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CHURCH HOURS

Monday to Friday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sat 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sun 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

MUSIC DIRECTORS

Edwin Chiu: Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Geoff Butler: Sunday 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

We ask new parishioners to register with the Parish. Forms and Donation Envelopes are available at Church entrances, the Parish Office and www.holyrosary.ca

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

ROSARY Monday to Friday: 11:40 a.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday to Friday: 12:40 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday evening 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Sunday 6:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament until 3pm with devotions at 2:45 p.m.

First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Rosary with Veneration of Relics of St. Jacinta and Francisco Marto at 8:30 a.m.

Confessions at 8:30 a.m. Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration with Fatima Prayers 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Monday to Sunday 30 minutes before each Mass or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Please contact the parish office.

ARRANGING A WEDDING Please contact the Parish Office for information at least 1 year in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK AND CARE FOR THE ELDERLY & SHUT-INS

Those confined to their homes by illness, infirmity or age, may arrange to receive communion by contacting the Parish Office.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near."

(Philippians 4.4-5)



The Pastor's Reflection

"Rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again: rejoice!" (Phil 4:4)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Today is traditionally referred to as Gaudete Sunday (Gaudete is the Latin word for "rejoice"). The Church calls us to get excited about the fact that Christ's nativity is just around the corner. Over 2,000 years ago the "King of Israel" took on flesh (Zep 3:16). Moreover, he will return again to "gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." (Lk 3:17). If the promise God made to his people was fulfilled in the coming of Jesus, we can be fully confident that Christ will come again as he promised before his ascension into heaven.

Why is the call to rejoice so important? In fact, St. Paul tells us to be joyful "always" (Phil 4:4). Many of us would agree that we feel joy when things go very well and our plans go as we hope, we receive some great news, or whatever we desire comes to pass. But how can he tell us to be joyful when things seem to be going badly? How on earth are we to rejoice when we see our plans fall apart, or we receive troubling news? St. Paul isn't being naive here. He himself underwent many hardships in his apostolic life.

The answer can be found in the teaching of St Thomas Aquinas (13th century scholastic thinker). He taught that "joy is the immediate response of the rational soul when it perceives that it has laid hold of some good thing that it loves." In other words, we become overwhelmed with joy when we obtain the very thing we most desire. If we desire God, we will rejoice even when we face trials because we know that we are not alone. The Lord has pitched his tent among us.

Consequently, we even become kinder to others (cf. Phil 4:5). Consider Scrooge. The beloved Christmas classic, "A Christmas Carol", written by Charles Dickens, tells the story of a formerly hateful and greedy man who has come to discover what matters most in life. Scrooge's whole existence is transfigured and he becomes filled with kindness towards all, especially those who are hurting the most. He learned to be generous "with those who have none." (Lk 3:11) He transforms from chaff to wheat!

May these final days of preparation help us to truly radiate kindness to others. It can be practiced by the rich and poor alike and can truly change people for the better.

Announcements

1. Important Tax Information: Any donations received in the Parish Office by Dec. 31st will be credited towards your 2024 income tax receipt. Donations received after Dec. 31st will be considered 2025 donations. In accordance with CRA regulations, donations submitted by Canada Post must be postmarked by Dec. 31st, 2024 to be eligible for a 2024 income tax receipt.

2. The Christmas Cantata, led by the Shalom Lay Community, will be held in the Parish Hall gym on December 18th from 7 PM - 8 PM. Please bring a non-perishable food item.

3. A special thank you to Jan Robinson for her generous gift of the portrait of Blessed Carlo Acutis which now hangs in the candle room. May God reward you for your generosity.

4. Protect Christians in Canada Petition: Many Christians in Canada are concerned about government and corporate overreach in their communities, workplaces or schools. Anti-Christian bigotry and discrimination also affects Christian citizens and organizations in our country. Protect Christians in Canada has launched an online petition urging all levels of government to take action to protect Christians in Canada. This petition will be presented by Member of Parliament Jamil Jivani in the nation's capital in February 2025 and calls on governments to:

- Defend the rights of parents to play a leading role in their children's education and important decisions involving their children.
- Safeguard conscience rights and the freedom of religion for unionized and non-unionized workers, including health care professionals.
- Strengthen penalties and increase law enforcement in response to crime targeting churches and places of worship.
- Protect the legal status and freedom of expression of Christian charities.

Take a stand in support of Christians in Canada. Please visit www.protectchristianscanada.com to learn more and sign the petition.

No man knows how bad he is till he has tried very hard to be good. A silly idea is current that good people do not know what temptation means. This is an obvious lie. Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is. After all, you find out the strength of the German army by fighting against it, not by giving in. You find out the strength of a wind by trying to walk against it, not by lying down. A man who gives in to temptation after five minutes simply does not know what it would have been like an hour later. That is why bad people, in one sense, know very little about badness — they have lived a sheltered life by always giving in. We never find out the strength of the evil impulse inside us until we try to fight it: and Christ, because He was the only man who never yielded to temptation, is also the only man who knows to the full what temptation means — the only complete realist.

C.S. Lewis

DECEMBER 15th, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 16, 2024

12:10 pm. Roma Regan (+)
Requested By: Linda Riddell

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

12:10 pm. Alberto Paulino (+)
Requested By: Cora Paulino

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

12:10 pm. Ifeanyi Chukwu
Edward Chukwuemeka (+)

Thursday, December 19, 2024

12:10 pm. In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
Requested By: Maria Zelia

Friday, December 20, 2024

12:10 pm. Jessica Michelle Piccinin (+)
Requested By: The Family

Multiple Intentions:

Carlos Ochoa (+), Pasiona Rosario (+), Bob
Lymberopoulos (+), Angelita (Birthday Blessings),
Fr. Damian Hinojosa (for healing of his eye),
Lucia, Karala & Mauricio (for healing)

Saturday, December 21, 2024

Saint Peter Canisius

9:00 am. Intentions of the Blessed Virgin
Mary and in reparation for all sins
committed against her Immaculate
Heart

5:00 pm. Lokendra Kumar Sharma (+)
Requested By: The Family

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners

10:00 am. Sabino Del Riccio (+) & Filomena
Scasserra (+)

Requested By: Carmelina

12:00 pm. Marivic Hipol Piza (+)

Requested By: Cecilia Valdez



Please remember in your prayers those who are
sick, especially: Fr. Daniel Callam, Peter
Verwoerd, Paul Morisset, Mark Colbreath,
Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeek, Mario,
Edward Haggarty, M.M. Mackenzie, and Jamie

Please remember those who have recently died, especially:
Msgr Jose Louis Azcona Hermoso (+)



Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th : 5PM & 8PM

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th:
8AM, 10AM & 12PM

Boxing Day Thursday, December 26th
9AM

Friday, December 27th
9AM

Saturday, December 28th
9AM & 5PM

Sunday, December 29th
8AM, 10AM & 12PM

Monday, December 30th
12:10PM

Feast of the Holy Family/New Year's Eve
Tuesday, December 31st : 5PM

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1st: 8AM, 10AM & 12PM

Thursday, January 2nd
9AM

Friday, January 3rd
9AM

Saturday, January 4th
9AM & 5PM

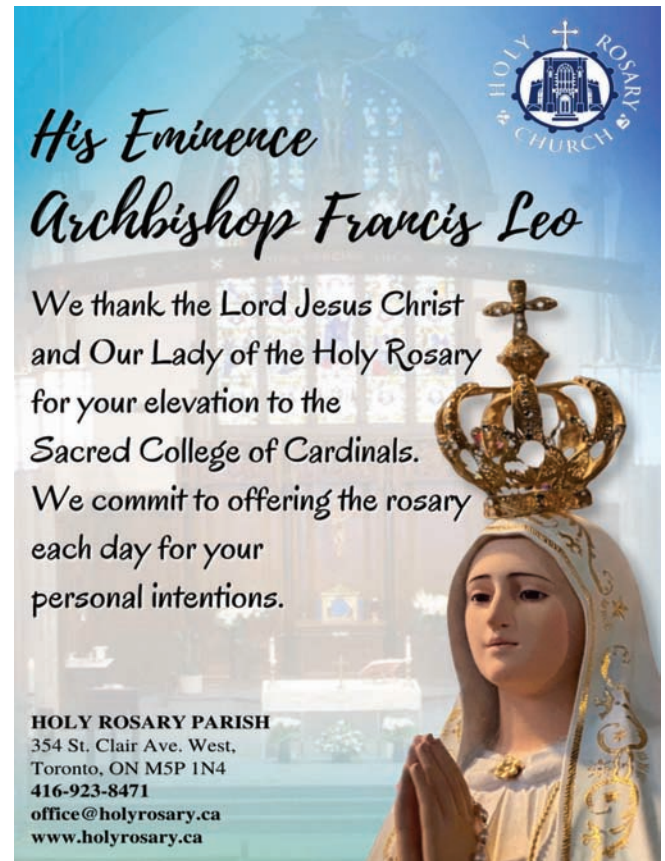
Epiphany of Our Lord

Sunday, January 5th: 8AM, 10AM & 12PM

Monday, January 6th:
resume regular schedule

*Masses will be livestreamed
December 25th 10am & Sundays 10am

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