



FIRST READING: ISAIAH 35:1-6,10

In the day of the Lord, all sorrow and mourning will cease.

SECOND READING: JAMES 5:7-10

Be patient, and be ready; the coming of the Lord is near.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:2-11

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

FAMILY CONNECTION:

It is easy to look at our world and become discouraged by the apparent absence of God and signs of God's salvation. Advent, however, is a season of hope, in which we acknowledge that salvation is both mysteriously present, even in our world, and yet to be fulfilled.

Read together today's Gospel. Think about John's question to Jesus: Are you the One? Jesus does not answer directly, but points to the signs of the kingdom present in his midst.

Together as a family, look through the newspaper for signs of hope that God is at work in our world. Pray that the world will know God's salvation by praying together the Lord's Prayer.



If you would like your donation to be included in the **2025 tax receipt**, please ensure that all donations in cash or cheques are **received by December 28, 2025**. Any cheques issued and received **after this date** will be reflected on the **2026 tax receipt**.

Tax receipts will be available in the lobby during the **first week of February 2026**.

If you have a **change of address or telephone number**, kindly inform us **before the end of December**.



Saturday
9:00 AM

DECEMBER 13, 2025

-ZEBEDEE SAVERIMUTTU (†)
-THOMINGO GEORGE (†)
-ANGELICA ORSETTO (†)
-ALOY & ANNE CANAGASURIAM (†)

5:00 PM
Sunday
9:30 AM

DECEMBER 14, 2025

FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF
ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS
SARA FERNANDES (†)

11:15 AM
Monday

DECEMBER 15, 2025

WHOLE DAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY

Tuesday
8:30am

DECEMBER 16, 2025
JOSEFINA TAN (†)

Wednesday
8:30am

DECEMBER 17, 2025
ISABEL JHOCSON (†)

Thursday
8:30am

DECEMBER 18, 2025
GREG BELTIJAR (†)

Friday
8:30am

DECEMBER 19, 2025
-FRANCES LAI (†)

-FRANKLIN PEDRO AGNIS SERRANO (†)
-HILDA SEEDANEE (†)
-HEALING FOR CONCHITA RACHO



December 25, 2025 – Christmas

We kindly ask that you ensure your donation reaches the parish within one month of the collection date. Your generosity is vital, as 100% of the special collection contributions will be sent directly to the Archdiocese of Toronto within that timeframe. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in our community.

THANK YOU
for your generosity
YOUR SUPPORT HELPS SUSTAIN OUR PARISH!

PARISH CHARITY WORKS



With your donation to our Parish Charity Works Program we were able to give **\$1000 to St. Francis Table & \$1000 to Good Shepherd Ministries for 2025**. Your kindness and generosity makes a difference in the lives of those in need especially this Christmas. God bless you and your family.

Despite our best efforts, minor oversights may occur – nobody is perfect. We ask for your understanding and invite everyone to stay focused on what truly matters: our faith, our community, and our shared mission. – FZS



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE 2025-2026

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

December 16-20, 2025 (Tuesday until Saturday)
(Tuesday- Friday 9am-11:30pm & 1:30pm-3:30pm Saturday
3pm-4:30pm)

(At times, the pastor may be called to administer anointing or preside at funerals. For this reason, we kindly advise you to call, email or text the parish office beforehand to ensure that the pastor is available to hear your Confession.)

No Confession will be heard on Dec 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31st & January 1, 2026

DECEMBER 22-23, 2025 (MONDAY & TUESDAY)

8:30am – Mass

(Please note office is closed on Monday)

DECEMBER 24, 2025 (WEDNESDAY) CHRISTMAS EVE

No Morning Mass

4:00pm CHILDREN PAGEANT

5:00pm CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

10pm EVENING MASS

DECEMBER 25, 2025 (THURSDAY) CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30am & 11:15am - Mass

DECEMBER 26, 2025 (FRIDAY)

8:30am - Mass

DECEMBER 27, 2025 (SATURDAY)

9am & 5pm - Mass

DECEMBER 28, 2025 (SUNDAY)

9:30AM & 11:15AM - Mass

DECEMBER 29-30, 2025 (MONDAY & TUESDAY)

8:30am – Mass

(Please note office is closed on Monday)

DECEMBER 31, 2025 (WEDNESDAY) NEW YEAR'S EVE

No Morning Mass

5pm - Mass

JANUARY 1, 2026 (THURSDAY) NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:30 & 11:15am - Mass

OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Closed on: Dec 24, 2025 to January 2, 2026



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY

Theme: “Rejoice in the Lord Always”

This Sunday, known as Gaudete Sunday, invites us to rejoice as the coming of Christ draws near. The rose candle on the Advent wreath reminds us that even in seasons of waiting, God fills our hearts with hope, joy, and anticipation. May this week lift our spirits and strengthen our trust in God's promises.

THE ADVENT WREATH: CANDLE OF JOY

Today we light the Third Candle, the Candle of Joy.

Its rose color symbolizes the joy that Christ brings—a joy that endures even in difficult times. Let us open our hearts to the blessings God continues to pour into our lives.

ADVENT PRAYER FOR JOY:

Lord Jesus, fill our hearts with Your joy. Help us to see Your goodness in our daily lives and share that joy with those around us. Amen.

ADVENT CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

1. Choose one joyful act to prepare for Christ's coming:
2. Offer a word of appreciation to someone who serves in the parish or community.
3. Do something small that brings joy to another person.
4. Pray for someone who is struggling this Christmas season.
5. Set aside a moment to count three blessings God has given you this week.

FAMILY ADVENT MOMENT

When lighting the rose candle, invite each family member to share:

“What brought you joy this week?”

End with a short prayer thanking God for the gift of family.

FAMILY ADVENT MOMENT

Light the rose candle and invite each family member to share:

“What brought you joy this week?”

Close with a short prayer of thanksgiving.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

“Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another? ... Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.” — Matthew 11:2–5

REFLECTION QUESTION

Where do I see the signs of God's presence in my life—moments where Jesus brings healing, hope, or encouragement—and how can I share that Good News with others this week?



Our parish would like to thank the “OGDEN Funeral Home” as well as “Ms. Cheryl Tumulak” for sponsoring the 2026 Calendars.

