



# St. John Chrysostom Parish

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## SUNDAY Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:30 AM  
10:00 AM  
12:00 PM

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## WEEKDAY Mass Schedule

Mon: 8:00 AM  
Tues: 7:00 PM  
Wed: 12:10 PM  
Thurs: 8:00 AM  
Fri: 8:00 AM  
Sat: 9:00 AM

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## Confessions

Saturday: 9:30 AM  
and by appointment

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## Marriage & Baptism

by appointment

# Second Sunday of Advent

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday December 9th**

**5:00 pm Vigil Mass**

Pro-Populo

**Sunday December 10th**

**8:30 am Mass**

**10:00 am Mass**

**12:00 pm Mass**

Pro-Populo

**Monday, December 11th**

**8:00 am Mass**

† Loretta Romero

**Tuesday, December 12th**

**7:00 pm Mass**

† Peter Ennamorato

**Wednesday, December 13th**

**12:10 pm Mass**

† Patricia Smith

**Thursday, December 14th**

**8:00 am Mass**

† Chesina Del Gobbo

**Friday, December 15th**

**8:00 am**

† Antonio & Martina Barcena

**Saturday, December 16th**

**9:00 am Mass**

† Jim Morrissey

† =Deceased

◆ = Special Intention

## Pray for Vocations

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director at 416-

968-0997 or Email:

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## We ask for your prayers

For the Sick:

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For the Deceased:  
Marietta Abrasosa



## Healing Mass Cancelled

There will be no healing mass in the month of December. We will resume our healing masses on the third Friday of each month beginning in January.



As we light another Advent candle, we remember the fire lit in us by bringing the word of God to the world. We stand again in awe of a God who became flesh, who entered human history as one of us. We make our own the message of John and the prophets: God is coming! Clear the way. Remove the obstacles. Make straight the path! Here is your God!

## CWL News

Our annual Christmas dinner will be held on **December 19**. Tickets (\$25.00) are available at the parish office or from Joan at 905-895-9295. Donations of socks and underwear for Inn from the Cold can be brought that night as well as \$5.00 and \$10.00 Tim Horton's gift cards. 2018 Membership fees (\$25.00) are now being received.



## St. Vincent de Paul News



We ask that the stars along with the gifts are returned this Sunday, December 10th.

And we remind everyone to bring your non-perishable food items to the church this weekend **December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**.

## Religious Christmas Cards

The Knights of Columbus are selling beautiful Religious Christmas Cards This weekend. There is a wide assortment to choose from. **Get yours while supplies last!**



## Christmas Cake Sale



Gourmet Christmas Cakes will be sold after all the masses this weekend. All proceeds will go to the Campaign for Life Coalition. Cake Loaves \$18. Round Cakes \$25. For more information please contact Jennifer McAvoy 905-898-4899.

## Joint Reconciliation Service

This Sunday, **December 10th at 7:00 pm**, the parish of St. John Chrysostom will celebrate the **Advent Reconciliation Service** at the Parish of St. Elizabeth Seton. During the season of Advent, we invite everyone to take advantage of this celebration in preparation of the Birth of Christ this Christmas.

## Day of Confession

The Archdiocese has again planned a day of confession to be chosen by each parish between December 10 and 16. Our parish will have its Day of Confessions on **Wednesday, December 13**. A priest will be available to hear confessions on this day from 9 am to 12 pm; from 2 pm to 4 pm and from 7 pm to 9 pm, If the above times are not convenient you can visit the Archdiocese of Toronto website for confession times at area churches.

## Sunday Missal

The Sunday missals are now available to the parishioners. We ask that these missals are **not taken from the Church**. If you would like to have your own copy, we ask that you contact the parish office to have your name added to the list so that we can order more copies. We were sold out last weekend after the Advent Book Sale.



## Congratulations!



We congratulate all the children who celebrated their first Reconciliation this week. We pray that they will come back often to encounter Christ in this sacrament of God's love and mercy.

## ○ Christmas Tree! ○ Christmas Tree!

Our trees for Christmas will be delivered this week and we are hosting an evening to get them placed in the church on Friday December 15th at 7:00 pm (in the Church) Families are welcome. We will have hot chocolate and some activities for the children after.



## Christmas Play

Are you interested in participating in the Christmas Play at the 4 pm mass on Christmas Eve? There will be a meeting for everyone who is interested on

**Sunday, December 10 at 1:30 pm  
in the Parish Hall**



### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Patroness of the Americas



All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity on **Tuesday, December 12th at 7pm for Mass followed by the Rosary in multiple languages.** Anyone wishing to lead a decade of the Rosary in their mother tongue is welcome. We

ask that you call the parish office to let us know which language you speak. We are looking for French, Chinese, Polish, Spanish, Filipino, Italian or any other languages. The RCIA candidates will be joining us for this celebration as part of their preparation and training.

### Offertory Envelopes

This weekend we are distributing the donation envelopes for 2018. At this time, we would like to give everyone an opportunity to consider donating by Pre-Authorized Giving or credit card. Please call the office for more information on these methods of making your donations. If you are already donating by either one of those methods and no longer want to use a full box of envelopes, please call the office so that we may give you a box of envelopes containing only the special collection envelopes.



### Marriage Preparation Course



Couples who are planning to marry and have already set a date with a priest are invited to register for our marriage preparation course. This course is **suited for the engaged only.**

Those who are in a civil marriage or have lived common law need to take a specialized marriage course upon consultation with the priest. St. John Chrysostom Parish will be offering this course in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday, February 20** from 7 pm - 10 pm, **Thursday, February 22** from 7 pm - 10 pm and **Saturday, February 24** from 9am - 3 pm. Please call the office to register or for more information.

### 2016 Parish Finance Report

I invite all parishioners to make a special effort to take and **review the 2016 Parish Finance Report** which will be distributed after mass as you leave the church. This is an important duty all pastors have in order to be accountable and transparent with the temporal goods of the parish.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Finance Council of the parish who has given much of their time and knowledge so that, together with me, the sacrificial giving of St. John's parishioners is treated with responsibility and respect. But most importantly, my gratitude goes to all those who, week after week, give generously and responsibly to our Sunday offertory making sure that we have the necessary funds to run the parish that provides the services our parish needs and values.

I also invite those members of our parish who perhaps have not taken part in our common responsibility to care for our parish in all aspects. We all have different gifts, and we all are called to give sacrificially according to our gifts. Join us and share in our efforts to make St. John's Parish a community that shares in responsibility.

**Fr. Efren Alvarez Pelayo**

*"it's not how big your share is;  
it's how much you can share"*

## Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

### Sunday December 24

8:30am, 10am

12pm mass –cancelled

### Christmas Eve

4, 6, 8 & 9:30 pm carols  
& 10 pm mass

### Monday December 25

#### Christmas Day

8:30, 10 & 12 pm mass

#### Tue-Wed-Thurs-Fri

Regular Mass Schedule

### Saturday, December 30

5pm

### Sunday, December 31

8:30am, 10am & 12pm

#### New Year's Eve

5pm

### Monday, January 1st

10am

#### Tue-Wed-Thurs-Fri

Regular Mass Schedule

### OFFICE HOURS

#### December 25 & 26

Office closed

#### December 27, 28, 29

9am-4pm

#### January 1 & 2

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#### January 3, 4, & 5

9am-4pm

#### January 7

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