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Masses For The Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am Patrick Pritchard R.I.P.
- Minerva Pritchard

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00 pm Guglielmo Scarselletta R.I.P.
- Eunice Zuccaro

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 *Christmas Eve*

5:00 pm Deceased Members of the Pumphrey
and Mills Family - Family
12:00 am Tadeusz & Eugenia Maderak R.I.P.
- Fr. Maderak

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 *Christmas Day*

9:00 am In Thanksgiving - Emma Garo
11:00 am The People of the Parish

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

5:00 pm Paolo Sala - Anna Ngo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

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

Please note: There will be no weekday Mass on
Friday, December 26, 2025 and Friday, January 2,
2026.

Sick: That the sick may know that they
belong to Jesus Christ, and may find
peace in Him, especially Bill Bennett
and Dora Cortese.



Deceased: That Christ the Redeemer will raise up
all who have died in His peace.

Pope's December Prayer Intention: *For Christians
in areas of conflict* - Let us pray that Christians living
in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle
East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and
hope.

New Year's Mass Schedule

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

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

Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year St. Michael's Cathedral Sunday, December 28, 2025

Last December, we officially launched the Year of
Jubilee. His Eminence Cardinal Leo had the
opportunity, along with our Auxiliary Bishops, to
celebrate the Jubilee through regional celebrations
at parishes identified as special Jubilee pilgrimage
churches. We wish to sincerely thank these
parishes for welcoming pilgrims throughout the
Year of Jubilee, serving as places of prayer,
welcome and reflection.

We wish to extend a warm invitation to the faithful
of the archdiocese to join with Cardinal Leo for the
Closing Mass for the Year of Jubilee on Sunday,
December 28, 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral
Basilica at 5 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation
will be available with numerous priests present
from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. All are most welcome.

Each Jubilee Pilgrimage Church will also celebrate
a Closing Mass for the Year of the Jubilee on
Sunday, December 28, 2025, at a regularly
scheduled mass of their own choice. Please visit
the pilgrimage church websites for further details:
<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimage-churches/>



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Bill C-9

Cardinal Leo has spoken very clearly about Bill C-9. Please read his letter (<https://bit.ly/news-BillC9>) and use the link towards the bottom of the letter to find your MP and contact them. **This bill can have serious repercussions on the ability to practice our faith.** *"As Catholics, we must always firmly reject all forms of hatred and discrimination, and we stand in solidarity with those who suffer from violence, intimidation, or prejudice. Our faith calls us to uphold the dignity of every human person and to contribute to a society marked by justice, peace, and respect for all."*

- His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop John Boissonneau February 8, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass (<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>).

Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.



The parish office will be closed
Wednesday, December 24 to
Friday, December 26.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2026



Offertory envelopes for 2026 are available for pickup in the church foyer. If you used donation envelopes this year, there will be a box set for you with the same number. If you need assistance finding your box set of Sunday Offering envelopes please see staff at the counter. Please make sure you pick up only the box with your name on it.

Please continue to use your 2025 donation envelopes until the end of the year and then destroy any envelopes you may have from previous years. Since donations are posted by envelope number, this will ensure that you receive the proper credit from your current envelope number for your income tax receipt.

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.

As long as you paid income tax, using envelopes can be beneficial. Depending on the amount of income tax you paid and the amount you have contributed to charities, you may be eligible for up to 40% combined Federal and Provincial tax credit of the amount you gave to charities. Further information can be found at Canada Revenue Agency,

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency.html>

If you do not use Sunday Offering envelopes, and would like to begin, please see staff at the counter in the church foyer. Please write the name to be used for your tax receipt and full address on the first few envelopes that you use.



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Expenses (Dec 8 - Dec 14) \$4,716.68

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