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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 7:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am

Live-stream available

First Friday

Mass at 7:00 pm

Mass to follow

Adoration

Reconciliation

Saturdays after 9am Mass
or by appointment

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Office closed Monday through Friday 12 pm - 1 pm

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*"...and the Word became flesh
and dwelt among us..." —John 1:14*



Fourth Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 20-27

Saturday, December 20

5:00 pm *Pro Populo*

Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Mass *Pro Populo*

10:00 am Mass *Pro Populo*

12:00 pm Mass *Spanish*

1:30 pm Mass *Spanish*

† Victor Garcia

6:30 pm Mass *Chinese*

Monday, December 22

8:00 AM MASS

† Rev. John Charles Govan

† Trudi Cortens

Tuesday, December 23

7:00 PM MASS

† Maria Vieira

† Jean-Marie Vetter

Wednesday, December 24

4:30 PM MASS

6:30 PM MASS CHINESE

8:00 PM MASS SPANISH

10:30 PM MASS

CHRISTMAS CAROLS 4:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Thursday, December 25

8:30 AM MASS

10:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM MASS

1:30 PM MASS SPANISH

6:30 PM MASS CHINESE

Friday, December 26

7:00 PM MASS

† Epifania Fernandez

† John & Maisie Lehman

Saturday, December 27

9:00 AM MASS

† Souls in Purgatory

† Rev. Frank Kelly

SANCTUARY LAMP

December 22-25

In many places of worship a lamp signifies our constant prayer. The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Repose of the Souls of

Deceased members of the

† De Franco Family

Deceased Members of the

† De Ruyte Family

† Moises Quieta

† Francesco Sorrento

The Sanctuary Lamp also

burns for the Health of

♦ Berenice Ho

♦ Adelaide Wong

Let us pray for all who are ill and all who are recently deceased



Please pray for the victims of Hurricane Melissa Typhoon Kalmaegi. May the Lord comfort the bereaved and strengthen the displaced.

“... *And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only begotten Son, full of grace and truth.*” John 1: 14

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The joy, love, and peace of Jesus Christ be with you and all your loved ones! The birth of our saviour Jesus Christ is at hand! The witness of the apostle John fills us with joy, peace and certainty. He has seen, heard and touched the Messiah. His words witness to an event without parallel: God is truly among us! These are words that strengthen our faith, fill us with hope, and flames into action our charity. May Jesus, the Lord, bring peace and joy to our homes.

At this we reflect on the many blessings we have received through the year. Last March, two busses full of our parishioners made a pilgrimage to the Jubilee church of St. Padre Pio. Where we walked, prayed for graces and celebrated Mass. Last Easter, we welcomed 16 new members into the church at the Easter Vigil, celebrated 123 Confirmations in May, 122 First Communions, in June, and 82 baptisms throughout the year! Then, in September, we had our Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome, where some of our parishioners had the blessing of visiting the major basilicas and walked through the Holy Doors. Blessed be God!

We also end the year with the solemn closing of the Ordinary Jubilee Year, which Pope Francis opened on December 24, 2024, and that our new Pope, Leo XIV, will close on January 6, 2026.

On a personal note, as I mentioned on the weekend of November 29/30, I will leave St. John's on January 4, 2026, for a Sabbatical year in Israel for a time of study and prayer. I am very grateful to have come to know you and to witness how you give of yourselves generously to others. I will miss you, and I will carry you in my heart! Please, give a warm welcome to your new Pastor, Fr. João Ferreira.

Also, I am very grateful to God for all our wonderful volunteers. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our Deacons and their wives, our Parish Staff, all our volunteers, Finance Council, Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Cantors, Organists, Adult and Youth Choir, Music Directors, our RCIA, First Communion, Confirmation Catechists, our English and Spanish Children's Liturgy Catechists, those who take care of our Liturgical environment, Parish Librarian, Visiting Ministry, Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, Community Bread, Prayer Group, Legion of Mary, and everyone who in one way or another shares their gifts, time and talents with their fellow parishioners. The Lord who is generous beyond all measure will surely reward you.

On behalf of Fr. Carlos and myself, I wish you a Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Lendorff Garcia

FRIDAY MASS SCHEDULE UPDATE

Please note that beginning Friday, December 26, 2025, our Friday Mass will move to a new time. We invite you to join us every Friday at 7:00 PM for the celebration of the Mass. There will no longer be a morning Mass on Fridays moving forward. Thank you for your understanding and continued participation.



FIRST COMMUNION 2026

CLASSES CONTINUE!

WHEN: Wednesday, January 7th @ 6pm if you chose Wednesdays for your child or Thursday, January 8th @ 6pm if you chose Thursdays

WHERE: Parish Hall; Main Street entrance
Questions? 905-898-4137 or email us



CONFIRMATIONS 2026

CLASSES CONTINUE!

WHEN: Wednesday, January 14th @ 6pm if you chose Wednesdays for your child or Thursday, January 15th @ 6pm if you chose Thursdays

WHERE: Parish Hall; Main Street entrance
Questions? 905-898-4137 or email us



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24, 2025

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

Christmas Carols 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25, 2025

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, 2025

5:00 pm English

NEW YEAR'S DAY JANUARY 1, 2026

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



OFFICE HOURS

December 24th—9:00am – 12Noon
December 25 & 26— **Office Closed**
December 31st 9:00am – 12Noon
January 1, 2026 — **Office Closed**

BON VOYAGE & THANK YOU

Following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 28th, all parishioners are warmly invited to join us for coffee and treats as we gather to express our gratitude and appreciation for Fr. Landorff's dedication and tireless service to the community, and to send him forth with our prayers and blessings as he begins the next chapter of his priestly ministry.



MAKE YOUR GIFT TO SHARELIFE TODAY AND DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

ShareLife New: Until year-end, every donation to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor, up to \$500,000. Your gift will go twice as far to help those in need. Across Ontario, many families face hunger and uncertainty. Toronto food banks received over **four million visits** this year—**500,000 more** than last year. Together, we can make a real difference. Thus far, we have raised \$84,885.20 toward our parish goal of \$92,000. Please give generously using a ShareLife envelope at the parish, through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Neocatecumenal Way CHRISTMAS CHOIR



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TUESDAY DECEMBER 23RD

Brief singing of Christmas carols at 8PM
(following the 7PM Mass)

"Nothing lifts the soul, gives it wings, and frees it from the weight of the world like beautiful, harmonious music and a divine song."

— St. John Chrysostom

ACCEPTING DONATIONS

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. Our next First Friday Mass will be celebrated on:

January 2nd at 7:00 pm

VOCATIONS



"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at: **416-968-0997** or vocations@archtoronto.org



SUNDAY MISSALS NOW AVAILABLE

The 2025-2026 Sunday Missal is now available at the Parish Office. Pick up your copy. Cost \$7 Cash.

OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection received on
Dec 13-14
\$10,550

Please contact the Parish Office if you are using envelope #'s 35 or 429

Thank you



**Message for Christmas
25 December 2025
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

My dear brothers and sisters,

Praised be Jesus Christ and Merry Christmas to you and to your loved ones.

Each year the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ invites us to delve deeper into the true meaning of the Incarnation, to ponder anew the mystery of God's love, and to renew or even seek new ways to serve our brothers and sisters because of Jesus and his teaching and example. The wonders of the Incarnation—God becoming man in Jesus—were first announced by the Archangel Gabriel nine months earlier at the Annunciation and are now fulfilled in the birth of the Messiah and as St. John the Evangelist describes so eloquently, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1:14). Heaven and earth are joined forever giving rise to the foundation of our **hope** because God, who loves us, is now united to humanity forever.

This year, as the Church celebrates a Holy Year, the Jubilee—a year of grace, forgiveness, and renewal—the light of Bethlehem shines with renewed meaning. The birth of Jesus can be seen as the first and perpetual Jubilee. It is God's great proclamation of mercy: where true freedom is realized, forgiveness abounds, and our relationship with God is restored forever. For this reason, Christmas is not only a feast we celebrate but a mystery we are called to enter into and experience. We live in hope because the Bethlehem event—Christ being born among us—not simply a scene of tenderness but the pledge of redemption: God's faithfulness has a name—Jesus. From the manger to the altar, from Bethlehem to our families, parishes and different communities, God's nearness is not a mere memory of a long-ago event, far, far away but a living presence here among us, now. And his presence always sends us forth as disciples and missionaries to proclaim, "God saves", which is the very meaning of the name of Jesus.

As Pilgrims of Hope, we live in this world witnessing to the love and mercy of God, looking forward to the day when we will be with God forever in his eternal Kingdom. As Christians we do not offer the world a new ideology, theory, or philosophy. Rather, we reveal a new reality: that God is with us, and his mercy for us endures forever. With the Incarnation the way we relate to God has changed, we are no longer merely creatures, but his beloved children called to share in his divine life.



The name “Bethlehem” (beit lehem) literally “house of bread” offers us a rich theological and spiritual connection of God’s life, our life and the holy Eucharist. Indeed, from the beginning, the same love which is the Godhead, now lays in the manger in the flesh and would one day be placed upon the altar at Mass. Truly, the mystery of Christmas finds its continuation in the Eucharist insofar as we understand the Eucharist to be the promise of our future glory (cf. CCC 1402-1405). By this mystery we recall both Christ’s first coming in Bethlehem in flesh and anticipate his final return in glory—the “already and not yet” of Christian hope (cf. CCC 1818). As such, each time we celebrate the holy Eucharist, the horizon of hope opens before us. What began in Bethlehem continues on the altar and will be fulfilled in the heavenly banquet in eternity. The Eucharist keeps our eyes fixed not only on where God has come, but where he is leading us.

At every Mass, the same Divine Word that was made flesh in Our Lady’s heart and womb way back many years ago, becomes present to us again—but now sacramentally. The same Jesus whom Mother Mary held in her arms is now entrusted to us under the humble signs of bread and wine. The same divine humanity that chose the manger to show himself to the world, chooses now and until his return the altar of sacrifice at Mass. The same mercy that came to shepherds and strangers comes to each and every one of us. In the Eucharist, the Incarnation is not just remembered but renewed, made present, and given to all. The God who once drew near to us, walked among us, and taught us, is now given to us to dwell within us in holy communion. The Eucharist is the living sign that God’s nearness endures. When we gather around the altar in our parishes and communities for Mass, we are drawn into the same mystery that gathered shepherds around the crib in Bethlehem. We, too, come in our poverty—carrying our fears, our failures, our hunger for meaning, our hopes, dreams and deepest desires—and we find that Christ is waiting for us, because he loves us personally and by name. For St. Francis of Assisi, the stable becomes the sanctuary, the feeding trough becomes the table of life, and the Eucharist is foreshadowed at the Nativity. (Thomas of Celano, Book 1 Life of St. Francis, 85:469; St Cyril of Alexandria, Sermon I, Commentary on the Gospel of Luke 2:1-7).

This Christmas, let us make room again for the Child Jesus who comes with peace. Let our **families** be havens of love and understanding; our **parishes** be places of welcome and care; our **communities** become schools of compassion and outreach; and our hearts tabernacles of transforming mercy. The Word still becomes flesh—in every act of faith, every gesture of love, every Sunday Eucharist—and then sends us forth to serve God by serving one another. May this holy season renew in us the **joy** of belonging and being loved and the courage to share that love with those the Lord puts on our path. God bless you and your family abundantly and powerfully this Christmas season.

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