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Masses For The Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:00 pm Anton MacFarlane R.I.P. & Peduru,
Anna & Anton Aseervatham R.I.P.
- Patricia MacFarlane & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 am John Baptist Xung Ngo R.I.P. &
Maria Hoang R.I.P. - Ngo Family
11:00 am The People of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 *Christmas Eve*

5:00 pm Maria Nhiem Tran R.I.P. - Ngo Family
12:00 am Tadeusz & Eugenia Maderak R.I.P.
- Fr. Maderak

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 *Christmas Day*

9:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am Demetrio & Aleja Edralin R.I.P.
- Edralin Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00 am Giuseppe Scarselletta R.I.P.
- Eunice Zuccaro

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

5:00 pm Charles & Anna Veerasawmy R.I.P.
- Children & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 am Br. Martin Ngo
- Patricia MacFarlane & Family
11:00 am The People of the Parish

Please note: There will be no weekday Mass on Thursday, December 26, 2024 and Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Sick: May they be loved and strengthened by those around them, especially James Burch, Guiliana Della Rovere and Giovanna Tersigni.



Deceased: That Christ may lead our deceased loved ones into the joyful vision of His presence, especially Manuel Gomes.

Pope's December Prayer Intention: *For pilgrims of hope* - Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Mass Schedule for Christmas 2024 & New Year 2025

Christmas Mass Schedule

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

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



**Peace
On Earth**

New Year's Mass Schedule

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

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

Solemn Opening of the Jubilee Year - Eucharistic Celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica Sunday, December 29, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join in this special Mass to formally launch the Jubilee year in the Archdiocese of Toronto. To read full Invitation from Archbishop Leo to Celebrate the Ordinary Year of Jubilee, please see the bulletin board or visit:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/invitation-from-archbishop-leo-to-launch-the-ordinary-year-of-jubilee--december-29-2024/>

Resources for personal or family use, along with helpful links and other information related to the Jubilee Year can be found by visiting:
<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/>

**The Society Of St. Vincent de Paul
St. John The Evangelist Conference**



As noted by all agencies, there is an increased need in all our communities. We were fortunate to have had great support from our parishioners over the years, and more than generous support from The Knights of Columbus Humber Valley Council 3945. This allowed us to offer all our Neighbours in Need the kind of consistent and meaningful support needed. The need in our Parish has grown more than three times since the mid 20's when \$8,000 was enough to sponsor our year round activities. To-date, it has risen to over \$12,000 which includes our Christmas Program costing over \$5,500. Year round, on a consistent basis, we serve over sixty families in our Parish.

Once again our St. John the Evangelist School stepped up in a caring and generous Christmas Spirit by preparing eight family hampers complete with gifts for the children and more. We would like to thank the teachers and staff for their generous and thoughtful offer that will bring Joy, Love and Happiness to those families this Christmas.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS to all who supported our cause - our parishioners, teachers, The Knights of Columbus and especially to Fr. Maderak and staff, for your guidance and help.

Sincerely,
The SSVP Members



The parish office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24 to Friday, December 27.

Offering

Weekly Offering (Dec 15) \$3,209.15
Expenses (Dec 9 - Dec 15) \$8,542.84

Thank you for your contribution.

Upcoming Building Fund Changes

For those parishioner who have been looking at our weekly offertory and expenses published most weeks, you will see that often times, we have far more expenses than revenue. Our revenue has actually dropped 16% over the last 10 years. As you know, the price of almost everything has gone up over those 10 years. We have also tried to cut expenses as much as we could. Most years, we have been at a deficit by the end of the year. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, our Building Fund has done well. Up to this point, the Building Fund has been strictly used for repairs and upgrades on the Church, rectory and property.

In consultation with our Finance Council, and with the approval of the Chancery, starting in January 2025, we will also use any new Building Fund monies collected to pay for utilities for the Church, and grounds keeping such as snow removal and lawn care. It is also important to keep the existing building fund money designated for the repair of the church since, in the future, there will be large expenses for major roof repairs and replacement of our 4 church/hall furnaces.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish and your prayers.

Fr. Maderak

Thank you

I would like to take to this opportunity to give a heartfelt thank you to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their continued commitment to living out the Corporal Works of Mercy in our community.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge the members of the society who came out last Saturday in order to distribute necessary help to those in need.

It is my hope and prayer that through the generosity of the parishioners and the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, some light and joy was brought to others this season.

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