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ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., Dec. 23 rd	8am	+ Eugenia Zaremba & Teodozja Babiuch
Tue., Dec. 24 th	8am	+ Felesmina Camacho
Wed., Dec. 25 th		** see Christmas Schedule**
Thu., Dec. 26 th	8am	(SI) Da Silva family
Fri., Dec. 27 th	8am	+ Maria Circelli
Sat., Dec. 28 th	9am	+ Donald Brubacher, + Eugenia & Angel Sr. Malixi, + Alfred Chui
	5pm	+ Michael Mugizi
Sun., Dec. 29 th	8am	(SI) Laura Du
	10am	+ Claudette Ramos
	12pm	“Populo” for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	+ Olivia & Tony de Souza



Office Closed
 Dec. 24th – closes at noon;
 Dec. 25th & 26th – closed; &
 Dec. 30th till Jan. 1st – closed

Sanctuary Candles sponsored Dec. 13 th , 2024 to Jan. 12 th , 2025 for: (SI) Sayaman family	
Jan. 13 th to Feb. 12 th , 2025	+ Deceased members of the Letassey & Yap families
Feb. 13 th to Mar. 12 th , 2025	(SI) Peter Yiu
Mar. 13 th to Apr. 12 th , 2025	+ Aldo Cristofoli
Apr. 13 th to May 12 th , 2025	(SI) Vinluan family
May 13 th to Jun. 12 th , 2025	(SI) Donkers & Blanco families
Jun. 13 th to Jul. 12 th , 2025	(SI) Jack & Ruth Doris
Jul. 13 th to Aug. 12 th , 2025	(SI) Alberto & Louro families
Aug. 13 th to Sep. 12 th , 2025	(SI) Chen family
Sep. 13 th to Oct. 12 th , 2025	+ Deceased members of the Alberto & Louro families
Oct. 13 th to Nov. 12 th , 2025	+ Deceased members of the Da Silva & D'Souza families
Nov. 13 th to Dec. 12 th , 2025	+ Deceased Priests & Bishops

Potted Christmas Flowers

We welcome your gift of potted Christmas flowers to decorate our sanctuary. Please bring them anytime this weekend **Dec. 21st -22nd** and place them by the Jesse Tree in the upper narthex. Thank you.



I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.




Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Mon., Dec. 23 rd	8am	Advent
Tue., Dec. 24 th	8am	Advent
Tue., Dec. 24 th	4pm - Children's Mass 6pm & 8pm - Family Masses	Christmas Eve
Wed., Dec. 25 th	8am, 10am & 12noon	Christmas Day
Thu., Dec. 26 th Fri., Dec. 27 th	8am	Octave of Christmas
Sat., Dec. 28 th	9am	Holy Innocents
Sat., Dec. 28 th	5pm - Vigil Mass	Holy Family
Sun., Dec. 29 th	8am, 10am, 12noon & 7pm	Holy Family
Mon., Dec. 30 th Tue., Dec. 31 st	8am	Octave of Christmas
Tue., Dec. 31 st	5pm - Vigil Mass	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year)
Wed., Jan. 1 st	8am, 10am & 12noon	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year)

Prayers and Best Wishes for Frank Cardinal Leo

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. Cardinal Leo was one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world who gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church. Regional Masses to celebrate Cardinal Leo and the beginning of the Jubilee Year will take place early in 2025. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.



From the Pastor's Desk



Dear friends in Christ, in a recent homily, the Holy Father reminded us that our prayer should be done with joy and with freedom. Each year, we are reminded of the greatest gift that God -the Father- gave the world, the best gift of all: HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON.

With all that is happening in the world today, let us ALL pause for a moment, reflect, and thank Our Father for His generous gift of THE SON to redeem the world.

I pray that you take some time this Christmas season to stop and simply say, THANK YOU and finish with one Our Father.

Merry Christmas!

- Fr. John

St. Vincent de Paul Jesse Tree Program 2024



During this season of Advent, our St. Vincent de Paul conference is once again running the Jesse Tree Program.

With your generosity, this effort helps many who are in need. As in past years, we will be supporting Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers with financial donations, and Good Shepherd Centre for Men with donations of Tim Cards, socks, and other winter ware. The tree is set up in the upper narthex of the church. Please take a tag from the tree, or scan the QR tags to make an online donation. Gifts can be dropped off any time up until Christmas. Financial donations (tree tag envelopes) may be placed in the gift box, and winter ware may be placed under and around the tree, where they will be collected daily. Your participation and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Offering Envelopes



Reminder!!! Kindly pick up your 2025 Offertory Envelopes. Thank you for your co-operation.

ShareLife: Doubling the Impact



This Advent, let your "yes" reflect God's love by supporting those in need through ShareLife. Until December 31, 2024, every gift will be matched by a generous donor, up to \$500,000, doubling the impact of your generosity. Please donate online via the ShareLife website at <https://sharelife.org/donate/> or place a cheque in the ShareLife envelope at the church.

Pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal
3 days & 2 nights – join us !!!

Led by Spiritual Directors: Fr. Peter Choi, Pastor of St. André Bessette, Maple & Fr. John Bertao, Pastor of Our Lady of Grace, Aurora

When: Fri., Apr. 4th – Sun., Apr. 6th, 2025

Cost: \$635 for double occupancy, includes:

- ◆ luxury coach bus
- ◆ 2 nights stay at the Holiday Inn Convention Centre – Montreal Centre
- ◆ 3 breakfasts, 1 dinner
- ◆ taxes
- ◆ private tour
- ◆ private Mass
- ◆ and much more!!



Spend some time together with like-minded people, while giving up your worries to the Lord. Explore St. Joseph's Oratory and see the fruit of St. André. Also, visit Historic Montreal, Trois Rivières, and Cap de la Madeleine with us.

For more information or to register, contact St. André Bessette Parish by phone at

289-553-1610 or via email office@standrebessette.ca.

Limited spots! A \$150 deposit will reserve your spot (balance due by Feb. 23, 2025).

2024 CWL Christmas Market and Raffle



A huge thank you to all who came out to support our Christmas Market and Raffle. We surpassed our goal and are so grateful to everyone who helped to make this event a success.

A special shout out to our student volunteers and all the women who helped in one way or another. Many hands made the workload light...and fun! We couldn't have done it without all of you! Hope to see you all again next year!

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