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Oh Come
Let us Adore Him

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4th Sunday of Advent

GOD'S PLAN is filled with surprises that may be different from our own expectations. In today's Gospel, the Angel Gabriel appears to Mary to announce Jesus' birth. The Annunciation is one of these moments in God's plan and Mary's response is a perfect example of how we should welcome God's surprises.

In our first reading, David expected that God's promise would involve an earthly kingdom, but God instead had in mind an everlasting kingdom. His promise to David would be ultimately fulfilled through a humble soul, that of Mary, who trusted completely in the Lord.

Mary is bewildered when she first hears the Angel's message. Gabriel reveals to her that she will bear a son who will be both Son of God and Son of David, the promised Messiah. When reassured that the Angel is God's messenger, Mary responds in faith, with a generous and open heart. Mary is the model believer whose deep faith and trust in God are an example for us all to imitate.

When Mary heard the Angel speak, she heard God's voice in that of His messenger. As we await the birth of our Lord, we are invited to quiet our hearts and listen, as Mary did, for God's voice in our daily lives. Let us walk in her footsteps and be surprised by the ways of God.

*Reflection of Nada Mazzei,
Toronto, OM of Living with Christ*

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 as soon as possible.

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.

Senior Residence Mass – January 2024

Friday, January 12th – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 17th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, January 29th – AMICA – 10:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 25, 2023 Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. + Rosa Racanelli
9:30 a.m. Liza Karunakaran & family
11:00 a.m. Engracio Devilleres

Tuesday, December 26, 2023 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special healing for Martin Sun Yuen Poon
Birthday wishes for Madeline Ong

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 28, 2023 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Blessings & Special Healing for Janet
+ Bozena Potasiewicz & Wanda Kazimierz
Bystrzyski
+ Jong Young Lee

Friday, December 29, 2023

8:30 a.m. + Susana Kim

Saturday, December 30, 2023 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Blessings & Good Health for Sierra

4:30 p.m. + Annunziata Morelli

Sunday, December 31, 2023 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving to God from the Wong family
9:30 a.m. + Pope Benedict
11:00 a.m. In thanksgiving for Msgr. Pat

New Year's Vigil

4:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Edward's

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 were 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!



Offering 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.



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
Saturday, December 30, 2023
4:30 p.m.

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.



Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Update

On December 12, 2023 the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

Recipients include **Aboriginal Legal Services** located in Toronto, Ontario, that will receive \$538,000 to help fund their Indigenous family dispute resolution program called *Giiwedín Anang*.

Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

To learn more, visit:

www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation



On behalf of Msgr. Pat, Fr. Dave Warren (retired), Deacon David Quail, Matthew Tulio, our seminarian, Josie Paladino and Jeswyn Devas, our secretaries, Keith Villanueva our Youth Minister, and Aldrin Fernandes, our custodian, we wish all our parishioners and their families a holy and peaceful Christmas, and Happy New Year.



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