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Masses For The Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:00 pm Joseph Fior R.I.P. - Burch Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 am The People of the Parish

11:00 am Demetrio & Aleja Edralin R.I.P.

- Edralin Family

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

5:00 pm Teresa & Guido Borrelli R.I.P.

- Pincente Family

12:00 am Tadeusz & Eugenia Maderak R.I.P.

- Fr. Maderak

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 *Christmas Day*

9:00 am Guglielmo Scarselletta R.I.P.

- Eunice Zuccaro

11:00 am The People of the Parish

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 am Joseph Tri Ngo R.I.P. - Ngo Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:00 pm Domenico, Rosalia, Stefano
& Antonio Gallippi R.I.P.

- Gallippi Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 am The People of the Parish

11:00 am Anton MacFarlane R.I.P. &
Peduru, Anna & Anton Aseervatham R.I.P.

- Patricia MacFarlane & Family

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass

5:00 pm Jeremiah & Ivy Pumphrey R.I.P.

- Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 *New Year's Day*

9:00 am Adeline Marcos - Marcos Family

11:00 am The People of the Parish

Please note: There will be no weekday Masses Tuesday, December 26, 2023 - Thursday, December 28, 2023 and Tuesday, January 2, 2024 - Thursday, January 4, 2024.

Sick: That they will experience God's love during this joyful season through the kindness of others, especially Bill Bennett and Guiliana Della Rovere.



Deceased: For those who await resurrection: that they may find peace in Christ's presence.

Mass for Christmas 2023 & New Year 2024

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24
5:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



Peace On Earth

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve - Sunday, December 31
Feast of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day - Monday, January 1
Feast of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

You are reminded that we are obliged to attend separate Masses for:

4th Sunday of Advent (Dec. 23/24)
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Dec 24/25)
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Dec 30/31)
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Dec 31/Jan1)

As Christmas and New Year Masses fall on a Monday, attending one of the regular Sunday Masses on December 23/24 and December 30/31 does not fulfill your obligation to attend Christmas and New Year Masses.

Update Regarding the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

On December 12, 2023 the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

Recipients include the Embrace Life Council located in Iqaluit, Nunavut, that will receive \$250,000 over five years. The funds will be used for grief care packages to assist those mourning the loss of a loved one by suicide.

Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. To learn more, visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2024

Offertory envelopes for 2024 are now available for pickup in the church foyer. If you used envelopes this year there will be a box set for you with the same number. If you need assistance finding your box set of envelopes please see staff at the counter. Please make sure you pick up only the box with your name on it.

Using envelopes allows us to know that you are a practicing member of St. John the Evangelist Parish. It is important that we have a way of knowing you when you request baptism, marriage or letters of reference. If you would like to begin using envelopes, please see staff at the counter in the church foyer.

Please do not use 2024 envelopes until January 1, 2024. If we receive any 2024 envelopes in 2023, the money will be deposited and, therefore, it will be credited to your 2023 tax donation year, not your 2024 tax donation year.

Archdiocesan Consultation With the Faithful

Thank you to all those who have taken the time to both participate in and promote the Archdiocesan Consultation process that has been underway the last several months. We very much appreciate your ideas and efforts to raise awareness of this important initiative throughout the archdiocese.

Recognizing that this is a very busy Advent period, we wanted to offer a gentle reminder to those who have not yet had an opportunity to provide their feedback. While we have indicated a deadline of December 15, 2023, we will keep the survey open until early January to include those who may learn about the initiative over the Christmas break in parishes or through other channels.

A reminder that the survey and supporting materials can be accessed by visiting: www.archtoronto.org/consultation. For any questions or clarification, please contact communications@archtoronto.org.

Thank you once again for your ongoing assistance and co-operation.

Advent Video Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Msgr. Michael Busch, Pastor of St. Jerome's Parish in Brampton, reflects on the virtue of love, as we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent and draw closer to the celebration of Christmas. In his message, filmed at St. Jerome's where he ministers, Msgr. Busch reflects on the practical experience of finding love in this Advent season, while drawing on the inspiration of St. Joseph.

Click on link below to watch video: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/our-faith/our-faith-alive/archdiocesan/advent-video-reflection-fourth-sunday-of-advent/>

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 25 - Wednesday, December 27.

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