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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am | 10:00 am

12:00 pm

1:30 pm Spanish

6:30 pm Chinese

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:00 am

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Wednesday 12 noon

Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

Saturday 9:00 am

Live-stream available

First Friday

Mass at 7:00 pm

No morning Mass on

First Friday

Reconciliation

Saturdays after 9am Mass
or by appointment

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Christmas Office Hours:

Friday, December 29th: 9:00am – 12Noon

Monday, January 1, 2024—Office Closed



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 30-JANUARY 6

Saturday, December 30

5:00 pm *Pro Populo*

Sunday, December 31

Holy Family Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

Pro Populo

1:30 pm Mass (Spanish)

†Esmeralda Alvarado Yanez

†Nestor Alvarado

†John Hara

6:30 pm Mass (Chinese)

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1

8:30 am English

10:00 am English

12:00 pm English

1:30 pm Spanish

6:30 pm Chinese

Pro Populo

Tuesday, January 2

7:00 pm Mass

†Agustin Constans Pages

†Rev. James Kelsey McConica

Wednesday, January 3

12:00 pm Mass

†Dorena Murphy

†Josie Nosan

† Thursday, January 4

8:00 am Mass

†Rev. Russell Ralph Sampson

◆ Lourdes Halifax & Family

Friday, January 5

8:00 am Mass

†Jose Fernandez

†Angelina Martino

Saturday, January 6

9:00 am Mass

†Souls in Purgatory

†Barbara Chenier

SANCTUARY LAMP

January 1-6

The Community of St. John Chrysostom Parish

LET US PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Jordana Robinson

AND THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Jahzira Grace Wakelin

*St. John Chrysostom,
pray for us*

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined...

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." —Isaiah 9:2.6

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The joy, love, and peace of Jesus Christ be with you and all your loved ones!

As the celebration of the birth of Christ, our Saviour, is upon us, we meditate on the words of the prophet Isaiah. In a time of darkness, the Lord shines forth with his own wonderful light. However, the light is not a prophet or a messenger, but God's own Son; He is the Message. May the Lord Jesus be ever present in our lives, our joys, our sorrows and struggles, for He comes for each and every one of us. He is truly Emmanuel!

May we prepare our hearts to welcome Him who is the long-awaited Messiah, and may He bring peace and joy to us all and our loved ones.

I am very grateful to our Lord and God for all our wonderful volunteers and the Christian witness they give as they serve Christ through our parishioners.

I wanted to take this moment to thank our deacons and their wives, our parish staff, all our Volunteers, Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Cantors, Organists, our First Communion and Confirmation Catechists, those who take care of our liturgical environment, Visiting Ministry, Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, Community Bread, Prayer Group, Legion of Mary, and everyone who in one way or another shares their time and talent with their fellow parishioners.

The Lord who is generous beyond all measure will surely reward you. On behalf of Fr. Carlos and myself, have a Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Pours in Christ,

Fr. Landorff Garcia

MASSES - NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY

MASS OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 31, 2023

8:30 am English

10:00 am English

12:00 pm English

1:30 pm Spanish

6:30 pm Chinese

MASSES - NEW YEAR'S DAY

MASS OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2024

8:30 am English

10:00 am English

12:00 pm English

1:30 pm Spanish

6:30 pm Chinese



2024 CONFIRMATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

Parents: If you chose **Wednesday Classes**: Your child's **next** lesson is on **Wednesday, January 17th at 5:00pm downstairs in the Parish Hall**

If you chose **Thursday Classes**: Your child's **next** lesson is this **Thursday, January 18th at 5:00pm downstairs in the Parish Hall**



2024 FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

Parents: If you chose **Wednesday Classes**: Your child's **next** lesson is

Wednesday, January 10th at 5:00pm

If you chose **Thursday Classes**: Your child's **next** lesson is

Thursday, January 11th at 5:00pm



Legion of Mary Visitation Program

St. John Chrysostom Parish is offering parishioners the opportunity to respond to the requests made by the Blessed Mother during her apparitions at Fatima. To join the Legion of Mary Visitation Program or for more information visit: LEGIONOFMARYSJC432@GMAIL.COM or call Gary Marston at (905) 967-4698



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Share one hour with our Lord. Adoration is one way you can make prayer and spending time with Jesus a greater priority in your life. Join us *every* **Friday** from **4pm-7pm** for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. The next **First Friday Mass** will be on **January 5th at 7pm**.

All are welcome.

(Morning Mass is cancelled)

VOCATIONS

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations Archdiocese of Toronto at: **416-968-0997** or email: vocations@archtoronto.org



Catholic Women's League



The January CWL food drive will take place next weekend. Donations of non-expired, non-perishable items can be dropped off in the bin at the entrance of the church. Members of the CWL will also be on hand at each of the masses to accept cash donations.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



The members of St. Vincent de Paul of St. John Chrysostom/St. Elizabeth Seton wish all their fellow parishioners a very happy, blessed Christmas season with family and friends and a new year filled with peace and thanksgiving.

2024 Sunday Missal Now Available at the Parish Office. \$7 cash.

2024 Friars Student Writing Contest



Submission Deadline: January 15

High school students (ages 13-19) in the Catholic School Boards are invited to participate in this annual event commemorating the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25). Write a 500 word essay that explores the 2024 **Theme**: "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27).

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>

Resources: <https://rb.gy/wajo9>

Submit entries to:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>

Contact: ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call **416-934-3400 ext 527**

for more information.

Fantastic prizes for the top 3 submissions.

ShareLife

*Our hearts overflow with gratitude for the kindness and generosity you have shared throughout the year. Your support for ShareLife and dedication to help those in need have truly been the guiding light behind our work and has already made a profound impact on the lives of families in crisis, individuals with special needs, refugees, children and youth, the elderly, and survivors of domestic violence. We are very grateful. While significant strides have been made, the needs in our community persist and grow – especially among the most vulnerable who still need our help. Because of this, we humbly ask you to consider **one more act of kindness this year**. Your final gift in 2023 can be a beacon, illuminating the path to a brighter future for many in the coming year. Remember, until December 31, **your gift to ShareLife will be matched** by an anonymous donor up to \$500,000. This means that the impact of your generosity can be doubled! Your final gift in 2023 can be a beacon, illuminating the path to a brighter future for many in the coming year.*

Match My Year End Gift

OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection received on Dec 23-24, 2023

\$12,702.

2023 Offertory Envelope user # **468**, please contact the Parish Office

Thank You

MASS OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



MASS OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 31, 2023

8:30 am English

10:00 am English

12:00 pm English

1:30 pm Spanish

6:30 pm Chinese



MASS NEW
YEARS

January 1, 2024

8:30 am English
10:00 am English
12:00 pm English
1:30 pm Spanish
6:30 pm Chinese

MASS OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



Praised be Jesus Christ.

25, December 2023

My dear brothers and sisters,

I wish to bring warm Christmas greetings to all of you and your families as faithful Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. This is always a very special time of the year, a beautiful season for us to celebrate, reflect and joyfully retell the Greatest Story ever told –the Birth of Our Saviour Jesus in Bethlehem.

I hold a special place in my heart this Christmas for the people of the archdiocese as it is my first with you as your shepherd. It has been a joy getting to know so many of you since my arrival in March and know that all of you, whether we have met or have not yet had the pleasure of doing so, remain close in prayer this Christmas.

Each time we hear the story of the birth of Jesus Christ, it provides for us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on His coming into the world. The long and no doubt difficult journey made by Mother Mary and her spouse, the good St. Joseph from Nazareth; looking desperately for a suitable dwelling and settling on a simple manger. The angels who proclaimed his birth. We reflect on the shepherds and wise men who followed the star and came to worship Our Lord in his innocence and vulnerability as they found him in his Mother's arms.

I would like to invite you to consider two simple ideas this Christmas as you and your loved ones enjoy this special time of year.

First, God sent us his only begotten son Jesus to be the **Light of the world**. As Christians, we carry the light of Jesus in our hearts. It is a flame that burns eternal. We need to let this light grow inside all of us, especially when we face the many challenges and darkness of the world. Just as Mother Mary did in giving her "yes", so too must we surrender daily, passionately and wholeheartedly to the holy will of the Lord and allow His Son to enter more deeply, and dwell with his grace in our lives. This way he will enlighten our days and transform our lives.

A second point. Yes, we possess the divine light within each one of our hearts, the light of faith and devotion, of charity and grace; but as we know ever so well, unless we allow it **to shine unto others**, darkness will prevail. Our challenge, at Christmas and throughout the new year, is to radiate this light and share it with others. Like all spiritual gifts, the more we use them and share them with others, the more they grow within us. As we share our faith and love, our care, forgiveness and hope with our sisters and brothers, the more we shall receive.



How **exactly** might we share this light with those who are struggling – at home, in our families and our communities, with our loved ones and the stranger among us? How can this light illuminate lives in our country, bringing hope, meaning, kindness and care to others in messy and complicated situations: The secret is that it is **not our own light but that of Christ** and his light is creative and unlimited, generous and transformative.

When we **share our faith** in Christ with someone who does not know him or knows him poorly, we provide an opportunity for Christ's light to shine in that person. When we **reach out to the needy**, the abandoned, the ill and the vulnerable in the name of Christ, it provides an occasion for Christ himself to shine in their lives. When we **refuse** all violence, vindictiveness, unforgiveness and greed, this allows for his light to enter, enhance and brighten the human spirit. And when we **encounter Christ** in fervent prayer and sacraments, his light in us grows and dispels the dark recesses of our soul.

And so, just as Our Lady and St. Joseph did, let us make that faithful journey to Bethlehem. O Come Let Us Adore Him. Christ the Lord. They came from far and wide to honour and worship him. We proclaim Happy Birthday to Jesus. We thank him for giving us the precious gift of – his saving light in our daily life.

Dear Good people of Toronto – let the brilliance of that light shine brightly in and around you and may the abundance of God's overflowing love be lavished upon you and your loved ones throughout this Christmas Season and the New Year.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis Leo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Rev. Francis Leo
Archbishop of Toronto



*ST. JOHN
CHRYSOSTOM PARISH
CHRISTMAS
MASS SCHEDULE*

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023

4:30 pm English
6:30 pm Chinese
8:00 pm Spanish
10:00 pm English

Christmas Day

December 25, 2023

8:30 am English
10:00 am English
12:00 pm English
1:30 pm Spanish
6:30 pm Chinese

New Year's Eve

December 31, 2023

8:30 am English
10:00 am English
12:00 pm English
1:30 pm Spanish
6:30 pm Chinese

New Year's Day

January 1, 2024

8:30 am English
10:00 am English
12:00 pm English
1:30 pm Spanish
6:30 pm Chinese


OFFICE HOURS

Friday, December 22
9:00am – 12Noon

December 25, 26 — **Office Closed**

Friday, December 29th
9:00am – 12Noon

January 1, 2024 — **Office Closed**



The Legion of Mary Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program



O Mary, Queen of Peace, Restore Harmony in Our Families and the world, through thy powerful intercession with Jesus, the Prince of Peace

Parish) on a scheduled visit. We will do our best to accommodate your requested schedule. The statue will stay in your home for one week (Saturday to Saturday). Two days prior to the statue's arrival, a Legion member will contact you regarding the arrival time of the statue and to confirm your address. You are asked to set up a little home shrine where the Pilgrim Virgin Statue will be placed. A table covering, candles (or vigil lights), flowers, and other desired sacramentals should be in place. Upon the arrival of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue, all those present will gather at the shrine where the statue is placed and recite the Welcoming Prayers of the Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program. You are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to welcome Mary upon her arrival and have them join you in prayer each day the statue is in your home. During this time, you are encouraged to recite the Rosary each day and offer prayer intentions, petitions, and gratitude to Mary. Two days prior to the statue's departure (the next Saturday), a Legion member will call to discuss the time that the statue will be picked up. Upon the statue's departure, Legion members will join you in reciting the Farewell Prayers of the Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program. If you have any questions regarding the Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program or to sign up to have the statue brought to your home, please contact the Legion of Mary at:

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