

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 27 	Vigil Mass
4:30 pm †	Beverly Bolster & Family
SUN 28 	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 am †	Rosaria Capobianco
9:30 am	<i>Pro Popolo</i>
11:00 am	In Thanksgiving
12:30 pm	In Thanksgiving
6:00 pm	In Thanksgiving
MON 29 	
8:30 am †	Antonio Pagnetti
TUES 30 	St. Andrew, Apostle
8:30 am †	John Francis Regis Ford
WED 01 	
8:30 am †	Angela Soares
THUR 02 	
8:30 am †	Jose da Costa
FRI 03 	St. Francis Xavier
8:30 am †	Emil Czernecki
7:30 pm †	MASS FOR THE DECEASED
SAT 04 	
9:00 am	Multiple Intention Mass
SAT 04 	Vigil Mass
4:30 pm †	Roman Ozaeta Jr.
SUN 05 	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 am	In Thanksgiving
9:30 am	<i>Pro Popolo</i>
11:00 am †	Giuseppina Garisto
12:30 pm	In Thanksgiving
6:00 pm	Donna+Richard Baruk & Sophie + Walter Knaf
MON 06 	St. Nicholas
8:30 am †	Raquel Carreiro
TUES 07 	St. Ambrose
8:30 am †	Petra Santos
WED 08 	Immaculate Conception
8:30 am †	Roy Zaka
THUR 09 	St. Juan Diego
8:30 am †	Helen Fujarczuk
FRI 10 	
8:30 am †	John Francis Regis Ford
SAT 11 	
9:00 am	Multiple Intention Mass

LAST SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER

The observation that nothing in this world is certain except for death and taxes is usually attributed to the eighteenth-century Freemason and American Founding Father, Benjamin Franklin. Some of those rich enough to afford expensive accountants actually do quite an impressive job of avoiding taxation. The pursuit of immortality, meanwhile, has apparently become a popular subject of conversation among the sort of billionaire “*philanthropists*” and their star-struck groupies who annually descend at a Swiss location in fleets of private jets to bemoan the evils of carbon emissions and inequality. Not long before the Coronavirus struck, a lifestyle feature appeared in a paper with the fascinating title “*How to live forever: meet the extreme life extensionists*”. The article introduced its readers to James Strole, a businessman from Arizona and founder of something called the Coalition for Radical Life Extension, which promotes initiatives aimed at prolonging human life “*not by days and weeks, but by decades and even centuries, to the degree that mortality becomes optional – an end to The End*”. The Coalition’s promotional literature said this: “*The deathist paradigm has to go... It’s time to look beyond the past of dying to a future of unlimited living*”. It describes its supporters as “*early adopting advocates, numbering in the thousands*”. The article informs us that the community of life-extensionists “*includes venture capitalists and Silicon Valley billionaires [...] who consider death undesirable and appear to have made so much money they require infinite life to spend it*”.

We should pray that it will not be long before Christian missionaries penetrate into the darkest depths of Silicon Valley to proclaim to its tribes the Good News that “*the deathist paradigm*” has in fact already been long dead and buried. It was conquered definitively between the first Good Friday and the Easter Sunday that followed it, two millennia ago in Jerusalem. And while immortality does not come cheaply – it was paid for in a currency of infinite value, the Precious Blood of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus on the Cross – it is offered freely to all to seek it with a contrite and humble heart. The Catholic Church has been in the business of offering the world the option of “*unlimited living*” ever since that first Easter Sunday. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we die with Christ and are buried with Him. Emerging from the waters of regeneration, we are raised from the tomb with Our Lord, and filled with everlasting life. At the font, we receive the vocation to keep dying to ourselves in this life so that the Life of the Resurrection might take ever greater possession of our souls. At the Altar we are able to unite ourselves daily with the Death of Our Lord in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and to partake of His Living Risen Body in Holy Communion. Thanks to the Resurrection, and to our participation in the Resurrection through the sacraments, life has the last word over death for eternity.

Those looking for a solution for the problem of death would do well

to examine how death became a reality in the first place. Never intended for us by our Creator, death entered the human story only after our first parents allowed themselves to be beguiled by the false promises of the Father of Lies. Tempting Eve to take the forbidden fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, the Serpent assured her that she and Adam would be like God and never die. The opposite was true. Owing to the breach of faith occasioned by that first sin, the immortality and supernatural likeness with which our first parents had been endowed were forfeited for humanity. The consequences included suffering, sickness and, most radical of all, the separation of body and soul which is death. We need to learn our lesson that when humans try to usurp the place of God, the outcome is never pretty.

During this month of November, our minds have been lifted to pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed. We call them the Holy Souls, because they died in the State of Grace and their place in Heaven is assured. But they are also the Poor Souls, because they suffer in Purgatory until they are perfectly purified for entry into Heaven. The Church teaches that we may speed them on this journey, with celebrations of the Holy Mass, by our sacrifices and prayers, and that this is a great act of charity.

~ Fr Paul Dobson

FATHER AND SON SPECIAL MASS

Celebrated by Fr. Paul Dobson on Friday Dec 10 at 7pm in the church. Hosted by the Knights.

CWL TREE OF HOPE CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Tree of Hope Angel Ornaments will be on sale at the weekend of December 4/5. They are \$5 each and proceeds are used to support The Human Family in Christ charity.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

PRAYER MEETINGS EVERY WEDNESDAY - 7 PM – PARISH

HALL

“Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong.”

Ephesians 3:17

JOIN US FOR OUR SPECIAL SERVICES IN THE HALL AT 7 P.M.

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Praise and Worship and God’s Holy Word as we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Christ:

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

“BE ALERT IT’S TIME”

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

“WAITING FOR THE LORD”

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

“MARY PREPARES THE WORLD FOR THE SECOND COMING”

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

“HEALING ADORATION/WORSHIP- THEME: HERE WE ARE LORD”

ALL ARE WELCOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2022
Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation for those children in our parish schools or living within our parish boundaries will be posted on our website in December under:

stjosephmi.archtoronto.org/en/sacraments-at-st-joseph/confirmation/ **OR**
stjosephmi.archtoronto.org/en/sacraments-at-st-joseph/first-holy-communion/

Thank you to all parents, children, teachers and school principals for your patience!

Ministries

Knights * *KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS* * Contest
In keeping with this theme, parishioners who have a Nativity scene displayed indoors or out are encouraged to send in a picture to kofc8661.events@gmail.com. Please include your name. *Pictures will be displayed in our parish hall and prizes will be awarded to winning entries.*

Deadline for submissions is December 18.

Questions can be emailed to the address above.

SVDP – 2021 CHRISTMAS APPEAL



As COVID restrictions continue, the SVDP will be distributing gift cards to needy families this Christmas, instead of hampers. We are appealing for your support with food gift cards (preferably President’s Choice) or cash. Please put your donation in a sealed envelope and place it in the SVDP Poor Box by November 28th. To receive an income tax receipt, please include your full name and address with your donation. We greatly appreciate your generosity and ongoing support.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you and God bless!

~ TURNING CONCERN INTO ACTION ~

Around The Arch

ADVENT RETREAT A journey with Mary
December 4: Time: 9:00a.m. -3:30 p.m. Cost: \$40.00

BEREAVEMENT RETREAT – Journey with Others Who Share your Experience
December 11: Time: 9:00a.m. -3:30 p.m. Cost: \$40.00

BOTH AT: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
1617 Blythe Road 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

SMILE OF THE WEEK: Answer:
How does the sky listen to music? Through a Cloudspeaker