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## Mass Schedule

Weekdays (Monday to Saturday): 9:00 am  
Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am\*, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm  
\*Children's Liturgy of the Word (ages 4-10 yrs.)  
Rosary is prayed Monday to Saturday at 8:25 am

## Adoration

Mondays 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## Reconciliation

Monday: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Saturday: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
By appointment - call the parish office

December 8, 2024

Fr. Chris Cauchi, *Pastor*  
Angelica Chacon, *Family Life Minister*  
Gordon D. Mansell, M. Mus, *Music Director*

Call the office for info on:

**Sacrament of Baptism** - Families must be registered, regularly attending Mass, supporting the good works of the church and involved in parish life. Parents are invited to attend a baptism preparation session every third week of the month.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** - This program is for adults interested in joining the Catholic Church.

**Sacrament of Marriage** - Parishioners must be registered and regularly attending Mass. Please contact us one year prior to your requested wedding date.

**Pastoral References** - You must be a registered parishioner, attending Sunday Mass regularly, participating in the sacramental and pastoral life of the Church community, be serving in a parish ministry (e.g. lector, catechist) on an on going basis, and be in good canonical standing within the Church.

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## Second Sunday of Advent



Advent is a season of preparation, inviting us to clear the way for the Lord and embrace His gift of peace. Preparing for the Lord requires active effort—clearing our hearts of pride, fear, and distractions that disrupt our relationship with God and others. Through repentance and renewal, we create space for Jesus, reflecting His presence in our words and actions.

This Advent, may we find hope in God's promises, joy in community, and the peace that comes from welcoming Christ into our hearts. Let us walk this journey together, trusting in God's faithfulness to guide us through every valley and mountain to His eternal light.

Reflection Questions:

- *What obstacles do I need to remove to prepare for Jesus?*
- *How can I change my life to better reveal Christ to others?*
- *What steps can I take to support my faith community?*



## Journey through Advent — Week 2

The weekly video series continues with another reflection for Advent led by Archbishop Francis Leo. Find it at [cccb.ca](http://cccb.ca).

**Religious Education Advent Mass  
Monday Dec. 9, 7:00 pm**



For all students in the Religious Education program and their families. Mass will be celebrated in the church and open to all. Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions will commence afterwards.

**Mass with Contemporary Music  
(Praise & Worship)  
Saturday, Dec. 14, at 5:15 pm**



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**FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY**



**Mom's Group: Pray & Play  
Tuesday, Dec. 17**

**10:00 am to 12:00 noon, parish hall**

We invite all moms & their children under 4 years to join us for our final get-together this year. For details, email Angelica at [familylife@sorrows.ca](mailto:familylife@sorrows.ca).



**December Movie: *The Star*** - You are invited to join us on Sunday, December 22, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, to watch the movie, *The Star*.

This beloved movie tells the story of the first Christmas from the perspective of the animals, celebrating friendship, loyalty, and teamwork. (Rated PG/Parental Guidance advised). Free admission and free popcorn! We look forward to seeing you!

**Stay connected.** Check out our parish event calendar online: [bit.ly/4gh3iJS](https://bit.ly/4gh3iJS)

**Advent Day of Confessions  
Saturday, December 21, 2024**

Two priests will be available each hour, from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. *\*Languages spoken in addition to English*



**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve – Nativity of Our Lord**

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 11:00 pm

Carols & music begin approximately 40 minutes prior to the vigil Masses.

**Christmas Day - Nativity of Our Lord \***

Wednesday, December 25

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm

*\*Indicates a holy day of obligation.*

*Additional seating available in the parish hall for all Christmas Eve and Day Masses.*

**Birthday Wishes for the Infant Jesus**



We invite families to make time during the busy Christmas season to come together and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas...the *birth of our Lord Jesus*. Children are invited to make birthday cards for Jesus. Tell him what you are doing to show your thanks for his great love. A basket will be placed by the manger that will be set up in the church to receive your birthday cards starting the third Sunday of Advent.

**Opportunities to Serve**

Let's extend a warm welcome to our visitors. Consider serving as a **Minister of Hospitality for Christmas Eve and Day!** Contact Luisa at [luisa@sorrows.ca](mailto:luisa@sorrows.ca) or call 647-933-6209 to indicate which Christmas Mass you'll attend and thank you!

9:30 am to 11:00 am — Church	Fr. Martin Pereira	Fr. Antoine Badr <i>*French, Italian, Arabic</i>
11:00 am to 1:00 pm — Parish Hall	Fr. Edward Ezczynski <i>*Polish</i>	Fr. Nino Cavoto
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm — Parish Hall	Fr. John Vetere	Fr. David Reilander
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm — Church	Msgr. Joseph Shiels	Fr. Jan Kolodynski <i>*French, Italian, Polish</i>

The Second Collection this weekend is for the **Roof & Maintenance Fund**. Visit <https://bit.ly/3ZgXysE> to read the 2024 Annual Building Report.

## COMMUNITY BUILDING MINISTRY

**Christmas Campaign for Ernestine's Women's Shelter** - In an effort to reach out to those in need this Christmas, we invite you to help us gather donations for families at Ernestine's Women's Shelter. Our focus for this campaign will be items for teens who are in need of new hats, socks, mitts, gloves; health & personal hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, liquid hand soap and tissue. A donation box will be placed at the Bloor St. entrance of the church starting this weekend, Dec. 7/8. This campaign will run until December 29. Thank you for your support. Contact [olscommunitybuilding@gmail.com](mailto:olscommunitybuilding@gmail.com) for more information.

**Double the Impact of Your YES!** 

Your ShareLife contribution will be matched dollar-for-dollar for up to \$500,000 from now until Dec. 31! We have raised 80% of our goal.



### Prayers and Wishes for Cardinal Francis Leo

We offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our Archbishop of Toronto, the Most Rev. Francis Leo. Please pray for our new Cardinal as he begins this important role. Regional Masses to celebrate the beginning of the Jubilee Year will take place early in 2025. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

### Cardinal Leo's Invitation

You are invited to 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: [bit.ly/3Zzs1U6](https://bit.ly/3Zzs1U6)

## Prayer Corner



Second Advent Candle – Peace

*“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.” —Pope Francis*

Today we light the second candle on the Advent wreath. This candle symbolizes peace. The candle reminds us of the journey that Joseph and Mary took to Bethlehem. It is often referred to as the Bethlehem candle. Its origin was prophesied by the prophet Micah who said that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. It was also predicted that his birth would bring peace on Earth.

We continue to pray and find that quiet place within ourselves, to rise above the holiday noise and distractions. By taking 10 minutes a day to pray and read the Bible we are readying ourselves for the gift of Advent.

*This Christmas Lord, come to the manger of my heart. Fill me with your presence from the very start. As I prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given, remind me of the gift You gave when you sent Your Son from Heaven. Amen.*

**Scripture Reading** — Luke 2:6-7

**Additional resources:** The Hallow App has many Advent prayers, meditations and activities to finetune your readiness to receive the light of the world. YouVersion Bible App also is a rich resource for inspiration.

The **Jubilee logo** depicts four figures representing all humanity, coming from the earth's four corners, embraced in solidarity and fraternity. The cross symbolizes faith and hope, especially in needful moments. Visit [bit.ly/4eYoKSU](https://bit.ly/4eYoKSU).

## Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK


**December 9 to 15**

- Mon.** Int. of Ahmie McCarthy by Olivia Torres
- Tue.** †Margaret Tipping by Anne & Bob Shiley
- Wed.** Int. of Vittoria Greco by Olivia Torres
- Thu.** †Earl Anselm by Cora Dusk
- Fri.** †Doug Cramp by Maxine Cramp
- Sat.** †Drago Krasic by Steve Krasic & family
- Sat. 5:15pm** †Mairead O'Hanlon by James & family
- Sun. 8:00am** †Earl Anselm by Mercy Anselm & family
- 9:30am** Parish Intentions
- 11:00am** †Ed & Ted Smyslo by Helen Brukner
- 12:30pm** †Yong Tjan by Lisa Tjan & family



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