

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 2nd

Intentions of Carmel Richard
Requested by Kathleen Ainey

Wednesday, December 3rd

† Richard Ainey
Requested by Kathleen Ainey

Thursday, December 4th

† Christine Cormach
Requested by Kathleen Ainey

Friday, December 5th

† Maureen Campbell
Requested by Kathleen Ainey

Saturday, December 6th

Intentions of Linda Betsworth
Requested by Alane Vautour & Family

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary light burns in memory of Heather Huether

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jacob McLean, Elaine Attwood, Dawn Ruthven,
Raphael Ng, Margaret (Peggy) McCarthy, Agnes Von
Mehren, Ella Careira, Patricia Doiron,
Gerry Genuino, Evelyn Wemigwans,
Philip Nicolaoas, Carmel Richard, Linda Duke,
Vivian Holland, Richard Keating, Joanna Hodson

HOW TO ADVENT...

As one of my favourite liturgical seasons, it's also the one that often gets overshadowed by all the other celebrations that it's meant to point towards. However, Advent is the sign of a new year, a time of renewal, and most of all a time to prepare. So how do we get the best out of Advent?

Dive into Daily Prayer

Spending time in prayer is the most important part of any spiritual journey. It's good to spend some time sitting with Scripture and allowing Our Lord to speak to your heart. Maybe take the time to journal your prayers and thoughts, and the ways Our Lord is speaking to you. If you're unsure where to start, use the readings from Sunday Mass, or perhaps pick up a guided daily reflection Advent devotional.

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

2026 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AVAILABLE STARTING NOVEMBER 29TH & 30TH

Starting this weekend, parish offertory envelopes will be available for pickup at the back of the church. Please note that envelope numbers may have changed due to reorganization, so look for your envelope **by last name**. **These envelopes should only be used beginning January 1, 2026; please discard your 2025 envelopes after that date.** If you're a registered parishioner and would like to receive envelopes, contact the parish office at stjohnsto@archtoronto.org. If you no longer wish to use envelopes, we encourage you to consider Pre-Authorized Giving as a convenient way to donate—visit our website or reach out to the parish office to learn more. Thank you for your continued support for our parish!

SUNDAY MISSAL 2025-2026 AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Sunday Missals will be available for sale in the office for \$5 while quantities last. Accepted methods of payment include cash and debit/credit.

POINSETTIA ORDERS FOR ADVENT – ONLY UNTIL NOVEMBER 30TH

Following each Mass at the back of the church, we'll be accepting orders for poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary during Advent. You're welcome to dedicate a poinsettia in memory or in honour of a loved one—their name will be displayed on the plant you select and will be part of our seasonal sanctuary decorations. ***The last day to place an order will be this Sunday, November 30th!***

Available Sizes:

Regular (8") - \$30

Large (10") - \$50

CHRISTMAS DECORATING DECEMBER 20TH AT 10AM – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We're gathering on **Saturday, December 20th at 10:00 AM** to decorate and clean the church in preparation for the Christmas season. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in fellowship, lend a helping hand, and make our space shine. Please contact Adriana at the parish office if you can attend. All are welcome—bring your energy, joy, and holiday spirit!

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ST. JOHN'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We invite all children of the parish, including those in our Sunday morning catechism classes, to take part in our annual Christmas Nativity Play, which will be presented during the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30 PM on December 24. Orientation and auditions for speaking roles will be held on Sunday, December 7 at 10 AM. At the orientation, we'll provide the script, permission forms, and assign roles—there are both speaking and non-speaking parts, so every child can participate. Costumes and props will be provided. Rehearsals will take place on Sunday, December 14 and Sunday, December 21 from 10 to 11 AM. For more information, please contact Iris Savage at isavage@archtoronto.org, or the parish office at stjohnsto@archtoronto.org.

ADVENT – DAY OF CONFESSION DECEMBER 16TH

Come and experience God's mercy and peace as we journey toward Christmas. Take time this Advent to prepare your heart through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Schedule:

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM · Parish Office

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM · Parish Office

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM · Main Church

If you are unable to join us for the Day of Confession at St. John's Parish, we warmly invite you to participate at Corpus Christi Parish.

Corpus Christi Parish, Toronto

16 Lockwood Road, Toronto

December 18: 5 pm to 7 pm

December 19: 9:30 am to 11:30 am

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

All are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the joy of Christ's birth and the hope of the New Year.

Christmas Eve – December 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4:00 pm – <i>Children's Christmas Pageant</i>• 4:30 pm – Mass• 8:00 pm – Mass• 10:00 pm – Mass
Christmas Day – December 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00 am – Mass• 11:00 am – Mass
New Year's Eve – December 31st 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4:30 pm – Mass
New Year's Day – January 1st, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00 am – Mass• 11:00 am – Mass

ADVENT JESSE TREE OUTREACH

As we enter the season of Advent, the Jesse Tree reminds us of God's enduring faithfulness and calls us to share His love with others. This year, St. John's Parish invites parishioners to participate in our Jesse Tree outreach by donating gift cards to support the ministries of **Good Shepherd** and **St. Vincent de Paul**.

Designated tags are available on the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. Your generosity will help provide food, clothing, and essential assistance to those in need within our community. Please place your gift cards in the designated Jesse Tree basket in the narthex by **December 21st**. Together, we can bring hope and joy to our neighbors this Advent season.

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