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**SUNDAY EUCHARIST**  
Saturday: 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
Monday to Saturday: 9:05 a.m.

**FIRST FRIDAY:**  
Exposition 9:30 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

**BAPTISM**  
Please contact the Pastor at least two months before the proposed date.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**  
Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted. The reception venue should not be booked until after the couple meets with the priest.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**  
Please let us know if you know someone who would like to receive this Sacrament. Upon request, Communion will be brought to the sick and shut-ins.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER SAINT CECILIA'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**



# Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024

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## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- Mon. Dec. 9: Immaculate Conception of the BMV
- Tue. Dec. 10: Our Lady of Loreto,
- Wed. Dec. 11: St. Damasus I, *pope*
- Thurs. Dec. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
*Patroness of the Americas*  
Ntl Day of Prayer in Solidarity with  
Indigenous Peoples
- Fri. Dec 13: St. Lucy, *virgin, martyr*
- Sat. Dec. 14: St. John of the Cross, *priest, doctor*
- Sun. Dec. 15: Third Sunday of Advent

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES  
DECEMBER 12, 2024**

<https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/2024-national-day-of-prayer-in-solidarity-with-indigenous-peoples/>



## MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Mon. Dec 9 - Sun. Dec. 15

**Wednesday 9:05 a.m.**

Ann Clough (INT)

*Req. by Her friends*

**Saturday**

**NO 7 pm Mass**

**Bilingual Mass at 5 pm**

Intentions of the Vietnamese Martyrs and  
St. Cecilia Parish Communities

**Sunday 9 a.m.**

Intentions of the Parish Community

**Sunday 11 a.m.**

Intentions of the Parish Community



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**THIS Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024**

following the 9:00 a.m. Mass  
until the 11 a.m. Mass.



# CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



## Christmas Eve Mass

**Tuesday, December 24, 2024**

**11:30 Carols**

**12:00 a.m. Solemn Midnight Mass**

## Christmas Day Masses

**Wednesday, December 25, 2024**

**9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

## Feast of The Holy Family Masses

**Saturday, December 28, 2024, at 7 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 29, 2024, at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.**

## New Year's Eve Mass - Solemnity of Mary

**Tuesday, December 31, 2024**

**7:00 p.m.**

## New Year's Day Masses - Solemnity of Mary

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

**9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

## Confession

Thursday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Day of Confessions, various times

Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 4:30-5 p.m.

## PARISH DAY OF CONFESSIONS

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024**

9:30- 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.,

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., & 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

*Let every heart prepare Him room*

[www.archtoronto.org/confession](http://www.archtoronto.org/confession)

## BILINGUAL MASS AND CONCERT

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024, AT 5 P.M.**

Join us for a bilingual Mass at 5 pm followed by carols and singing from both parishes. Light reception to follow.

**The 7 p.m. Vigil Mass will not be celebrated.**

## Advent Retreat

St. Cecilia Church  
Thursday, December 12, 2024  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome as we gather to  
Prepare the Way of the Lord!  
Led by Fr. Eric Nicolai (Opus Dei)



### St. Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Star Program

A Christmas Tree is displayed to the right of the altar with dangling stars. Each star represents a gift card that may be purchased for a neighbour in need. Please take a star and return it with the gift card by:

- giving to an usher or St. Vincent de Paul rep. at Mass
- placing in the offertory basket
- dropping through the parish office mail slot at 161 Annette Street. **Please donate grocery cards ONLY and include the dollar value on the card. Our parish schools will be donating physical gifts.**

Please donate your cards by:

**THIS Sunday, December 8th, 2024**

*Thank you for sharing with our neighbours who find themselves in need.*



### MARRIAGE SUNDAY MASS – RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN

Sunday, February 9, 2025

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is first-come, first-served.

REGISTER: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/marriage/marriage/>

### 2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Will be ready for pick-up NEXT weekend.

Please do not use your 2025 offertory envelopes until January 1st, 2025. Please print your full name, address, and phone number on the envelope, when making your first few 2025 donations.

New envelope users/parishioners are asked to fill out a **Parish Registration Form** and return it to an usher to obtain offertory envelopes for 2025. Thank you!



### OFFERTORY

Weekly, Dec 1	\$1, 785.00
ShareLife	150.00
Shepherd's Trust	70.00
Taxes and Insurance	850.00

*Thank you for your generosity*



## CHRISTMAS CAKES AND CARDS

Right to Life Christmas Cards and Campaign Life fruitcakes will be sold in the vestibule after Saturday and Sunday Masses this Advent season. Please purchase these items generously which support the Culture of Life in our society. On behalf of the Unborn, the Disabled and The Family,

**Thank you!**

*Sweet boxes, savory boxes and jams will also be sold!*

### PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES FOR FRANK CARDINAL LEO

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. This weekend, Cardinal Leo is in Rome as one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church. Regional Masses to celebrate Cardinal Leo and the beginning of the Jubilee Year will take place early in 2025. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

### JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) presents an online weekly video series intended to help the faithful prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord by offering meaningful reflections on the Gospel readings during each of the four Sundays of Advent. The English videos, led by Most Rev. Francis Leo, will be released weekly and will be available on the [CCCB website](https://www.cccb.ca/) and on their [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) as well as the website of the Archdiocese: [archtoronto.org](http://archtoronto.org)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 15, 2024 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*Zephaniah 3.14-18a*

*Psalms 12*

*Philippians 4.4-7*

*Luke 3.10-18*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

*Please notify the office of any changes to the list*

Hang Sam Lee, Richard Mijares, Drew Fiala, Connie Tari-Kornhauser, Lisa Reardon, Stuart Robson, Rosa Maria Santos, Bianca Auriemma, Rosie Po, Frank Ferreira, Antonina Koziara, Julia Collins, Mary Ann Cuschieri, Sebastian Carvalho, Anne Tran Fazzalari, Gabriel Sebastian Romano, Robert Freimuts, Giuseppe R., Mikayla Haswell, Victoria Cooper, Anna Solims, Lorenza Varga, Steven McKinney, Krysten Telfer, Edward Spiteri, Maria Rucolo, Winifred Ismail, Mimi Ashton, Ann Baby, Marta DiGregorio, Rosa Loschiavo, Anne Marie Skewes, Blossom Reid, Sophia Opper, Timothy McNulty, Gwen Chabane, & Biruta Niedra





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