



Sunday, December 14th, 2025 | Third Sunday of Advent | Issue. 50

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Hours

Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 10:30am-5:00pm
Saturday - Sunday: CLOSED

Church Hours

Monday: 9:00am-3:00pm
Tuesday: 9:00am-3:00pm/5:30pm-7:30pm
Wednesday: Saturday - 8:00am-5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am-12:30pm

Weekday Masses

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 7:00pm
Wednesday - Saturday: 9:00am

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday (vigil): 5:00pm
Sunday: 9am & 11am

Adoration

Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30am - 10:30am
Friday: 9:30am - 12:00pm
First Fridays: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Confession

Saturday: 9:30am-10:30am or by appointment

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A Welcome to Our Parish this Advent Season

As we prepare to welcome Christ in our hearts and our homes this Advent season, we wish to welcome each of you into our parish family. Our parish seeks to offer a place for everyone to come and adore the Lord. We pray that you may find warmth, encouragement and spiritual growth this advent season.

Ways to Support Our Parish

1. **In person or by mail:** You can drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office
2. **By Credit Card:** Make a one-time or recurring gift to the parish offertory or other special funds
3. **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG):** Set up automatic monthly donations. Forms are available at the parish office or can be downloaded from the parish website.
4. **Online Banking:** You can also contribute through your online banking by emailing campaign@archtoronto.org

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Weekly Mass Intentions

*To request a Mass intention or votive dedication
please contact Marilyn Fernandes*

Saturday, December 13th | 5:00pm

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†Alberto & Stella Severin

Sunday, December 14th | 9:00am

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†Alan Sr & Alan Jr Del Puerto

Sunday, December 14th | 11:00am

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For the people of the parish

Monday, December 15th

No public Mass

Tuesday, December 16th | 7:00pm

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†Giovanni (John) De Zen

Wednesday, December 17th | 9:00am

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†Eileen Holland and Special intentions of
Jacob Yonadam

Thursday, December 18th | 9:00am

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†Wieslaw Hutny

Friday, December 19th | 9:00am

Third Week of Advent

Special intentions of Eveline Richard

Saturday, December 20th | 9:00am

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*Special intentions of Carmela Vassallo,
Daniela Trimboli and Eveline Richard and*

†Adela De Souza and Tony Botelho

Votive Lamp Dedications

Tabernacle

In thanksgiving

For the souls in purgatory

Sacred Heart of Jesus

In thanksgiving

For the souls in purgatory

Blessed Mother

Healing for Noela Tavares

Healing for Mary Wamunyu

St. Joseph

For the souls in purgatory

St. Anne

In thanksgiving

St. Jude

For the souls in purgatory

Pastor's Corner: Third Sunday of Advent

This weekend, we light the third candle on our Advent wreath, the **rose** candle. This indicates that our time of waiting is almost complete, 11 days until Christmas. We are invited to rejoice amid our waiting and preparations for the coming of Jesus. Humility helps in our waiting, knowing that God is in control, and His timing is the best for us. Repenting of our sins, this conversion of mind that St. John the Baptist was inviting the people by the Jordan river, helps in our preparations. Both humility and repentance should bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit, joy.

Christian joy is not a fleeting emotion but a deep gift of the Holy Spirit, enduring through trials and sufferings. As Pope John Paul II explains in *Dies Domini*, Sunday is especially a day to rediscover this joy, rooted in Christ's Resurrection, far beyond shallow pleasures. Christian joy consoles even in the "dark night of suffering." It is not superficial cheer but a confident trust in Emmanuel, "God-with-us." As Pope Benedict XVI reminds us, Advent awakens expectation, making the present meaningful as we await the eternal.

In our busy Advent preparations, let this joy fill your hearts. Go to confession, celebrate the Eucharist with gladness, serve the needy as the Psalmist praises God who frees prisoners and upholds the widow. Finally, trust in the Spirit's comfort against melancholy. May Mary, model of waiting, guide us to Bethlehem's light.

Week at a Glance

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
15	16	17 Craft Group Meeting	18	19 Advent Day of Confessions (check schedule for times)	20 Advent Day Confessions (4-5pm)	21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to bring good news to the poor” - Isaiah 61:1

Advent Day of Confessions

As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, our parish will hold an **Advent Day of Confession on December 19th and 20th**. We invite you to take time for this beautiful Sacrament of mercy. The full schedule of times and confessors can be found on our parish Instagram, around the parish, or on the parish website.

New Years Eve Adoration

This year, we warmly invite you to consider welcoming the New Year in quiet prayer before the Lord. Following our **5:00pm Mass on December 31st**, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until midnight. If you feel called to spend an hour with Jesus, we are still in need of adorers. Sign-up sheets are available around the parish.

SSVP - Christmas Party A Great Success

Our Neighbours in Need gathered with friends and our Saint Vincent de Paul team last Sunday. They were happy to receive some extra gift cards and bus tickets, as well as some small gifts. Most wrote Christmas cards expressing their gratitude to you. One family wrote “thank you for being a blessing in our lives.” Our team thanks you as well. Special thanks to Palma Pasta, Battaglia's

New Parish Website!

We're excited to share that our parish has a brand-new website! It's now easier than ever to find Mass times, parish news, event details, and resources for your faith. Visit us online and stay connected with all that's happening in our community. We hope it becomes a helpful tool for you and your family.

Smile of the Week

What do you call a snowman with a six-pack?

An abdominal snowman!

Coming January 2026

Advertising space will be available on the back page of our parish bulletin.
If you or your business are interested in supporting our parish through an ad,
please contact Samantha Cameron via e-mail for more information

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