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*Saint Anne-pray for us*

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Saturday – 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday and Friday – 7:00 p.m.

## FIRST FRIDAY

One hr. after the 9:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.

Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

## RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. & 4:15 p.m. Other times upon request.

## BAPTISMS

By appointment only. At least two month advance notice.

Attendance at a pre-baptism class is required for parents.

You may wish to attend this class before your child is born.

## CARE of the SICK

Visitation and/or communion for the sick upon request.

## MARRIAGE

Couples must contact a priest one year in advance. A Marriage Course is required. If either party has been previously married, the Bishop's Office must be consulted before a date may be set.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Mr. Cyril Moraes

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Mrs. Arlene Morgan

Sacramental Facilitator

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## MASS INTENTIONS



### Sunday, December 16

8:00 AM – For the intentions of the people of St. Anne's

10:00 AM – † Maria & Eduino Dutra

12:00 PM – Maikel & Iskandara Michriky -  
Special Intention

### Monday, December 17

9:15 AM – † Antonio Maia

### Tuesday, December 18

9:15 AM – † Aida Quesada Samante &  
Flocerfina Quesada

### Wednesday, December 19

9:15 AM – † Maria & Joao DeLima, Lucy &  
Danny Carvalho

7:00 PM – † Jeffery Araujo  
– † Franz Oswald  
– † Luis Sales  
– Estefania Ganaba-Birthday  
Blessing

### Thursday, December 20

9:15 AM – † Kent Sill

### Friday, December 21

9:15 AM – † Bertha & Daphne Pereira

7:00 PM – † Philomena Pinto

### Saturday, December 22

9:15 AM – † Roy Vanderputt, Carmen &  
Vernon Dawson

5:00 PM – Jason Pinnock

## LAMP INTENTIONS



### SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 1

For Rego's children's health

### SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 2

For Rego's children's health

### SACRED HEART LAMP

In memory of Antonio Maia

### ST. ANNE LAMP

Special intention

### DIVINE MERCY LAMP

Zenaida Esteban – Birthday blessing

### PADRE PIO LAMP

Special Intention

## DECEMBER 16, 2018 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Rejoice Always and Be Blessed

Today is third Sunday of the advent which is often referred to as "Gaudete Sunday". Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. If we closely noticed the color of the vestments are changed to rose. Rose candle will be lit. Entrance Antiphon stars with Rejoice. Why all these changes? It is real expression of Joy and jubilation. Because Jesus is about to visit our hearts.

Is that real, you might ask. We should remember Joy should be the basic mood of being Catholic. Really! you might argue. As we can see when we move from sacred space of liturgy and prayer to the "real world" of daily life, we are bombarded with loss, pain, violence, and discord that seem to contradict any reason to "rejoice." For those who have lost loved ones, the anticipation of the holidays only amplifies the lack of harmony. Some mailboxes are full of end of the year appeals from religious and charitable groups "tax deductible" donation mails. Indeed, there seems to be little to rejoice about in all of this! So--how do we "feel joy and great delight" in the midst of all of this?

"Rejoice" is a rare term in today's vocabulary. Webster's tells us that "joy" is the emotion evoked by well-being, success, or good fortune, or by the prospect of possessing what one desires." We can be assured that if we trust Webster's we will never rejoice. But just what is it that we desire? To answer this question we need to reflect on two other queries: Who am I? Why do I do what I am doing? Where I am heading?

I don't think anybody came to this earth because we wanted to be born to the family where we are. At the same token one day we will leave this earth not because we want to leave but our visa is expired. Now why on earth are we living? In order to answer these questions we have to look at the life of Jesus. He knew he came from his father's heart, and has to go to his father's home. Because of that reason he spend his life worthy of father, by doing his father's will. Since he completed his mission successfully on earth, God the Father had no option (for his obedience) but to resurrect Jesus. We were benefitted by his obedience.

Now it is our time to pay it forward. How should we do it? Today's' gospel has rough outline for it from John the Baptist and later Jesus himself confirms it.

*"Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise."*

*"Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."*

This can speak volumes. Simply take care of your neighbor. Some may ask "Am I the keeper of my neighbor?" Answer is YES. Not to judge him and find everything he does and publish in social media. But to make sure he is up to his salvation. That is what John the Baptist started and Jesus accomplished and he wants us to be a member. We have to remember Jesus wants us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned etc. Simply care for lost and marginalized.

During last week we talk about letting him drive and relax. He will point us in this direction. I am so sure about this because this is how he works in me. Sometimes he want us to donate for the Knights' Table, visit a homeless person, singing carols in senior home or any other activity out of the blues. But that activity completes there will be endless joy in our hearts. It cannot be taken by any possessions. There is one word of caution. The works we do should be guided by Jesus and only by his voice. Otherwise these is a bigger chance we will be carried out only by works and forget about who initiated the work. Then we will be lost. It is like today's Christmas. Main actor of the Christmas is Jesus. But today do you see any picture of Jesus in any of malls. We are celebrating Christmas (Birthday of Jesus) without birthday boy. What is shame? Let's not get lost in Christmas but really rejoice. **Rejoice Always.**



# ST. ANNE'S CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULES

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Mon. Dec. 24</b>	<b><u>NO MORNING MASS</u></b>	
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b>
	<b>9:30 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b>
	<b>12:00 am</b>	<b>Midnight Mass</b>
<b>Tues. Dec. 25</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>
	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>

## NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Mon. Dec. 31</b>	<b><u>NO MORNING MASS</u></b>	
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>New Year's Eve Mass</b>
	<b>10:30 pm</b>	<b>ADORATION</b>
	<b>11:30 pm</b>	<b>New Year's Eve Mass</b>
<b>Tues. Jan. 1st</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>New Year's Day Mass</b>
	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>New Year's Day Mass</b>

### ALTAR SERVERS, USHERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - SIGN-UP FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Altar servers, Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers are asked to kindly sign-up in the sacristy for the Christmas & New Year's Masses. Your commitment is always appreciated especially during the Christmas season.

#### DAY OF CONFESSIONS

**St. Anne's Church** – Tues., Dec. 18 9:45-11AM & 2-5PM  
**St. Mary's Church** – Tues., Dec. 18 @ 10AM-12PM & 6-8PM  
 – Wed., Dec. 19 @ 10AM-12PM & 6-8PM  
 – Sat., Dec. 22 @ 10AM-12PM & 3-5PM

### MARRIAGE SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 9/10, 2019

As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 celebrations, on Saturday, February 9th at the 5 PM Mass, St. Anne's will be honouring all couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries, i.e. 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th. If you would like to participate, kindly leave your contact information at the parish office.

As well, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. The Mass will take place at 4PM on Sunday, February 10 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Ave., Woodbridge). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend – couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online or by phone to ensure reserved seating. Info at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) or call: 416-934-3400, x 523.

### DONATIONS FOR HOMELESS SHELTERS

If anyone would like to donate new gloves, scarves, hats, dark underwear, socks and toiletry items it would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off to the office by Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for sharing with those less fortunate.

*SPIRIT OF GOD, you stir our hearts in the Advent season to awaken us from the spiritual doldrums. You urge us to be alert to the coming of the Lord, whether now or at the end of time. You invite us to embrace our longing for the fullness of a life without end. Enlighten our hearts with your holy wisdom so that we might seek and find you, especially in the needs of the poor. Give us the courage and perseverance to look for the Holy One, who offers us more than the world can ever give. Amen.*

This Week	Room Booking
Sunday (Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00am – Children's Liturgy (SR) 12:00pm – Children's Liturgy (SR) 10:00pm – RCIA PSR)
Monday (Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup> )	
Tuesday (Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup> )	9:45am – Confessions (C) 10:00am – Legion of Mary (FR) 2:00pm – Confessions (C) 7:00pm – RCIA (PR) 7:30pm – Faith Sharing (SR) 8:00pm – 8AM choir practice (C)
Wednesday (Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00am – Food Assistance (FR) 6:30pm – Confessions (C) 8:00pm – Knights of Columbus (SR&PR)
Thursday (Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup> )	9:30am – Centering Prayer (FR)
Friday (Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup> )	8:30pm – NO Youth Ministry
Saturday (Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup> )	8:00am – Confessions 4:00pm – Legion of Mary (FR) 4:00pm – Confessions

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

<b>Regular – November 18</b>	<b>\$8,217.77</b>
<b>Bldg. Repair Fund-Special</b>	<b>3,891.74</b>

*Thank you for your Generosity!*

**Thank You for depositing your change in the "Poor Boxes" in the lobby after Mass**



### Offering Envelopes

Please don't forget to take a moment and pick up your offertory envelopes from the Stephenson room **this weekend**. They are in numerical order and an alphabetical list is also provided. **Thank you!**

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### FOR THE SICK

Kevin Akbar Ali  
Darrell Costello  
Steven Rei  
Manuel Rodrigues  
Rita Velez  
Maria Corsino  
Carmela Galetti  
Marie Wijeyeratne

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