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Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Morning Prayer:

Tuesday to Friday 8:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am
Saturdays & Holidays: 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm
First Friday 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm
For any other day by appointment only

First Fridays:

Holy Hour: 6:00 pm
Mass 7:00 pm

Baptism:

By appointment and after an interview with the parents.

Marriage:

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor one year in advance.

Care of the Sick:

Please call the parish to request visitation of the sick or elderly for prayers, Holy Communion, Sacrament of the Sick.

New Parishioners:

Registration Form is available in the vestibule of the Church, in the parish office or on the website.

Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction

Every 1st Sat. of the Month after the 9:00am Mass.

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Principal: Kimberly Blanchet

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Dec	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
16 Mon, 9am 7pm	No MASS Thanksgiving – Draya & Dennison Ducusin	Ducusin Family
17 Tues 9am 7pm	Harry Freel Sr. + Letty Sotelo +	Harry Freel Edwards & Velen Family
18 Wed, 9am 7pm	Teresa Freel + Birthday Thanksgiving – Jeren Michael Alog	Harry Freel Alog Family
19 Thurs, 9am 7pm	Thanksgiving - Andrew Geekie Thanksgiving – Macarayan Family	Julia Geekie Macarayan Family
20 Fri, 9am 7pm	Maria De Manche + Birthday Thanksgiving – Herminia Ramos	Carmel & Patrick Galvin Myrna Ramos
21 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Bill Doumouras + Maria & Emmanuel Lopez Sr. + Karin Doumouras Jennifer Trelle
5pm	Joao & Maria Estrela +	Hortencia Estrela
22 9am	Lorenzo Cruz +	Len & Myrna Tapawan
11 am 7pm	Monica D'Souza + Felicitas Sigue Lanno+	D'Souza Family Monica Sigue

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
3rd Sunday of Advent
Gospel: Luke 3.10-18 – The Proclamation of John the Baptist

An Attitude of Gratitude

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.” These are the beautiful words we hear from St. Paul on this Gaudete Sunday. This Third Sunday of Advent is a time for joy in the midst of the waiting and preparation for Christmas. It is a reminder for us that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus’ birth should always shine brightly.

One way in which we can cultivate a spirit of joy is through an intentional “attitude of gratitude.” Former U.S. president, Theodore Roosevelt, once said that “comparison is the thief of joy.” When we compare our lives, possessions, gifts and attributes with those of others, we inherently become ungrateful for the blessings God has placed in our lives. If we begin to thank God for all of the good things in our lives, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over.

This Advent, as society is trying to make Christmas more and more materialistic, let us take some time to be grateful for all the things we already have. Perhaps one tangible way we can express our gratitude is to offer our time and talents to others this Christmas. For example, we could visit a nursing home or a soup kitchen or perhaps help with a toy drive for those who are less fortunate than us. As stewards, let us constantly strive to be grateful for our blessings and then seek to share them generously with others.

Summary

On this Gaudete Sunday we are reminded that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus’ birth should always shine brightly. If we begin to thank God for all of His blessings, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over. Perhaps one way we can share this joy is by offering our time and talents to help others this season, whether it be at a nursing home, a soup kitchen or helping with a toy drive.

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every **Tuesday to Friday after the 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.** in the Church ***except on holidays.***



Let us pray for the sick

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the “forgotten members” in our community.

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*

December schedule

Dec 15 Sunday to Dec 23 Monday	Simbang Gabi (Night Mass) 7pm except for Saturday 5pm
Dec 24 Tuesday Christmas Eve	9am Mass 7pm Mass 9pm Christmas carols 10pm Mass
Dec 25 Wednesday Christmas Day	9 & 11am Mass
Dec 31 Tuesday New Year's Eve	9am Mass 7pm Vigil Mass
Jan 1, 2025 Wednesday New Year	9 and 11am Mass



This third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of Jesus' birth has the power to bring us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy isn't dependent on what is

going on in our life, in our world, or the people that we are with. It doesn't depend on the gifts we give or the gifts we find under the tree. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from you. That joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing.

Father, you offer that same joy to us now if we know you and recognize Jesus as our Savior and Lord. You gave us a reason to celebrate when you gave us the unspeakable gift of Jesus Christ. You came to dwell among us. You went to Calvary's cross for us. You overcame death and rose from the dead for us. You forgive our sins and give us eternal life when we believe in you.

Our joy doesn't come from our jobs, our family, our relationships, our finances, or our success. Our joy doesn't come from what we have on earth or who we are with. Our joy is a gift. It is the gift that you gave us that first Christmas in Jesus Christ. Our joy is encompassed in our Savior, King Jesus. Flood our heart with joy this Advent season as we reflect on the good news of Jesus' birth. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen

Simbang Gabi – Night Mass schedule

Dec 15 Sun 7pm	Dec 18 Wed 7pm	Dec 21 Sat 5pm
Dec 16 Mon 7pm	Dec 19 Thurs 7pm	Dec 22 Sun 7pm
Dec 17 Tues 7pm	Dec 20 Fri 7pm	Dec 23 Mon 7pm

Join us for a light refreshment in the church hall following the Simbang Gabi Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some coffee, baked goods, and share laughter and camaraderie with fellow parishioners. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating this joyous occasion together.

We would like to acknowledge and thank **Mr. Ramon Regozo** for his invaluable assistance with the choir. He has been stepping up whenever we needed someone to fill in and has been instrumental in organizing the children's choir, which sings every 1st Sunday of the month. For the next two Sundays (December 15 and 22), he will be leading the 11 AM choir, while our choir leader, Mel Cruz is away.



Its nice to put a face to our choir. Here's a photo of our **9am choir members** who bring joy and inspiratoon to our services every week. Thank you very much.



Excerpt from the letter of His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto to all parishes.
Preparing for the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will open the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass taking place on **Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.** I extend a warm invitation for you to join in this special celebration, please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to the Eucharist from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Special Devotion Candles – Dec 10 to 17



Thanksgiving – Incononata Ambrosini
Requested by: Incononata Ambrosini
"For always guiding us in the right direction."



Thanksgiving – Fr. Godofredo Claudio
Requested by: Mila Benedicto
"Thank you for being a pillar of strength and faith in our community."

We are pleased to offer two Special Devotion Candles (Sanctuary Lamps near the Tabernacle) available to burn for your intentions for one week. The cost is \$20.00 per candle. To book a candle, please call or email the office. Monthly offerings will be posted on our web and Facebook page.

Special Devotion Candles intentions for Nov & Dec are filled. We are now accepting January 2025 intentions. Thank you for your continued support.



Dec 14, 2024. May this holy occasion bring your family countless blessings and joy. As **[Ruby Susan Caridad & Leo David Rodriguez]** begins this spiritual journey, may God's grace and love surround them always.

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