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Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Confessions: Saturdays 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
or by Appointment.

First Friday of the Month

Adoration/Benediction

Following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Baptism: Contact the office to register your child. Baptism dates assigned at time of interview with Priest or Deacon.

Marriage: Contact the parish office for appointment.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pastoral Team

Msgr. Patrick O’Dea, C.H.H. – *Pastor*

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3rd Sunday of Advent

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, the priests and Levites challenge John the Baptist, asking: "Who are you? What do you say about yourself?" John confesses he is not the Messiah, but that his life is a testimony to what God has done for us. We too would be wise to consider this all-important question – who are we? What do our lives say about ourselves?

I am Harry, married to Jennifer for nearly forty years. I am a father of six and grandfather of three – so far. I suffer with memory loss, I wear hearing aids and arthritic pain is a frequent companion. Each day, I join my suffering with Jesus, who makes it holy. I don't understand how, but I believe.

I recognize the joys and sufferings in this life to be opportunities for God's love and mercy. When I walk with others, whether in celebration or consolation, I am always pointing, like John the Baptist, to Jesus, the reason for my hope.

We who believe must rejoice, as did our Blessed Mother, that we have been chosen, and give thanks in all things. We are called to be witnesses, crying out in the wilderness of our day, testifying so that others might hear and believe. This is the will of God, and it is to this worthy mission that we are called to dedicate our lives and to persevere.

*Reflection of Harry McAvooy,
Newmarket, ON of Living with Christ*

ANGEL TREE

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Angel Tree Program, which assists the families served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish, Children's Aid Society, and the Good Shepherd Ministries. Gifts and gift cards will be distributed before Christmas. May God bless all our works and outreach to the needy this Christmas. A more detailed report will be presented soon.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Please remember the poor and needy with contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box located in the church lobby each and every weekend. This parish has always been very generous in their efforts to support the poor and needy and we are all indeed grateful!

LITTLE LAMBS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Little Lambs or Children's Liturgy December 17, 24, and 31. Classes will resume on Sunday January 7, 2024.



Monday, December 18, 2023

8:30 a.m. Birthdays wishes for Noel Mercado

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special healing for Martin Sun Yuen Poon
+ Adolf Rygiel & Kazimierz Foremny
+ Din Shik Chan
+ Wong Man Lai Joseph
+ John M. George
+ Cyril Fleming

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving for Jeannine Pereira

Thursday, December 21, 2023 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Blessings & Special Healing for Sierra
+ Daniela Flores
+ Catherine Bhopa – 1st death anniversary
+ Yu Shuet Ying
+ Tak Shing & Chan Yik Mui Jim
+ Ethel Heald
+ Nora & Gerard Walsh

Friday, December 22, 2023

8:30 a.m. + Thanksgiving for the Pereira family

Saturday, December 23, 2023 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Victor D'Souza
+ Andrew Tan
+ Ajanthi Andrew
+ Philomena Le Bleu
+ James Francis Allen

4:30 p.m. + Sabrina Rodrigues

Sunday, December 24, 2023

8:00 a.m. Intentions of the Wong family
9:30 a.m. In thanksgiving for the Peredo & Medina families
11:00 a.m. Protection of the unborn children

Christmas Eve Masses

4:30 p.m. Staff & students of St. Edward School on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary
7:00 p.m. + Benny & Kathleen McNamee
Midnight + Daniel Patulot

Parish Office Christmas/New Year's Hours

Friday, December 22 - office will close at 12:00 noon
Monday, December 25 - office closed – Christmas
Tuesday, December 26 - office closed – Statutory Holiday
Friday, December 29 - office will close at 12:00 noon
Monday, January 1 - office closed – New Year's Day
Regular hours resume Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Although the office is closed, please note that phone messages and emails, are checked and answered on a regular basis.

DECEMBER 17, 2023

Dear Parishioners:

The past week has indeed been a blessing for us, following a number of wonderful events that took place.

Firstly, I wish to thank you -- the parishioners -- for your support of the Angel Tree campaign, and the annual St. Vincent de Paul collection. The team who oversees these two programs were overjoyed by the generosity, concern, and commitment that you have shown in support of the Good Shepherd Refuge, the Catholic Children's Aid Society, the families served by both the St. Vincent de Paul and the St. Clare councils, as well as your donations in support of the good works of the St. Vincent de Paul annual Collection. I also thank the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and all volunteers, who worked hard to oversee this year's campaign. Since gift cards and other donations are still coming in, we will provide a full report on the results of the programs in the coming weeks.

Secondly, I wish to thank the Social Committee in their efforts to assist me in organizing the annual Senior's Christmas Luncheon; 120 people attended this year. We were also delighted to have the students from Cardinal Carter High School as the main entertainment for the seniors. They sang their hearts out and were a joy to listen to!

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, also organized by the Social Committee, had a second Mass, celebrated in Spanish and English, and followed by a reception in the parish hall, highlighting the meaning of the Feast Day as well as entertainment for those who attended. An icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe was displayed in the Church. Again, thanks to all who helped to organize it.

We look forward to upcoming events: The Children's Christmas Pageant, the Children's Christmas party, and the celebrations of Mass for Christmas.

I know many of our groups will be celebrating pre-Christmas events (RCIA, CWL, Youth Ministry, Knights of Columbus, etc.), and I close wishing them and all our parishioners a very blessed season of Advent, and Christmas.

God Bless you.

Msgr. Pat



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24, 2023
4:30 p.m. (with children's Christmas Pageant)
7:00 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25, 2023
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday, December 31, 2023
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Sunday, December 31, 2023 – 4:30 p.m.

New Year's Day - Monday, January 1, 2024
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



Offeratory envelopes for 2024 are available in the foyer of the church. The boxes are in alphabetical order. Please check your name and address on the box. If there is a change of address, please contact the Parish office. Note: If you are donating through PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) a box is still assigned to you and we ask that you pick it up.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Sunday, December 17th, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All children and families are welcome.



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