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The Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Served by the Redemptorists since 1881



Mission Statement

"We are a welcoming, diverse, inner-city community of believers, united in the Catholic Faith. Through spirit-filled worship, education and outreach, we are called to live out the gospel in our contemporary world."

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Thomas O'Rourke, C.Ss.R. - *Pastor*

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John Pavao, Nelson Franco, Paolo Almonte - *Maintenances/Caretakers*

Pastoral Assistance offered by the Redemptorist Community.



Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8:30 am
11:00 am
5:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 12:10 pm

Mass and Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help

Wednesday: 9:30 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm,
5:05 pm & 7:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm &
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Wednesday 11:00 am - 11:45 am

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Religious Articles Store

Open every Wednesday

10:00 am - 12:00pm & 12:30pm - 7:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

Holy Matrimony

Engaged couples from St. Patrick's are required to contact the parish office at least one year in advance.

Baptism

Parents wishing to have a child baptized must contact the parish office to register. Baptism are usually at Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

R.C.I.A.

Adults wishing to be baptized or received into the Catholic Church must contact the parish office. Sessions begin in the Fall.

Chants Proper to the Assembly

ORDO MISSAE CELEBRANDE

Order of the Celebration of Mass on

The First Sunday of Advent

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens*

Antiphon 1086

Sung after the Affirmation by the Assembly & again after the Signing with the Cross; Cantor will intone it the first time only

Entrance When the King Shall Come Again 404

Penitential Act**

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: For we have sinned against you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

All: And grant us your salvation.

Kyrie *Missa di Angelus* 301**

Sung in alternation between Schola Cantorum or Cantor & Assembly

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm 992

Gospel Acclamation 332

Psalm & Alleluia: Cantor or Schola sings initial refrain, after which Assembly repeats it & sings subsequent refrains

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Universal Prayer

Cantor: Lord, rain down mercy from above;

Assembly: **And let the skies pour forth Thy love.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Wait for the Lord 406

The chant is repeated for the duration of the offertory. To sing it in this manner is a form of contemplative prayer

Dominus Vobiscum 178

Sanctus *di Angelus* 308A

Sung in alternation between Schola or Cantor & Assembly

Memorial Acclamation +

Per Ipsum 181 + 183

Agnus Dei *di Angelus* 313A

Sung in alternation between Schola or Cantor & Assembly

Communion O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 395

Cantor sings initial refrain, after which the Assembly repeats it & sings subsequent refrains; sing from heart while in communion procession without the hymnal

*At 11 o'clock mass only

**Omitted at 11 o'clock mass

OPEN DOOR Wednesday Lunch!

Jingle Jangle...It's time for us to mix & mingle

Join us for an Open Door celebration on **Wednesday December 6**, after the noon Mass. This month's theme is Advent & Christmas festive Luncheon. Come to the Parish Hall for fellowship. There is no charge, donations are appreciated. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

Coffee Hour



Please join us for Coffee Hour on **Sunday December 10**, after the 11:00am Mass in the Parish Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshment. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Friday December 8th, 2023 - 7:00pm

Come join us Friday evening as we celebrate this feast day at a special **Solemn Mass beginning at 7:00pm**. Several Redemptorist Priests will be present at the Masses. As is their tradition, will renew their religious vows of poverty, chastity, obedience & perseverance.

There will be a 12:10pm Mass

Ashadeep Advent Giving Tree 2023

Again, as in past years during Advent, we focus our thoughts and giving on the children of Ashadeep Centre for the differently abled. This year once more, our only fund raising is the Advent Giving Tree, but Ashadeep is more in need of our support than ever. Their numbers have increased and there are now more than 1,300 children attending the school including the disabled children living in the orphanage.

Last year your generous donations raised \$19,594 towards a new, urgently needed school bus. However, that was not enough to cover the price of a bus, which is close to \$40,000. As in Canada, materials in India have increased in price. Therefore, this year the goal is to continue to raise enough money to cover the cost of the bus. St. Patrick's has provided two school buses in the past, both of which continue to serve Ashadeep well, but with the increase in numbers and new Government safety regulations another bus is desperately needed.

During Advent there is a photo display at the back of the church showing the children of Ashadeep and also photos on the parish website.

The tree is set up at the back of the church until December 20th. As usual, it will be decorated with small gifts, including rosaries made by some of the children and priests of Ashadeep. Instead of buying a gift for someone you can donate in their name and take an ornament to give as representative of the gift.

There will be envelopes in which you can place your donation (cheque, or cash), and these can be placed in the donation boxes along the back counters, or in the collection during Mass.

THANK YOU for your ongoing generosity in supporting Ashadeep for the last 14 years. The children and priests at Ashadeep are grateful for your support and keep the parishioners of St. Patrick's continually in their prayers.



Helping the whole community through Catholic agencies

Archbishop Leo invites you to join ShareLife's fight against hunger

NEW: Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until December 31, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000.

"It is heart-wrenching and unacceptable that anyone today lacks access to food which is a most basic human right," shares Archbishop Francis Leo. "Our parishioners are taking action in response to the Lord's call to feed the hungry. Since the earliest days of the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, the faithful have cared for those in need, on the margins of society and we continue this life-giving legacy.

Please support the fight against hunger at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for reaching out with the hands of Christ to feed the hungry.

**Archdiocesan Consultation Underway –
your assistance is requested!**

Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit: www.archtoronto.org/consultation to complete a brief survey by December 15, 2023, where you can offer your suggestions and insights.

The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.

**St. Patrick's Church
Christmas & New Year's Day
Mass Schedule for 2023/2024**



Sun Dec 24th
4th Sunday of Advent
5:00pm (Saturday Vigil)
8:30am, 11:00am

Sun Dec 24th
**Christmas Eve – The Nativity
of the Lord***
5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Mon Dec 25th
**Christmas Day – The Nativity
of the Lord***
8:30am, 11:00am
1:00pm (German)
No 5:00pm Mass

Tues Dec 26th
Feast of St. Stephen
9:00am

Sun Dec 31st
Feast of Holy Family
5:00pm (Saturday Vigil)
8:30am, 11:00am

Mon Jan 1st
**Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God***
Sun Dec 31- 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)
8:30am, 11:00am
No 5:00pm Mass

**The Solemnities of The Nativity of the Lord (Dec 25)
and Mary, Mother of God (Jan 1) are Holy Days of
Obligation.*

“Living with Christ” Sunday Missals

The missals begin with the readings for this Sunday and are available for purchase before and after the Sunday masses while supplies last. They are \$5.00 each. Please see the volunteers near the main doors of the church.



MASSES OF THE WEEK

MONDAY DEC 4, 2023

12:10pm Intentions of Fr. Roberto Di Nardo

TUESDAY DEC 5, 2023

12:10pm +Paulo Linhares

WEDNESDAY DEC 6, 2023

9:30am (Deceased) +Procopio & +Sofia Parazo, +Mary Hoa, +Joseph Vinh, +Danilo & +Norma De Guzman, +Antonio & +Maria Viera

12:00pm +Deceased members of St. Patrick's German Congregation

2:30pm Intentions of Fr. Edward McGovern

5:05pm (Sick) Elaine Jones

(Deceased) +Mary Hoang, +Joseph Bui, +Ivy Gordon & +Janet Albert, +Ben Van Der Ham

7:00pm Intentions of Myleen & Errol Osea

THURSDAY DEC 7, 2023

12:10pm +Rose Coffey

FRIDAY DEC 8, 2023 (Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm Intentions of the Tellis family

7:00pm Intentions of the Parishioners

SATURDAY DEC 9, 2023

5:00pm Intentions of the Parishioners

SUNDAY DEC 10, 2023

8:30am Intentions of Fr. Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R.

11:00am Intentions of Fr. Joseph Ruta, C.Ss.R.

5:00pm +Ann Thakur

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

During the Christmas Season

Friday December 22 – 9am-12noon

Monday December 25 – CLOSED

Tuesday December 26– CLOSED

Wednesday December 27 – 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm

Thursday December 28 – 9am -12pm & 1pm - 4pm

Friday December 29 – 9am – 12noon

Monday January 1 – CLOSED

Tuesday January 2 – 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm

ON VISION TV - DAILY MASS at 8:00am & 12:00noon

Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help,

Wednesdays at 8:30 am and 12:30 pm This Week:

Wednesday Dec 6, 2023

Marian Talk: Dr. Josephine Lombardi

“Mary’s Face”

Homilist: Fr. Mark Miller, C.Ss.R

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