

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 19th, 2021



Life is renewed by hope

Physical distancing of 6 feet is required between parishioners who are not from the same household and masks are required indoors at all times even if you are fully vaccinated.

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday December 18th
4 pm + Shea & + Smith
Family Souls

Sunday December 19th
9 am + Alice Krohmer
11 am + Jean LeBlanc



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Admission is on a first come basis

Christmas Eve (Dec. 24)

St. Joseph's ~ 3:00 pm
 St. Joseph's ~ 4:30 pm
 St. Joseph's ~ 9:00 pm

St. Anthony's ~ 7:00 pm

Christmas Day (Dec. 25)

St. Joseph's ~ 11:00 am
 No evening Mass

Sunday, December 26

St. Anthony's ~ 9:00 am
 St. Joseph's ~ 11:00 am

New Year's Day (Jan. 1, 2022)

St. Anthony's ~ 9:00 am
 St. Joseph's ~ 11:00 am
 No evening Mass

At St. Joseph's ~ Restrooms (3) are located downstairs and to your left. A lift (elevator) operator will be present to assist anyone, should they need it. Please stand by the lift for service.

In order to comply with the current pandemic restrictions, once the church capacity has been reached the doors will be locked. Please come early if you would like a seat in the church.

REFLECTION

Very often, life's challenges seem too much to bear. We are weighted down by the problems we face and tempted by despair. Hope is a lifeline that God offers us; while we carry crosses, we need to keep our eyes fixed on the Resurrection. For Prophet Micah, the promise of a Messiah sustains the Israelite exiles. (This prophecy is quoted in Matthew's Nativity story). In the letter to the Hebrews, the writer reminds us that God wants our faithful living, rather than our sacrifices and burnt offerings. Doing God's will today is our hope.

In the Gospel, Mary and Elizabeth rejoice when John leaps with joy at the sound of Mary's voice. Mary believes in God's promise despite what Joseph might think or do, and Elizabeth believed in spite of years of infertility.

This week, Jesus comes among us again, to bring the hope of a baby to a world heavy

with suffering. Let us put our hope in Jesus. May this fourth and final Sunday of Advent find your hearts ready and prepared for His coming!

PARISH

We offer our condolences to Fern & Rosa Gosselin in the passing of Fern's sister Lise Rita "Millie" Dionne, who passed away on December 6, 2021 in Sault Ste. Marie.
May her soul rest in eternal peace.

NEW MANDATE FOR HALL

Please be advised beginning this Sunday, ALL adult parishioners who enter the hall to socialize must be *fully vaccinated*, and provide proof upon entering the hall. Also a face covering must be worn (unless sitting down to eat or drink). A contact tracing list is to be recorded as per Provincial Guidelines. This does not apply to upstairs in the Church / Sanctuary, only in the hall. Thank you for your cooperation!

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Parents' please contact Sheila at the parish office at 705-426-7424 or email slandry@archtoronto.org at your earliest convenience to receive a registration form.

PARISH DONATIONS

Our financial books for 2021 will close on December 31, 2021. Those who wish to make a donation for this calendar year are asked to do so prior to this date.

2022 DONATION ENVELOPES

If you have not picked up your box of envelopes yet, they are at the back of the church. Please pick one up when you leave and remember to completely fill out the first few envelopes. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

We join in prayer with those who have requested that Masses be offered for their loved ones, * living or + deceased.

| December | Time | Mass for |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Tuesday 21 st | 6 pm | + Francisco Encarnacao |
| Wed. 22 nd | 6 pm | + Family Souls |
| Thurs. 23 rd | 9:15 am | + Anne Brennan |
| Friday 24 th | 3 pm | Pro Populo |
| | 4:30pm | + Manuel Fernandes |
| | 7 pm | + Martha & +Cyril MacArthur |
| | 9 pm | * Personal Intention |
| Saturday 25 th | 11 am | Pro Populo |
| Sunday 26 th | 9 am | + Lise Dionne |
| | 11 am | + Landry Family Souls |

PLEASE PRAY FOR; all those living in our local nursing homes, manors, in hospital and especially for Dr. James Brown, Hugh Charpentier, Fern Gosselin, Mary Lamanna, Jim Matt, Olivia, Margaret Quinn & all the sick of the parish.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Building Fund \$1,025.00
 Christmas Hampers 290.00
 Calendars & Cards 12.40
 Flowers 192.35
 Offertory 1,315.00

Thank you for your generous support!
 Please remember your Parish in your Will or Estate Plan.