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# ADVENT

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 22

7:30 a.m. Lizette Wong Chan Chuk Yin (D)  
 12:10 p.m. Clavelina Dollaga Avelino (D)  
 Jaime Marquez (D)  
 Kevin Hehir (D)  
 Rosa Mistica Hermoso (I)  
 Jenifer & Anthony Ross(I)  
 5:30 p.m. Ralph Barbaste (D)

### Tuesday, December 23

7:30 a.m. Bernadette Tow-Ying &  
 Lee Voon Ah Chong (D)  
 12:10 p.m. Krishna Lackan (D)  
 Francisco Jr. & Adoracion Romero (D)  
 Francisco & Estela Romero (D)  
 Anacleto & Encarnacion Benavidez  
 Francisco (D)  
 Romero Family & Friends (I)  
 5:30 p.m. Patrick & Kaye Page (D)

### Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

7:30 a.m. Priest's Intention

### Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day

### Friday, December 26 - St. Stephen

10:00 a.m. Jimbo Perez (D)

### Saturday, December 27 - St. John the Evangelist

7:30 a.m. Jameel Giscombe (I)  
 12:10 p.m. Mirko Rustja (D)  
 Valerie Alexander (D)  
 Celerina Potes (D)  
 Romanie & Ruben Mariathasan (I)  
 Wangsa Widjaja Susilo and Jane  
 Hutamadjaja (I)

## Christmas Schedule

We extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to you during the Christmas season, whether you are visiting for the first time or have made St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica your spiritual home. **For the full Christmas and New Year's Mass and confessions schedule please visit our website or pick up a copy at the back of the church.**

The parish office will **close at 12 noon on December 24<sup>th</sup> and reopen on December 29<sup>th</sup>.** The Parish office staff wish you a joyful Christmas and blessed New Year.



## Memorial Lamp Transepts – December

Sacred Heart	Immaculate Heart
Romero Family & Friends (I)	Lidya, Andi & Family (I)
Claudia Krawchuk (D)	Keng Sin Ng (D)
Celestino & Elena Cacho (D)	Marian Kay (D)



## Message for Christmas

**25 December 2025**

**His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo  
 Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

*"My dear brothers and sisters,*

*Praised be Jesus Christ and Merry Christmas to you  
 and to your loved ones.*

*Each year the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ invites us to delve deeper into the true meaning of the Incarnation, to ponder anew the mystery of God's love, and to renew or even seek new ways to serve our brothers and sisters because of Jesus and his teaching and example. The wonders of the Incarnation - God becoming man in Jesus - were first announced by the Archangel Gabriel nine months earlier at the Annunciation and are now fulfilled in the birth of the Messiah and as St John the Evangelist describes so eloquently, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1:14). Heaven and earth are joined forever giving rise to the foundation of our **hope** because God, who loves us, is now united to humanity forever...*

*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."*

**To read Cardinal Leo's full Message for Christmas, visit our website.**

DECEMBER 21, 2025

**Christmas Message  
from Rev. Edwin Gonsalves, Rector**

*"As we celebrate Christmas, let us remember the words of scripture: "For God so loved the world, that he sent his only Son, that whosoever may believe in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)." Christmas is a time when God entered the world to save us, to heal us, and to give us hope. In times of uncertainty or difficulty, hope in Jesus gives us strength and reminds us that we are never alone.*

*Christmas is a celebration of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. During this season, let us focus our time on what is truly important: time with the Lord and time with our families.*

*May God bless you with joy and peace during this Christmas season and throughout the coming New Year."*

**To read Fr. Edwin's full message,  
please visit our website.**



**Cardinal Leo's Invitation to  
Solemn Closing Mass of the  
Jubilee Year**

*"...As you know, we will soon reach the conclusion of the Holy Year for the Catholic Church worldwide. This tradition dates back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, also referred to as a "Holy Year".*

*Last December, we officially launched the Year of Jubilee in our archdiocese. I also had the opportunity, along with our Auxiliary Bishops to celebrate the Jubilee through regional celebrations at parishes identified as special Jubilee pilgrimage churches. I sincerely thank these parishes for welcoming pilgrims throughout the Holy Year, serving as places of prayer, welcome, reflection, and reconciliation.*

*I wish to extend a warm invitation to the faithful of the archdiocese to join with me for the closing Mass for the Holy Year of Jubilee on **Sunday 28 December 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 5:00 p.m.** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available with numerous priests present from 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. All are most welcome."*

**2026 Offertory Envelopes**

The **2026** offertory envelopes are available for pickup in the narthex this weekend. If you currently use offertory boxes, the new envelope boxes will be pre-labelled with your name and address. If you are not currently registered and wish to use offertory envelopes, please pick up an unlabeled box to register with us. Please fill in the first few envelopes with your name, address, phone number, and email address to help us accurately process your donations and for income tax purposes. You are also welcome to pick up an envelope box in the parish office **Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 AM and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.** Thank you for your support.

**Music of the Mass**

	Mass	Cantor	Organist
Sunday	8:00 AM	Felipe Morgado	Nathan Jeffery
	5:00 PM	Joey Jang	David Simon
	9:00 PM	Felipe Morgado	David Simon
Organ Preludes			
Sunday	5 PM & 9 PM	Ave Maria — Victor Togni	
Entrance	18	People, look East	
Kyrie	505A	from Mass for the Parishes	
Psalm	606	May the Lord come in; he is king of glory.	
Gospel Acclamation	809	Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.	
Offertory	4	The King shall come when morning dawns	
Sanctus	508	from Mass for the Parishes	
Memorial Acclamation	509	from Mass for the Parishes	
Amen	512	from Mass for the Parishes	
Agnus Dei	513	from Mass for the Parishes	
Communion Hymn	20	The Angel Gabriel from heaven came	
Closing Hymn	15	O come, divine Messiah!	
Organ Postludes			
Sunday	8 AM	Variations on a Timeless Theme; Variation 8 — Robert Fleming	
	5 PM & 9 PM	Prière à la Très Sainte Vierge Marie — Rolande Falcinelli	
At the Saturday 5 PM, and Sunday 10 AM and 12 PM Masses with the choirs of St. Michael's Choir School, please refer to the <b>Order of Mass</b> bulletin insert.			



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