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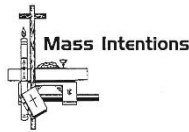
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prepare the way...



ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 20

9:00 a.m. - † DECEASED MEMBER OF VISCONTI FAMILY
5:00 p.m. - † RAFAEL & SEBASTIANA CRISTOBAL
† PRESCILLA RAY

Sunday, December 21

9:00 a.m. - † FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:30 a.m. - † ARCANJO GONSALVES
12:00 noon - † GORDON HAYDEN

Monday, December 22

9:00 a.m. - † PIETRO ALBANESE

Tuesday, December 23

7:00 p.m. - THANKSGIVING INT. FOR MARY THUY-VU

Wednesday, December 24

5:00 p.m. - † TYRONE FERNANDES & ANTOON LOUCKS
7:00 p.m. - † ERIC DURSTON
9:00 p.m. - † MARIA DEL COZZO
12:00 Midnight - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Thursday, December 25

10:30 a.m. - † ANNETTA & RORY MCGUCKIN
12:00 noon - † BRUNO DEFINA
(NO 9:00 A.M. MASS)

Friday, December 26

9:00 a.m. - † MICHAEL POLIDANO

Saturday, December 27

9:00 a.m. - † ANTUN BALABAN
5:00 p.m. - THANKSGIVING INT. OF ANNE LE-VU FAMILY

Sunday, December 28

9:00 a.m. - † TRICIA LIU
10:30 a.m. - † CATERINA & MICHELLE TAURIELLO
12:00 noon - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Readings for December 21

Isaiah 7.10-14 Romans 1.1-7
Matthew 1.18-24



Fr. John, Fr. Jobby, Fr. Damien, Deacon James, Deacon Nan, and the office staff would like to take this opportunity to which you and your families a very Happy and Blessed Christmas.

The Parish Office will be closed December 24th at noon and re-open January 5th.



MESSAGE FOR CHRISTMAS

This year, as the Church celebrates a Holy Year, the Jubilee - a year of grace, forgiveness, and renewal - the light of Bethlehem shines with renewed meaning.

The birth of Jesus can be seen as the first and perpetual Jubilee. It is God's great proclamation of mercy: where true freedom is realized, forgiveness abounds, and our relationship with God is restored forever. For this reason, Christmas is not only a feast we celebrate but a mystery we are called to enter into and experience. We live in hope because the Bethlehem event - Christ being born among us - is not simply a scene of tenderness but the *pledge of redemption*: God's faithfulness has a name - Jesus. From the manger to the altar, from Bethlehem to our families, parishes and different communities, God's nearness is not a mere memory of a long-ago event, far, far away but a living presence here among us, now. And his presence always sends us forth as disciples and missionaries to proclaim, "God saves", which is the very meaning of the name of Jesus.

This Christmas, let us make room again for the Child Jesus who comes with peace. Let our **families** be havens of love and understanding; our **parishes** be places of welcome and care; our **communities** become schools of compassion and outreach; and our **hearts** tabernacles of transforming mercy. The Word still becomes flesh - in every act of faith, every gesture of love, every Sunday Eucharist - and then sends us forth to serve God by serving one another. May this holy season renew in us the **joy** of belonging and being loved and the **courage** to share that love with those the Lord puts on our path. God bless you and your family abundantly and powerfully this Christmas season.

(Excerpt from Cardinal Leo's Christmas Message 2025)



LESSONS AND CAROLS

You are invited to join St. Leonard's Choir to participate in the Lessons and Carols program at 11:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. This will consist of carol singing and scripture reading before Midnight Mass.



Offertory envelopes for 2026 are available downstairs (follow the signs). If you used envelopes in 2025, you will find a box with your name. If you would like to begin using envelopes in 2026, Unlabelled boxes are available in the sacristy. **PLEASE NOTE: THE LAST DEPOSIT FOR 2025 WILL AFTER THE 12:00 NOON MASS ON DECEMBER 28TH. PLEASE HAVE YOUR DONATIONS IN BY THAT DATE.****

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.,
and
12:00 Midnight
(Carol singing at 11:30 p.m.)



MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 25

10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon
(No 9:00 a.m. Mass)

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 31 - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1 - 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon
(No 9:00 a.m. Mass)



CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all Parishioners who supported our annual Christmas program to help our SSVF Families in our community through the 'SSVP Christmas Angel Tree' and donations of non-perishable food items.

Friars Student Writing Contest 2026 (November 3, 2025, to January 12, 2026)

Theme: "The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (cf. Eph 4:13)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026>. Entries can be submitted at:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>

For further information, please contact ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 x. 527.

LECTORS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST & ALTAR SERVERS PLEASE CHECK THE SIGN-UP SHEETS IN THE SACRISTY TO SEE IF ANY SPOTS NEED TO BE FILLED FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASSES.



We have an exciting new resource available to all the parish: **Formed.org**. This is a digital library with over 1000 resources, ready for you to stream and download. Formed offers inspirational Catholic videos, courses, audio talks, books, and movies that give you great Catholic teaching in your life and for your family. And best of all – it's totally free for you! All you have to do is go to: **signup.formed.org**, or use the UPC code to sign up. Search for St. Leonard's, Brampton, then enter your name and email. It's that easy! You will hear more about it this weekend.



Celebration of Marriage Mass - 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. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.



Confirmation Enrollment forms for students **not** attending one of our seven parish schools are available on our website or contact the parish office. Please return the form, along with a copy of the student's Roman Catholic baptism certificate. Classes will begin on **February 4th 2026**.

YEAR OF JUBILEE – CLOSING MASS

A warm invitation is extended 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.



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