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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

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Rev. Damian Ali, Pastor  
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Ella Alvares, Parish Secretary  
Arlene Morgan, Lay Pastoral Assistant  
Rickeyeann Kitchura, Office Assistant

## New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish family! Please register by filling out a form available at the back of the church or online.

## Sacrament of Baptism

The desire for Baptism for a child must be accompanied by a very serious commitment to raise the child within the Catholic faith community and to educate the child in the truths of the church. An essential part of the commitment is regular attendance at Sunday Mass. Baptisms are usually held on two Sundays every month. Please contact the parish office for a Baptismal package.

## Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to be married should contact the parish one year in advance. They must also attend a Marriage Preparation Course prior to entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil divorce or religious marriage with another person, please notify the priest as soon as possible as the priest is not permitted to set a wedding date until the Bishop's Office has been contacted.

## Sacrament of the Sick

In this Sacrament we celebrate Christ's healing presence among us today. If you, a relative or friend, require this Sacrament at home or nursing home, please call the parish office. For your spiritual needs during a hospital stay, the Archdiocese of Toronto has assigned a full time Roman Catholic Chaplain to each of the two Mississauga hospitals. For the Chaplain, speak to the Nurses' Desk or call the Spiritual Care Office.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM  
Every 2nd & 4th Friday during Holy Hour (6:15pm to 6:45pm).

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
Closed Monday, Saturday and Sunday  
Closed Daily: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## MASS

Sunday Eucharist  
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM (fulfills the Sunday obligation)  
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 NOON

### Weekday Eucharist

Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays 7:00 PM  
Tuesdays / Thursdays 8:30 AM

## DEVOTIONS

### Holy Hour

Fridays (excluding holidays) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday during Mass

### Rosary

Monday & Wednesday at 6:40 PM

### Divine Mercy

Friday at 3:00 PM

## PARISH LIFE

Charismatic Prayer Goup 905-822-8132  
Legion of Mary (Wed 7:30 PM) 905-822-8132  
Knights of Columbus (Mike Genua) 416-804-3457  
Men of St Francis (Kurtis Chong) 647-378-3537  
RCIA 905-822-8132 ext. 3  
St. Vincent de Paul 905-822-8132 ext. 5  
Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544

## SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183  
St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115  
Christ the King 905-569-0220

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2023

The Lord Has Clothed Me with the Garments of Salvation and Righteousness

*"Lord Jesus, make me a herald of your word of truth and grace. Help me to be a faithful witness of the joy of the Gospel and to point others to you as John did through his testimony." Amen.*



**MONDAY, December 18 - 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Louis Lansing Family

**TUESDAY, December 19 - 8:30 A.M.**

† Joe Copel

† Michele Russo

S.I. Logan Noronha

**WEDNESDAY, December 20 - 7:00 P.M.**

† Farid Daniel

S.I. Vickie Peralta

**THURSDAY, December 21 – 8:30 A.M.**

S.I. For healing and reconciliation in troubled marriages and families

**FRIDAY, December 22 – 7:00 P.M.**

† Matteo Lombardi

† Marguerite & Peter McDonell

† Mario Vesentin

**SATURDAY, December 23 - 5:00 P.M.**

† Robert Nolan

† Mary & Lindley Forsyth

S.I. Manalo & Quiogue

**SUNDAY, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

**2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES**



Offertory envelope boxes for 2024 are available at the back of the church after all masses. Please take any box and **PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS on the envelopes you use in the month of JANUARY 2024.** Just as a reminder we cannot issue tax receipts without this information.



**2023 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS**

2023 is coming to a close. All donations you wish to include for your 2023 Tax Receipt must be **dated** no later than **December 31, 2023**. Thank you for your continued generous support.

**OFFICE IS CLOSED**

The parish office will be closed in the afternoon on Thursday, December 21. On Friday December 22, the office closes at 12pm. Re-opening on Tuesday January 2, 2024 at 9am. Fr. Damian will continue to check voicemail messages when the office is closed during the Christmas break.



**SIX TUESDAY EVENINGS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT HOSTED BY ELIZABETH PIETRANTONIO ON ZOOM**

**Beginning January 9**, Liz Pietrantonio will be facilitating a workshop on the Holy Spirit on 6 Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 8:30pm. Since it is cold and dark and might even be snowing at this time of the year, Liz will use Zoom for these sessions. If you wish to deepen your love for the Third Divine Person of the Holy Trinity and strengthen your faith-life as you learn about grace, gifts and docility, please call the Parish Office to register. Registration is limited.

**OBLIGATIONS TO ATTEND MASS DURING THE 2023 CHRISTMAS SEASON**

Catholics are obligated to attend Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent - Saturday evening, December 23 at 5pm, **OR** Sunday, December 24, 5pm, 8pm and 11pm **OR** Monday, December 25, 8:30am, 10am and 12pm.

Catholics are also obligated to attend Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family - Saturday evening, December 30, 5pm **OR** Sunday, December 31, 8:30am, 10am, 12pm & 5pm **OR** for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Monday, January 1, 8:30am, 10am & 12pm



**SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

**CHRISTMAS - THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST**

**Christmas Eve** - Sunday, December 24 - 5pm, 8pm, 11pm

**Christmas Day** - Monday, December 25 - 8:30am, 10am, 12pm (**No 7pm Mass**)

**Tuesday, December 26 - Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr** - 10am (holiday schedule)

**Wednesday, December 27 - Feast of St. John the Evangelist** - 7pm

**Thursday, December 28 - Feast of the Holy Innocents** - 8:30am

**Friday, December 29 - Fifth Day, Octave of Christmas** - Holy Hour at 6pm, Mass at 7pm

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

Saturday, December 30 - 5pm

Sunday, December 31 - 8:30am, 10am, 12pm

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**New Year's Eve** - Sunday, December 31 - 5pm

**New Year's Day** - Monday, January 1 - 8:30am, 10am, 12pm (**No 7pm Mass**)

**Tuesday, January 2** - Normal Mass schedule resumes for the remainder of the week

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Saturday, January 6 - 5pm

Sunday, January 7 - 8:30am, 10am, 12pm

**FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Monday, January 8 - 7pm

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**CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

"Loving Father,

Help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate  
and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift  
and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing  
which Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning  
make us happy to be thy children,  
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds

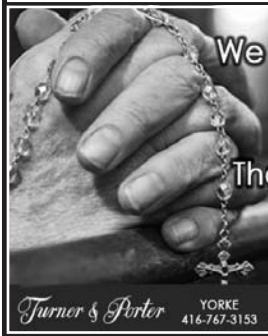
with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake."

Amen.





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