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## **Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Damian Ali, Pastor

Don Roberts, Richard Te, Richard Noronha, Deacons

Brenda Penney, Parish Bookkeeper

Ella Alvares, Parish Secretary

Arlene Morgan, Lay Pastoral Assistant Rickeeann Kitchura, Office Assistant



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 2023

Hail, O Favored One, the Lord Is with You!

*“Heavenly Father, you offer us abundant grace, mercy, and forgiveness through your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Help me to live a grace-filled life as Mary did by believing in your promises and by giving you my unqualified 'yes' to your will and plan for my life.”  
Amen.*



## 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 and received no later than December 31, 2023.** Thank you for your continued generous support.

## FAREWELL WISHES TO RICKEEANN

Our Part-time Office Assistant, Rickeann Kitchura, has decided to retire. Rickeann's last day will be Wednesday, December 27th, 2023. Rickeann recruited, trained and coordinated new collection counters after the pandemic. Rickeann was a tremendous asset to me, and to the parish, when Melinda Mayo went on medical leave last spring and when she left St. Francis Parish before Christmas 2022 to accept a new position at a parish closer to her residence. Rickeann also helped Ella Alvares, our new Parish Secretary, navigate her first seven months in the Parish Office.

We all hope to see Rickeann's smiling face at Mass and as a parish volunteer when she is not spending much deserved time with her husband, Henry, and the rest of her family. I express my profound gratitude to Rickeann for her tremendous contributions to the parish office and her support of my efforts. On behalf of the parish staff and the entire community, I wish Rickeann well in all her future endeavours.

Fr. Damian Ali, Pastor

### MONDAY, December 25-8:30 A.M. 10 A.M & 12 P.M.

No Mass Intentions

### TUESDAY, December 26 - 8:30 A.M.

† Peter Kinh Tran

† Catherine Pagan

### WEDNESDAY, December 27 - 7:00 P.M.

† Thomas Lawrence Saldanha

† Lira Mascarenhas

### THURSDAY, December 28 – 8:30 A.M.

S.I. For the sins committed against The Most Holy Eucharist

### FRIDAY, December 29 – 7:00 P.M.

† Sandra Morag

† Ann Cosgrove

### SATURDAY, December 30- 5:00 P.M.

† Matteo Lombardi

† Joseph De Gennaro

† Benny D'Mello

S.I. Thanksgiving for the Colaco Family

### SUNDAY, December 31<sup>st</sup>

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary And Joseph

### 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.

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

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

**Archdiocesan Survey**

Thank you to all those who have taken the time to both participate in and promote the Archdiocesan Consultation process that has been underway the last several months. We very much appreciate your ideas and efforts to raise awareness of this important initiative throughout the archdiocese.

Recognizing that is a very Busy Advent period, we wanted to offer a gentle remind to those who have not yet had an opportunity to provide their feedback. While we have indicated a deadline of December 15, 2023, we will keep **the survey open until early January** to include those who may learn about the initiative over the Christmas break in parishes or through other channels.

A reminder that the survey and supporting materials can be accessed by visiting:

[www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation) **Your input is invaluable!**



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to sincerely thank you for your incredible generosity of their Christmas Collection for those in need at Christmas. With your help we raised over \$7,000.00



**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.



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