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Roman Catholic Church

We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Closed For Lunch: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Closed on Mondays, Saturdays and Sundays

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

BAPTISM

The desire for Baptism for a child must be accompanied by a serious commitment to raise the child in the Catholic faith community. Baptismal preparation is required.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Please contact Arlene Morgan, by calling 905-822-8132, ext. 222, or by emailing amorgan@archtoronto.org.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should contact the parish one year in advance and attend a Marriage Preparation Course.

MASS

Sunday Eucharist
Saturday Vigil - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

Weekday Eucharist
Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday - 8:30 a.m.

CONFESSION

Every Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Every 2nd & 4th Friday during Holy Hour
6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Other Times Available by Appointment

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour
Fridays - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday during Mass

Rosary
Monday & Wednesday - 6:40 p.m.

Divine Mercy
Friday - 3:00 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a loved one requires this Sacrament at home or in hospital, please contact the parish office.

PARISH LIFE

Legion of Mary (Wed 7:30 p.m.)	905-822-8132
Knights of Columbus (Peter Eng)	416-986-0608
Men of St. Francis (Kurtis Chong)	647-378-3537
Ladies 55+ Group	905-822-8132
Millions of Monica's (Liz Pietrantonio)	www.stirlingcross.ca
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	905-822-8132
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	sfa.atrium@gmail.com
St. Vincent de Paul	905-822-8132 option 5

SCHOOLS

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First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026

Watch Expectantly Today - Your Master Is Coming!

"Lord Jesus, awaken my heart and mind to receive your word and to prepare for your coming again. Free me from complacency, from the grip of sin and worldliness, and from attachments to things which pass away. May I always be eager to receive your word and be ready to meet you when you come again."



MONDAY, November 30 – 7:00 p.m.
† All Souls Parish Intentions

TUESDAY, December 1 – 8:30 a.m.
† Fr. Luis D'Araujo

WEDNESDAY, December 2 – 7:00 p.m.
† Maria Xavier
† Joanne Hill
† Mother Mary

THURSDAY, December 3 - 8:30 a.m.
S.I. For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and Permanent Diaconate.

FRIDAY, December 4 – 7:00 p.m.
† Joseph & Angela Camilleri
† Matteo & Maria Lombardi
† Delfin Rubiales

SATURDAY, December 5 – 5:00 p.m.
† Sean McDermott
† Gail & Ashley Pereira
† Gloria Guertin

SUNDAY, December 6 – 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.
Second Sunday of Advent



There will be a second collection after all Masses this weekend for the St. Francis of Assisi Roof Repair Fund.

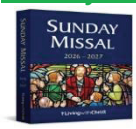


Bridge Club: Mondays, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
New Members Welcome!
The Men of St. Francis: Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. -10a.m.
New Members Welcome!
Legion of Mary: In the Parish Hall
Wednesdays, 5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Ladies 55+ of St. Francis: Every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
New Members Welcome!
Liturgy of the Word for Children: Every Sunday at the 10 a.m. Mass

IN THE CHURCH

Millions of Monicas: Every 1st Wednesday of the month after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays at 3:00 p.m.
Holy Hour: Fridays at 6:00 p.m.
Confession:
Every 2nd & 4th Friday, 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Saturdays, 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Sunday's Missals 2026-2027



Sunday Missals will be sold for $10.00 and are now available at the Parish office.

Living With Christ Missalettes



Weekly Missalettes will be sold for $4.00 and are now available at the Parish office.



Wednesday, December 2nd after the 7pm Mass.

Thank you

Another successful annual St. Francis of Assisi Pasta Night Dinner on Saturday night with fun, food and fellowship!

As always, we had fabulous food purchased from La Felicita Catering. We are very grateful for the delicious buns donated by Truscott Bakery and the fantastic red wine, compliments of Tre Amici Imports. We had lots of giveaways! We had door prizes and a 50/50 draw, collecting **$740** (our highest amount ever!), with half going to the St. Francis Outdoor Nativity Scene and half given away to the lucky winner.

Congratulations to all our door prize and draw winners, and thank you to the many individuals and businesses who donated to our prize table. **Gary Betts, REMax Broker, Tim Hortons, Woodchester Mall, June & Rob Vaillancourt, of Springbank Greenhouses, CGS Atrium, Nadia Desroches, Director, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Chantilly Lace Salon, Anthony's Family Hair Salon, Charity Canfield, Marilou Grino, Carmen Pulis, Jackie Pappas, Merly Talag, and Kathy Valant.**

Words are inadequate to express our gratitude to **Lilac Cana** for gracing us with her presence and sharing her beautiful singing voice with us. **Lilac** truly brought our Pasta Night to new heights.

A special shout-out to **Pizza Nova at Woodchester Mall**, which generously donated multiple free pizza coupons for us to give away. Such a great treat!

As with any event like this, we want to thank all the volunteers who helped with the set-up, the event itself and the fun part, cleaning up and putting everything away, including **Betty Tam-Chong, Rebbie Santiago, Loudres Valenton, Jo Paz, Ella Alvares, Arlene Morgan, Kurtis Chong, Jonathan Chong, Nick Valant, Jim Quigg, Shawn O'Grady, and the Social Committee.** We can always count on our parishioners and the incredible people of these organizations to step up and help when there is work to do! And they do it with grace and good humour.

Last but not least, thank you, **Father Damian,** for *joie de vivre* and for leading us with your joy, wisdom and passion for all that is Godly and wholesome.
Thank you all & God Bless. See you next year!
The St. Francis Social Committee.

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of December 5-6, we will welcome our special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team , representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers."

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Pre- Order your **Christmas Poinsettias**. Every purchase contributes to the Knights of Columbus, **Y.E.S. Program.**

Young Families: Vita Centre, Birthright Peel, St. Vincent de Paul Societies, Our Place Peel, Eden Food Bank **Elderly**: Heart House Hospice

Students: Breakfast Club at Loyola High School, Parish Youth Groups, Entrance Scholarships for Catholic students pursuing post-secondary education.

The Knights will be at the back of the church after all masses this weekend.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

There will be a 2nd collection for The Society of St. Vincent de Paul for Christmas, which will take place on the weekend of December 5/ 6 .

Please make cheques payable to St. Vincent de Paul.

Special donation envelopes are in your offertory envelope boxes. Also St. Vincent de Paul Christmas collection envelopes will be available at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity to families in need at Christmas.

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