

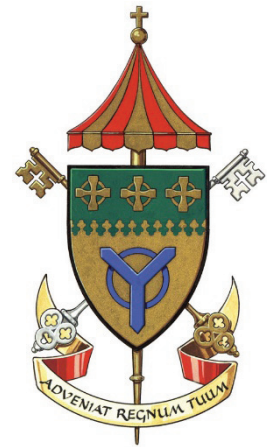
# Saint Patrick Basilica Parish

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**Office Hours** – Monday to Thursday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm | 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.  
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**Church Open** – Sunday 7 am to 3 pm; 6 pm to 8 pm | Monday to Saturday 6:30 am to 5:30 pm



## Parish Clergy

Rector: Fr. Stephen Amesse, Rector  
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## Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm  
8:00 am;  
9:30 am;  
11:00 am;  
12:15 pm;  
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## Daily Mass:

Monday to Friday – 7:30 am, 12:15 pm  
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No Confession on Sunday

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- First Saturday - Morning Prayer at 8 am
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Pope Francis



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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024



† – For the repose of the soul of the person(s) indicated

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December

4:30 PM Sunday Vigil Mass:  
† Margaret Vice by Peter  
† Chris Ryan by Elaine Shortall  
† Margaret Black by Dan and Maureen Kennedy  
† Matty Bridson by Brian  
Intentions of Rebecca Adsett

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

8:00 AM † Paul and Marian Dufour by Lynn Brennan  
9:30 AM Pro Populo – For Parishioners  
11:00 AM † Dermot Nally by Paula Brennan  
12:15 PM † Martin James O'Meara by the Vo Family  
7:00 PM † Dr. Rolando Guzman by Violet Santos

#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

7:30 AM † Jean and Joe Kennedy by the family  
12:15 PM For our parish all souls intentions  
4:30 PM Souls in Purgatory by Nancy O'Brien

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

7:30 AM † Thelma Gleeson by the family

#### Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Christmas Eve

4:30 PM † Deceased members of the Blair and Watters families,  
by Moe, Angela and family  
† Margaret Vice by Peter  
† Anthony and Juliana Menezes by the family  
† Coleman Young by his wife, Margaret  
† Dom Vo Tan Tai, Anne Nguyen, Thi Hat, and  
Maria Truong Thi Xanh, by the Vo family  
† Thomas Nguyen Van Lai by the Vo family  
7:30 PM † Barbara and Kenny Watters  
by Terry and Nancy Watters and family  
Intentions of Paul Goss  
Intentions of the O'Donnell family by Nancy O'Brien  
Intentions of Fr. Larry by Mimi Wilson  
MIDNIGHT † Anthony Edwards by Elizabeth Fortin  
† John and Theresa Duffy  
† Paul and Marian Dufour by Lynn Brennan  
† Deceased members of the Hogan and Jacob families  
Souls in Purgatory by Cecilia Pinto  
† Betty Sullivan-Blain by Maura Brown

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day

8:00 AM † Rita Lafleur by her daughter  
† Rolando Betita by Gerald Betita  
9:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory by Gerald Betita  
11:00 AM † Flordeliza Oropesa Gonzalez by her daughter  
† Rolando Betita by Gerald Betita  
For our parish all souls intentions  
† Thomas and Monica Lavell by their children  
Intentions of Vanessa Soreng  
Intentions of Barbara by Mimi Wilson  
12:15 PM † Frank McGuire by his wife Toni  
† Lucienne and Christian Poirier by the Poirier family  
† Paula and Erwin Folkel by their daughter, Toni  
† Paul Grace by Jocelyn Heroux  
† Teresa Spence by her family  
† Virginio and Lourdes Dano by the Dano family

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of St. Stephen Octave of the Nativity

7:30 AM For our parish all souls intentions  
12:15 PM † Noel Vincent Egan

\*\*\*Basilica Closes after the Noon Mass. No 4:30 PM Mass\*\*\*

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of St. John Octave of the Nativity

7:30 AM † Theofilo A. Aquino by the family  
12:15 PM † Courtney Gibbs by the Gibbs family  
...4:30 PM For our parish all souls intentions \*\*\*

#### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of the Holy Innocents Octave of the Nativity

7:30 AM † Elizabeth 'Betty' Woods by Andy Doyle

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#### Meditations on Holy Mass Fourth Sunday in Advent (Year C) 22 December 2024

**First reading:** Micah 5.2-5a

*From you, O Bethlehem, will come the ruler of Israel.*

**Second reading:** Hebrews 10.5-10 CCC 606; 2568; 488  
*I come to do your will.*

**Gospel:** Luke 1.39-45 CCC 2675, 2676, 2677; 148

*Why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?*

The *first reading*, speaks in prophecy of the coming Redeemer, the Messiah. God's servant, his anointed, will begin his mission of salvation in the land that had first fallen victim to destruction by foreign conquest. This saving mission is intimately bound up with the motherhood of Mary, the new Eve, by means of the Incarnation and the Cross. In his *Gospel*, St. Luke portrays Mary, mother of the Church, as she who brings Christ to others. Elizabeth acknowledges her cousin as, "the mother of my Lord" and announces her own belief "that there would be a fulfillment" of the Biblical prophecies. The *second reading* affirms this connection between Mary's motherhood and our redemption, "it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ", a body formed in the Virgin's womb.

**Before Mass:** *O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. (Vespers, O Antiphon 21 Dec.)*

**After Mass:** *Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. (Lauds)*

**Later in the day:** *O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust. (Vespers, O Antiphon 22 Dec.)*

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#### Christmas Bulletin

This bulletin and its insert covers the Christmas season from **December 21<sup>st</sup> – January 11<sup>th</sup>** and contains Mass Intentions and Meditations on Holy Mass for each Sunday and Solemnity. The regular weekly bulletin resumes **January 12<sup>th</sup>**. For updates on Parish activities, please consult the bulletin boards or our website, <https://basilica.ca/>

**Meditations on Holy Mass  
Christmas Day (Years ABC)  
25 December 2024**

**First reading:** Isaiah 52.7-10

*All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.*

**Second reading:** Hebrews 1.1-6 CCC 65, 65\*, 102\*, 241, 320  
*In these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.*

**Gospel:** John 1.1-5,9-14 CCC 241, 291, 530, 526\*  
*The Word became flesh and lived among us.*

The *first reading* reveals that all peoples on earth are offered redemption from slavery to sin. This prophecy looks to *the Gospel*, in which St. John proclaims that “to all who received” the promised redeemer “he gave power to become children of God.” In the *second reading*, the sacred writer declares the divinity of Christ: “Let all God’s Angels worship him.” God is ever-faithful to his promises, and he gives us the power to become one with him. For our part, we must respond with a sincere conversion from sin and turn towards self-sacrificing love for God and neighbour. Sin turns us inwards and isolates us. Charity joins us to all peoples on earth. It is God’s free gift of grace that frees us from isolation and bitterness.

**Before Mass:** *When the sun rises in the morning sky, you will see the King of Kings coming forth from the Father like a bridegroom from the bridal chamber. (First Vespers)*

**After Mass:** *Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those he favours, alleluia. (Lauds)*

**Later in the day:** *Christ the Lord is born today; today, the Saviour has appeared. Earth echoes songs of angel choirs, archangels’ joyful praise. Today on earth his friends exult: Glory to God in the highest, alleluia. (Second Vespers)*

## From the Rector

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Glancing through the Bulletins that we have collected over the years, spanning some seventy years now, we can imagine the different circumstances that each Christmas brings. From the Cold War to the new Millennium, from Pope Pius XII to Pope Francis, countless births, deaths, weddings, baptisms, and literally thousands of Masses. None of us is the same from one Christmas to the other. We faced challenges and joys, we celebrated and mourned. Yet the message is always one of hope — that this child whose birth we celebrate — came to change our lives and we should welcome Him.

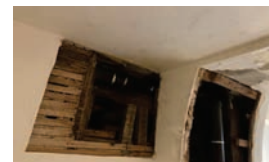
On behalf of Father Michael, our resident priests and the deacons who serve us, from our hard working and dedicated staff and the volunteers that help keep us do what we do — MERRY CHRISTMAS. In the words of Pope Francis:

“In order to rediscover the meaning of Christmas, we need to look to the manger. Yet why is the manger so important? Because it is the sign, and not by chance, of Christ’s coming into this world. It is how he announces his coming. It is the way God is born in history, so that history itself can be reborn.”

Fr. Steve

### Basilica Plumbing Restoration

As part of our ongoing restoration, necessary work has been done on our century old plumbing in the rectory. If you can provide an extra sacrifice for our restoration fund - we will be very grateful.



### Christmas 2024 Mass Schedule

#### Solemnity of Christmas

December 24 (Tuesday) 4:30 PM; 7:30 PM; Midnight

December 25 (Wednesday) 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM and 12:15 PM

December 26: 7:30 AM and 12:15 PM

December 27: 7:30 AM and 12:15 PM

#### Feast of the Holy Family

December 28 (Saturday) and December 29 (Sunday):

Regular Mass Schedule

#### Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

January 1 (Wednesday): 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM and 12:15 PM

January 2: Regular Mass Schedule Resumes

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# CHRISTMAS 2024

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph/Epiphany of the Lord



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Feast December 29, 2024

† – For the repose of the soul of the person(s) indicated

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December

4:30 PM Sunday Vigil Mass:

† Winnifred Maleszko by her loving daughter, Carol, and family

† Deceased Legionaries by the Legion of Mary's

Our Lady of Victory Praesidium

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December

8:00 AM 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr. Aeneas McDonnell Dawson,  
Pastor, Saint Patrick's Parish, 1855-1861

9:30 AM For the canonization of Legion of Mary Saints,  
by the Legion of Mary

11:00 AM Pro Populo – For Parishioners

12:15 PM † Marina Yanez by her daughter and grandchildren

7:00 PM † Julie and Francis Menezes by Cecilia Pinto

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December

#### Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity

7:30 AM † Candice Clark

12:15 PM † Rita Hogan by Betty Ann McCambley

4:30 PM † All priests in Purgatory

### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December

#### Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity

7:30 AM In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Ste. Thérèse,  
by Frank Menezes

12:15 PM † Modesta Luna by her family

4:30 PM For our parish all souls intentions

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

#### Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

#### World Day of Peace

8:00 AM For peace in the Middle East, by Cecilia Bloch

9:30 AM † Vladimir Rodine by Everild and Vadim Rodine

11:00 AM † Deceased members of the Hogan and Jacob families

12:15 PM † Doreen by the Malette family

† Jean Marie Ruel by the family

† Frank McGuire by his wife, Toni

† Paula and Erwin Folkel by their daughter, Toni

† Kathleen Forgues

Intentions of Dave Carbonetti by Nancy O'Brien

\*\*\***Basilica Closes after the Noon Mass. No 4:30 PM Mass**\*\*\*

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Memorial of St. Basil the Great and

#### St. Gregory of Nazianzen

7:30 AM † Louis Girard by Sylvain

12:15 PM † Kathleen O'Connor by her husband,  
Leonard O'Connor and family

4:30 PM † Anthony E. Edwards by Peter and Donna Edwards

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

7:30 AM † Rita Laffleur by her daughter

12:15 PM Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner

For the conversion of sinners and salvation of souls

4:30 PM † Nora Burnett

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January

7:30 AM In thanksgiving to Saint Anne

### Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January

#### For the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

## The Epiphany of the Lord

Solemnity  
January 5, 2025

† – For the repose of the soul of the person(s) indicated

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January

4:30 PM Sunday Vigil Mass:

† Candice Clark

† Denise Unger-Fortin by her daughter, Elizabeth

† Joe and Evelyn Masterson by Brian Bridson

† Leonor Demetillo by Yolande Senoran

† Pauline Lamorre by her husband, Harry

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January

8:00 AM † Deceased members of the Tanguay family by the family

9:30 AM † Peg and Michael Brennan by Paul Brennan

11:00 AM † Larry Donnelly by the Donnelly family

12:15 PM † Jessie Capistrano Dagne by Jessilyn Capistrano

7:00 PM Pro Populo – For Parishioners

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

7:30 AM † Margaret Vice by Peter

12:15 PM † Jessie Capistrano Dagne by Jessilyn Capistrano

4:30 PM † Rita Hogan by the Donivan family

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Memorial of St. André Bessette

7:30 AM † All priests in Purgatory

12:15 PM † Jessie Capistrano Dagne by Jessilyn Capistrano

4:30 PM † Archbishop Emeritus Joseph-Aurèle Plourde

by Yolande van der Leeden

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

7:30 AM † Msgr. Kevin Maloney

12:15 PM † Jessie Capistrano Dagne by Jessilyn Capistrano

4:30 PM † Joseph McIntyre by the McIntyre family

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January

7:30 AM † Candice Clark

12:15 PM † Jessie Capistrano Dagne by Jessilyn Capistrano

4:30 PM † Lucian De Silva by the family

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January

7:30 AM † Thelma Gleeson by the family

12:15 PM † Baby Hickey by Dan and Kathleen Hickey

† Jessie Capistrano Dagne by Jessilyn Capistrano

4:30 PM † All priests in Purgatory

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January

7:30 AM † Jessie Capistrano Dagne by Jessilyn Capistrano

### World Day of Peace

#### January 1

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come." Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father.

#### 2025 Theme

**Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace**

Only from a genuine conversion on all levels – personal, local and international – will true peace be able to flourish. Peace comes not only from an end to conflicts, but also in a new reality in which wounds are healed and each person's dignity is recognized. Inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical letters and above all by the concepts of Hope and Forgiveness, which are at the heart of the Jubilee Year 2025, this is a time for conversion that calls us not to condemn, but instead to bring about reconciliation and peace.

**Meditations on Holy Mass**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
**29 December 2024**

**First reading:** Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 CCC 2218

*Those who respect the Lord honour their parents.*

**Second reading:** Colossians 3.12-21 CCC 815, 1827, 1844; 2633; 2641; 2286, 1807

*Family life in the Lord.*

**Gospel:** Luke 2.41-52 CCC 583

*His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers.*

The *first reading* announces that all authority comes from God, "The Lord honours a father" ... "and he confirms a mother's rights." God freely uses parents and others to accomplish his holy will, namely, to make our happiness possible through human co-operation. In the *Gospel*, St. Luke shows Christ's uniqueness: "all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers." Yet, Jesus went down with Mary and Joseph "and was obedient to them." Jesus is God and is thus infinitely beyond his human parents, but the Father's purpose demanded the Son's humble obedience. In the *second reading*, St. Paul locates family relationships in Christ, instructing us, "forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." The relationship of wives to husbands and husbands to their wives and the obedience of children to their parents — all these are directed at our redemption. In God's plan, humble obedience is restorative, quite unlike human structures of superiority and power.

**Before Mass:** *The child Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and his parents did not know it. They thought he was in the group of travelers and looked for him among their relatives and friends. (First Vespers)*

**After Mass:** *Lord, give us light through the example of your family and guide our feet into the way of peace. (Lauds)*

**Later in the day:** *Son, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety. Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house? (Second Vespers)*

**Meditations on Holy Mass**  
**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
**1 January 2025**

**First reading:** Numbers 6.22-27

*They shall put my name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.*

**Second reading:** Galatians 4.4-7 CCC 422, 683, 693, 793

*God sent his Son, born of a woman.*

**Gospel:** Luke 2.16-21 CCC 724\*, 2599\*, 527\*

*They found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. After eight days he was named Jesus.*

In the *first reading*, the sacred author reveals that in Christ we become adopted children of God. God's name is on us, as the title "Christian" reflects. This revelation foreshadows the *Gospel*, in which St. Luke presents the name of Mary's child as "Jesus," a name that means our Saviour. In the *second reading*, St. Paul sees the birth of God the Son in human flesh as linked to our kinship, through Jesus, to God the Father. This kinship is the foundation of our freedom from sin and death. Only an infinite Redeemer could make satisfaction on behalf of mere creatures for sin. Sin always brings harm to the sinner and is always an offence against an infinitely good Creator.

**Before Mass:** *In his great love for us, God has sent his Son in the likeness of our sinful nature, born of a woman and subject to the Law, alleluia. (First Vespers)*

**After Mass:** *Marvelous is the mystery proclaimed today: man's nature is made new as God becomes man; he remains what he was and becomes what he was not. Yet each nature stays distinct and for ever undivided. (Lauds)*

**Later in the day:** *Blessed is the womb that bore you, O Christ, and the breast that nursed you, Lord and Saviour of the world, alleluia. (Second Vespers)*

**Meditations on Holy Mass**  
**Epiphany of the Lord (Years ABC)**  
**5 January 2025**

**First reading:** Isaiah 60.1-6

*The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*

**Second reading:** Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

*Now the mystery has been revealed: now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 2.1-12 CCC 486\*, 528\* 724\*

*We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.*

In the *first reading*, the Prophet reveals that, "Nations shall come to your light." That is, in Christ Jesus, salvation has come to all the peoples of the earth. This looks to the *Gospel*, in which St. Matthew shows us the adoration of the Wise Men. These pagan worshippers represent all the nations of the earth, adoring the Christ Child, Son of God and son of David. In the *second reading*, St. Paul teaches us that all peoples are equal in Christ, for all are equally offered the gift of Baptism and redemption from sin.

**Before Mass:** *Seeing the star, the wise men said: This must signify the birth of some great king. Let us search for him and lay our treasures at his feet: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (First Vespers)*

**After Mass:** *Today the Church has been joined to her heavenly bridegroom, since Christ has purified her of her sins in the river Jordan: the Magi hasten to the royal wedding and offer gifts: the wedding guests rejoice since Christ has changed water into wine, alleluia. (Lauds)*

**Later in the day:** *Three wonders mark this day we celebrate: today the star led the Magi to the manger; today water was changed into wine at the marriage feast; today Christ desired to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation, alleluia. (Second Vespers)*

## YEAR OF THE JUBILEE

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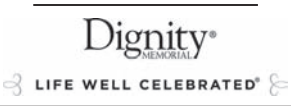


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