The reverent liturgical worship of Jesus Christ in the ensuing days of Christmas is the best way to celebrate the culmination of these scriptural, theological, conciliar historical developments. The Word was made Flesh to dwell among us and offer firm foundations on which to build our lives and sustain us towards our intended home.

Traditionally, the Nicean Creed is to be prayed during the Christmas Mass and rather than offer the customary bow during the "he came down from heaven...", the priest and the faithful are invited to pause and genuflect at "by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man."

Once authoritatively defined, all false formulations are errors were to be abandoned. History popularly records that St. Nicholas of Bari, so annoyed at the persistence of some heretical bishops at that council, approached and punched the obstinacy out of a stubborn defiant. An amusing, insightful devotion arises out of that brawny episode: we are meant to be a Church of Nicea and not a Church of Nice. The current city of Nicea, located on the Eastern shore of Lake Iznik, south east of Istanbul, deep into the interior of Turkey, beyond the more well-known sea of Marmora, offers an iconic and startling lesson; if the fullness of Christ's true mystery is not fully preserved then a former Christian city can becoming easily overwhelmed by subsequent generations who no longer observe or allow the faith to be publicly professed.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This weekend the readings fairly explode with joy and excitement, they reveal the true identity of our redeemer. He is, as today's First Reading says, the "ruler . . . whose origin is from . . . ancient times."

He will come from Bethlehem, where David was born of Jesse the Ephrathite and anointed king (see Ruth 4:11-17; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 17:1; Matthew 2:6).

There is a real focus on identity and calling starting from David in Micah 5 but also John, Mary and Elizabeth in Luke's gospel, all the participants in this great event of fulfillment and salvation.

It makes one wonder about our own calling as witnesses to God's fulfillment of his promises made from of old. The mantle has been passed on to us. To share the good news of great joy:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (**Isaiah 9:6**).

God Bless



*Fr. Rayer*

### 2026 PARISH ENVELOPES

2026 boxes of Offertory Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please ensure you pick up your own box and that your name & address is correct so that when the T4 slips for income tax purposes are prepared, they will be sent with the correct name & address. If your box is not there or you need to make any changes, or you wish to begin using envelopes fill out an Envelope Request Form and return it to the office. Please DO NOT use these envelopes until **JANUARY 1, 2026**. Reminder: **DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!**



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- \* The Knights of Columbus – Council 15612 invites the children of our parish to participate in the annual “Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest.” The Theme is: “KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.” Age Groups: J. K. – Grade 8 Due Date of Submission: December 31. For further details, kindly pick up a form from the Knights in the Narthex.
- \* After all masses the KOC will be selling Christmas Lawn Signs for \$10 proceeds go to charity.
- \* There will be a Nativity Crib competition, create a Nativity scene in your home or outside. Jesus is the reason for the Season, sign up for participation during advent. Closing date December 18th, judging day is December 20th.



### THE 55+ CLUB

We will be breaking for the Holidays and will resume in the New year on January 6th. Wishing you peace and blessings this Christmas and into the New Year. For more information contact Sandy: [sandyrobin22@gmail.com](mailto:sandyrobin22@gmail.com)

### STITCHES FROM THE HEART

As the holidays are approaching Stitches from the heart will be close from December 1, 2025 and resume January 5, 2026. On the behalf of all the women of the Stitches from the heart group we would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

### SMALL GROUP FAITH MINISTRY

“Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them.” (Matthew 18:20) If you would like to apply what you have learned from Scripture, teachings, and practical personal reflection questions, join the SGM meetings on Wednesdays and Saturdays. For more information, email Olivia Saqui at [SGFM.smdy@gmail.com](mailto:SGFM.smdy@gmail.com)

### PARISH BOOK STORE

The Parish bookstore is open on the first and third weekend of every month after all Masses. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Linda at [LYeh@archtoronto.org](mailto:LYeh@archtoronto.org)

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a charitable Catholic organization, active throughout Canada. The work of the society is to assist those in need who live within our parish boundary. If you are in need of assistance please contact the St. Marguerite d'Youville Conference directly at 647-642-4906 or email: [vincentdepauls-mdy@gmail.com](mailto:vincentdepauls-mdy@gmail.com)

### SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997**. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### **Volunteers Needed!**



If you are interested in volunteering at the parish, please email Linda at [LYeh@archtoronto.org](mailto:LYeh@archtoronto.org) with the following information:

1. Your first and last name, phone number and email address.
2. Are you an Adult (18+) or Minor (under 18)
3. Which ministry you are interested in.



### ADVENT

Throughout the Advent season, we will be celebrating Mass every evening, Monday to Friday at 7:00pm in addition to our regular Mass schedule.

### CHRISTMAS NOVENA

December 15th - 23rd at all Masses

### AFRO-CARIBBEAN MASS

Sunday, December 21st at 4:00pm

### CHRISTMAS EVE - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

*Nativity of our Lord Masses*

5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, & 12:00 Midnight

### CHRISTMAS DAY - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

(\*\*NO 8pm Mass\*\*)

December 26 - 30 - Mass times as usual

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

Saturday 5pm;

Sunday 9am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 8pm

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

*Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God*

5:00 pm Mass, 10:00 pm Mass; 11:15 pm - 12:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2026

*Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God*

9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

(\*\*NO 8pm Mass\*\*)



Next night:

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH FROM 7-8:30PM**

Meet new friends, get connected, and discover what's ahead in our bi-weekly Friday sessions.

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