All Saints' Parish

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PARISH CLERGY: Rev. Fr. Andrzej Glaba – Pastor Rev. Paul Bégin – In Residence

Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Holidays, Saturday & Sunday:** Office is closed

PARISH STAFF:

Secretary: Carmenza Loaiza Ext. 0
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Youth Minister: Anna Betro Ext. 7

Sunday Masses: Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. (Italian)

9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Daily Masses:

Monday - Saturday: 8:15 a.m. Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. **First Friday of the Month:** 5:00 p.m.

Last Friday of the Month: Canceled until further notice.

SACRAMENTS:

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the Office.

Baptism Infants: Please call the Office 3 months in advance for an appointment, instructions and Preparation Class.

Baptisms (Children age 4 - 7 only) - **First Communion - Confirmation - Youth Ministry:** Please contact Anna Betro at 416-244-3066 Ext. 7 or 1415allsaintsyouthministry@gmail.com

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions):

Monday to Friday from 7:30 am to 8:00 am, Saturday from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm or by appointment. Please contact the office or check the bulletin.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Please call the office for an interview with the Priest one year before planning your wedding date and to register for the course once a year in February.

Funerals: Please contact the office. The Funeral Liturgy is on our website under Our Ministries-Liturgical-Funeral Liturgy.

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday of the month 3:00-5:00 p.m. (Please Check the bulletin)

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Rosary Apostolate: Sunday 7:30a.m (Italian) 9:00a.m (English) Joe Gussoni - jmgussoni@rogers.com

Bible Study Group: Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Lucy Furbacher - lucyfurb@hotmail.com Teresa Meffe - teresa.meffe@gmail.com

Queen of All Saints' Prayer Group: Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Dolores Miccio - dolo.miccio@gmail.com

Italian Prayer Group: Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Vanna Pintus - 416-236-0094 Teresa Meffe 416-985-7003



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MINISTRIES:

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Anna Mangione - acmangione@rogers.com Sam Tavano - sam.tavano57@gmail.com

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Nick & Mariangela Mossa - nick.mossa@bellnet.ca **Music Ministry:** Brian Bonnici - 416-522-5205

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Parish Council:

Verginia Aiello - verginia.aiello6024@gmail.com

St. Vincent De Paul: If you live within our catchment, please leave your name, address and phone number at 416-244-3066 Ext. 6.

Ushers: Teresa Meffe - teresa.meffe@gmail.com

Youth Ministry: Anna Betro - mbetro@archtoronto.org

Virtual Recommendations:

Franca Gallucci & Domenic Di Giacomo, Virtual All Saints' Guest Speaker Recommendations. Outreach Ministry. allsts.guestspeaker@gmail.com

Please subscribe to receive the bulletin directly from our website, by clicking and following the instructions to sign-up: https://allsaintset.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/sign-up/

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please register with the parish before seeking any sacraments or any other services. Registration forms are available in the church foyer or in the parish office.



First Sunday of Advent December 3rd, 2023

Be watchful! Be alert! (Mark 13:33)

Today we begin our Advent journey and prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas. So you'd expect today's Gospel to refer to his birth. But Jesus isn't talking about Christmas when he says, "Be watchful! Be alert!" (Mark 13:33). He's urging his disciples to be vigilant as they wait for his return. We might wonder, Why are we hearing about the Second Coming? Isn't Advent about Jesus' first coming? Well, yes. But as St. Bernard of Clairvaux once said, we can ponder three "comings" of the Lord during Advent.

First, there's Jesus' coming as a baby in Bethlehem. So we can enter into the Jewish people's longing for the Messiah. Next, there's his Second Coming in glory at the end of time. We can be watchful as we ready our hearts for Jesus' return. Finally, we can experience a third coming of Jesus—his coming into our hearts right now. In fact, it is this coming of Christ that undergirds all that we do during this holy season.

Jesus comes to us every day. He isn't passive; he doesn't wait for us to climb some mountain to find him. He is the initiator. He actively pursues us and seeks us out. That's why he became a man; that's why he promised to be with us always (Matthew 28:20). And that's why he seeks to come into our lives this Advent.

Jesus comes to remind us to pause in our busy lives. He comes to inspire us to pray or read his word. He reminds us that he is with us, even when we feel alone. He stirs our conscience so that we want to turn away from sin and toward his mercy. He comes to us in a friend or stranger in need of kindness. Jesus is constantly seeking ways to come to us. And the more alert we are to his coming now, the more ready we will be when he comes again.

So be alert! The Lord who loves you is walking beside you. Will you notice him?

"Jesus, help me to be aware of the ways that you come to me this Advent."

(Excerpt from The WORD Among Us)



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANETTONI & TORRONI

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Panettoni and Torroni in the parish hall

after all Masses on the weekends of **December 2/3**, **December 9/10 and December 16/17**. Please come and support this annual sale!



RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Knights of Columbus are selling *Right to Life* Christmas cards, please come to the parish office to purchase yours. The cost is \$10 for a package of 10 cards.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 4th to December 9th

Mon., December 4h, St. Barbara, St. John Damascene

Emilia Scalera Ernesto Fuda Pierina Arturi

Rennie Ter Bogt

Tue., December 5th, St. Sabbas, St. Gerald

Siena Margani Grazia Maida Rosanna Mossa

Wed., December 6th, St. Nicholas

Virgilio Family Gianluca Primucci Maria Tucci

Thur., December 7th, St. Ambrose

Saverio Betro

Peter & Katherine Polewka Christine Calderone

Fri., December 8th, Immaculate Conception

Halina & Aleksander Skorski Erminia Carinci & Elena Marti Santiago Gutierrez & Ema De Gutierrez

Sat., December 9th, St. Juan Diego

Donato Campitelli Adolfo & Elisa Mazzanti In Thanksgiving: Carmenza Loaiza & Family Mario Rivera



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On <u>Friday</u>, <u>December 8th</u>, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 am and at 7:00 pm. Join us after the evening Mass for the

lighting of the outdoor Nativity and the singing of carols. A time of fellowship enjoying chestnuts and panettone will follow in the parish hall.



ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Our priests will be available for confessions on **Tuesday**, **December 19**th from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm. All are welcome to

come and celebrate the gift of God's forgiveness.

<u>Daily Confessions:</u> Monday to Saturday from 7:30 am to 8:00 am, Saturday from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm or by appointment. Please contact the office for more information. <u>Advent and Christmas Mass schedule:</u> https://allsaintset.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/advent-christmas-schedule-2022/



MUSIC MINISTRY:

Call for Choir Members

We are seeking volunteers to join our choir (especially male voices). You don't need to be able to read music,

just be willing to participate in the joy of singing and giving praise to our Lord through the gift of music. It was St Augustine who said, "the one who sings prays twice."

We practice every Thursday evening at 7:30 for an hour to prepare the hymns for the following Sundays at 11:30 Mass. If you feel like you cannot commit for the whole year, please consider joining us to sing just for Christmas. We are looking forward to seeing you! Please contact Brian at 416-522-5205 for more details or just come to a rehearsal.

2024 Offering Envelopes

The new donation envelopes for 2024 are now available in the Parish Hall, please pass by on December 9 & 10 to pick them up; please have your envelope number ready

to locate them easily. Note: Parishioners who currently do not have donation envelopes and wish to obtain a box may register in the parish hall next weekend. Also, the calendars for 2024, have just arrived! Please pick one up from the church entrance, parish office or hall.



December Program

Advent: A Hopeful Expectation Thursday 9 pm and repeated Saturday 2 pm

on radiomaria.ca click "ON AIR" then "Radio Maria Canada - Toronto"

Join parishioners Mariangela and Nick as they share the meaning and significance of the Advent candles: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus on Christmas day. They will also talk about the role of Mother Mary in this season. They end with a year-end review recap of all 12 shows this past year.



Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of December 9-10. we will welcome Our

special guest Paul from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the Masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every Mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers." Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. You can visit and support us at www.HolylandChristians.ca







Little Saints - for students in Grades 2 - 4

Date: Friday December 15 @ 6:45 - 8 PM - Hall Title: What is Christmas all about?

EDGE – Raising Saints - for students in Grades 5 – 8

Date: Friday January 12 Title: For the Love of God



All youth in Grades 2 - 12 are invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant at the Dec. 24th Mass at the 5 pm. If interested, please contact Ms.

Anna at mbetro@archtoronto.org. There will be one rehearsal on December 16 from 3-4:30 pm. Please reply by December 7 if interested.



GIVE A GIFT 2023 - ALL SAINTS PARISH CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD DRIVE

Due to the overwhelming success of our Christmas Gift Card drive over the last several years, we will once again be asking

our parishioners, those who are able to give during these difficult times, to focus on supporting the needy families within our community in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Parish will welcome gift cards/food vouchers from the following stores: METRO, NO FRILLS, FOOD BASICS, WALMART, and DOLLARAMA. As a Parish, our goal is to provide each family with food vouchers. These will be delivered to the families the week of December 18th. Grocery store gift cards and food vouchers can be dropped off at the Parish office or placed in the offertory baskets during Masses over the next few weeks.

If you would like more information please email Angela Vigna at properties@angelavigna.ca. Thank you for your kindness and generosity! Father A. Glaba.



Today we bring you an exciting opportunity, which has the power to amplify the

impact of your compassion. From now through December 31, your contribution to ShareLife will be matched dollarfor-dollar by an anonymous donor, up to \$500,000.00. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$153,000.00. Thus far we have collected \$140,339.00. Please support our Campaign at https://sharelife.org/donate/ or by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for generosity.

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca

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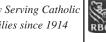
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