

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas and New Year's Schedule

On Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation Catholics are required to attend Mass. Christmas and New Year's Day are Holy Days of Obligation. This year they both fall on a Thursday. Attending one of the Christmas Eve Masses, on the 24th, also fulfills your obligation for Christmas. Attending the 5pm Vigil Mass of New Year's Eve, on December 31st, also fulfills your obligation for the New Year's.

Wednesday December 24 Christmas Eve

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

12:00 Midnight Mass

Thursday December 25 Christmas Day

9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

Note that there is no evening Mass!

Wednesday December 31 New Year's Eve

5:00 pm Evening Mass of New Year's

Thursday January 1st, 2026 New Year's Day

9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year

We wish to extend a warm welcome to the faithful of the archdiocese to join with Cardinal Leo for the Closing Mass for the Year of Jubilee on Sunday, December 28 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 5 pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available with numerous priests present from 3:30 to 4:45 pm. All are most welcome.

Each Jubilee Pilgrimage Church will also celebrate a Closing Mass for the Year of the Jubilee on Sunday, December 28, at a regularly scheduled mass of their own parish. Please visit the pilgrimage church websites for further details: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-syes/yer-of-prayer/home/pilgrimage-churches/>

Wishing you all

A Blessed Christmas Day!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 20:

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving of Noel D'Souza

Henri Lokwa Emina Family

+Asuncion Jara

+Guilherme & Esther De Souza

+Inacio Fernandes

+Susana Ng

+Adela & Fructoso Arroyo

+Corona Caibal

+Anna Lau

Sunday December 21:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Carlos and Elvie

Garcia Family

10:30 am Deceased Members of the Patterson and

Nugara Family

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday December 22:

9:00 am +Veronica & Vincent Fanning

Tuesday December 23:

9:00 am +Maria & Rafael Atizado Sr.

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6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

12:00 Midnight Mass

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Note that there is no evening Mass!

Friday December 26:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +David Ebalo

Saturday December 27:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

Sanctuary Lamp
Souls in Purgatory

December 21, 2025

Greater Efficiency During Communion

When coming up for Holy Communion you do so single file, but once you are at the front, it would be more efficient for two, or even three people to stand side by side (if not kneeling). You can perform your prescribed bow while there is still someone in front of you in the line. Just as two people are willing to kneel side by side on the two kneelers, so also can two people stand side by side (or you can stand beside someone who is kneeling). Understanding this will make distribution of Holy Communion much more efficient since the Eucharistic Minister will not need to wait for each individual bow.

Silent Time after Holy Communion

The silent time after having received Holy Communion is intended to help us communicate with Jesus God who is truly present within us. Our worthy reception of Holy Communion and the ten to fifteen minutes afterwards is the time that we are most united to God, closest to Him. Let us take advantage of this time to speak with Our Lord within us and to give Him thanks for this tremendous gift of Himself to us in the Eucharist.

2026 Donation Envelopes

Please pick up your 2026 Donation Envelopes arranged in numerical order. If you can not remember your envelope number, one of us from the gift shop can gladly help you. Please start using these envelopes in the New Year. Parishioners who wish to use donation envelopes, please register in the gift shop or from our website.

Saying of the Saints

The way of spiritual knowledge passes through inner freedom and humility. Without these we shall never see the Lord.— St. Maximus the Confessor

Let us have clean hearts ready inside us for the Lord Jesus, so that he will be glad to come in.— St. Clement of Alexandria

Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit.— St. Lucy

In meditation we find the strength to bring Christ to birth in ourselves and in others.—St. Charles Borromeo

Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses

Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses began on December 16 and will be done December 24. After each Mass, breakfast will be served by the organizers. If you wish to donate to this undertaking, please speak to the organizers after the weekend Masses. Mass intentions for these Christmas Novena Masses are also accepted.

Reminder: Simbang Gabi Christmas Lantern

Submission of the lanterns is on December 19 before 11:00 am. The lanterns will be hung in the parish hall and can be brought home on December 24 after the Simbang Gabi Mass, where winners will be announced.

Guard your Valuables

We recently had an incident where someone wanted to steal the St. Vincent de Paul collection stand during a Sunday Mass. Some people are very bold, and come to church not to pray but to prey on people. Please keep an eye on your valuables and do not leave your purse in the pew when going up for Holy Communion or for any other reason.

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When giving alms, let us rather look to the needs of the poor than to his claim on your charity.—

—Jean Antoine Petit-Senn

Holy Water

Catholics are encouraged to use holy water in their homes. Water is a natural symbol of purification and life. Water that has been blessed is efficacious in warding off evil spirits, preserving us from sin, even sickness. Holy water is also a good source of obtaining more of God's blessings and graces. You are welcome to take water from our holy water font. We are selling small holy water bottle in our Gift Shop for \$1. It has a small spout which is ideal for sprinkling around your home. You can also use your own small bottle or container to get holy water from the font. The holy water dispenser is on the left side of the church, close to the pieta statue.

The holy rosary is the storehouse of countless blessings.
— Bl. Alan de la Roche