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Oh Come
Let us Adore Him


FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

 Mass Intentions		
Tue., Dec. 26 th	8am	(SI) Charles Omere
Wed., Dec. 27 th	8am	(SI) Bernadette Boissonneault
Thu., Dec. 28 th	8am	+ Neil Cachia
Fri., Dec. 29 th	8am	+ Cecile & Hubert Thauvette
Sat., Dec. 30 th	9am	+ Michael Jaggernauth + Angel Sr. & Eugenia Malixi + Arsenio Sr. & Juanita Albornoz + Frank Boylan
	5pm	+ Mary MacDougall
Sun., Dec. 31 st	8am	+ Deceased members of the Da Silva family
	10am	+ Deceased members of the D'Souza family

Office Closed
 Dec. 25 & 26, 2023 – closed;
 Dec. 29, 2023 – closes at noon; &
 Jan. 1, 2024 - closed




Eucharistic Adoration
 Mon. - Fri., after the 8am Mass, the Rosary will take place during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9am (Eucharistic Adoration also every first Friday of the month from 5pm to 7pm, followed by Benediction & Mass at 7pm).




??? **Unknown Envelope Numbers** ???
 We kindly ask that the owners of envelope numbers 163, 176, 217, 414 & 457 put your name and address on your envelope the next time you use it. This will enable us to issue you your tax receipt for the year 2023.
 Thank you for your co-operation.

Offertory Envelopes 2024
 Kindly pick up your 2024 offertory envelopes from the back of the church in the narthex. This year, you will be using the same number as last year. The envelopes are in numerical order. In the event you can't remember your number, an alphabetical list has been provided to be of help; please ask a minister if you require assistance. Please DO NOT use your envelopes until the new year. Thank you.



Fourth Sunday of Advent
 "It is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an 'Advent', a vigilant awaiting for the final coming of Christ."
 - St. Pope John Paul II




Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sat., Dec. 23 rd	5pm (Vigil Mass)
	Sun., Dec. 24 th	8:15am & 10am
Christmas Eve	Sun., Dec. 24 th	4pm (children's Mass), 6pm & 8pm
Christmas Day	Mon., Dec. 25 th	8:15am, 10am & 12noon (last Mass)
Feast of the Holy Family	Sat., Dec. 30 th	5pm (Vigil Mass)
	Sun., Dec. 31 st	8am, 10am & 12noon
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Sun., Dec. 31 st	5pm (Vigil Mass) NEW (no 7pm Mass)
	Mon., Jan. 1 st	8am, 10am & 12noon

** Please Note: Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve/Day, Feast of the Holy Family & the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are all Holy days of obligation.**



Schools	Rehearsal	Mass
Ecole Renaissance, Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Grace	Jan. 15, 2024 at 7pm	Jan. 22, 2024 at 7pm
St. Jerome	Jan. 16, 2024 at 7pm	Jan. 23, 2024 at 7pm
St. Joseph, Light of Christ, Our Lady of Hope	Jan. 17, 2024 at 7pm	Jan. 24, 2024 at 7pm
Cardinal Carter, Country Day School, Dr. G.W. Williams, Good Shepherd, Hartman, Our Lady of the Annunciation, Our Lady of the Rosary, Regency Acres, Rick Hansen, St. Andrew's College, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. John Chrysostom, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Nicholas, Villanova, Wellington, Windham Ridge	Jan. 18, 2024 at 7pm	Jan. 25, 2024 at 7pm



From the Pastor's Desk

Can YOU make a change in the world today? The Prophet Isaiah tells the people of his time that they were 'caught in the midst of violence, in a period of darkness

brought about by unreliable political alliances and other hopeless situations'.

Isaiah offers them assurance that all is not lost, as history testifies.

As with the people of those days, we today, need a word of hope, a message of light to dispel the darkness that overwhelms us as a people of faith.

Those in antiquity did not give up; neither should we. Let's make this Christmas - and every day - a time to proclaim WHO we are: followers of Jesus Christ, Whose birth we celebrate with great joy, hoping for a better world where we have an opportunity to make a difference, one thing, one person at a time.

YES, we can ALL make a change in the world today, one person at a time. All we need to do is to stop and think: what would Jesus have me do? Go ahead, make a Christian difference, and celebrate the best Christmas you ever had.

Merry Christmas!!!

Fr. John and the staff at Our Lady of Grace

“The only thing we have to ask God for in prayer, is the desire to be holy.”

- Blessed Carlo Acutis

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Assistance Program



The Society of St. Vincent De Paul (SSVP) would like to express our thanks for the ongoing support that we receive from parishioners. Your donations have allowed us to continue providing assistance to struggling individuals and families in our community throughout this past year. Your donations are also helping to support our SSVP Christmas Assistance program, which is run in partnership with Welcoming Arms. Through this program, we hope to bring a bit of joy to our neighbours in need, who struggle throughout the year and especially at Christmas. SSVP donation envelopes are available at the back of the church, and donations can be placed in the SSVP Donation Box. Information on how you can make a donation, via credit card or Interac e-Transfer, is available on the parish website.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France

We will be attending a special celebration commemorating the apparitions and “Miracle of the Sun” of Our Lady of Fatima on Oct. 12th.

Led by Fr. John Bertao & Fr. Peter Choi
When: Oct. 10 – 21, 2024 (12 days)

Cost \$4,395.00 includes:

- ◆ Air transportation from Toronto (unless specified otherwise), incl. all taxes and surcharges
- ◆ Hotel accommodation 1st class or superior tourist class based on double occupancy (single supplement \$850).
- ◆ 2 meals daily (breakfast and dinner)
- ◆ All sightseeing as per itinerary, with an English-speaking guide
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For more information and registration, contact: 877-999-8868 or 416-444-6666.

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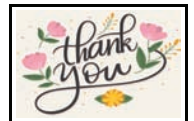


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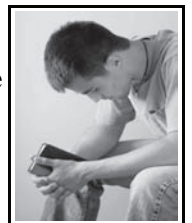
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Vocation Seeds

From the archangel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said “Yes!” ...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious, or deacon,



contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at

(416) 968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org.

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