
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

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SUNDAY MASSES:

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Sunday liturgy)
8:30 a.m. English Mass
9:30 a.m. Low Mass
(Usus antiquior/1962 Missal)
11:00 a.m. Sung English Mass
12:30 p.m. Sung Mass
Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More
(Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Before every Mass on Sundays
Daily for 15 minutes before all Masses.

WEEKDAY MASS:

8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday
10:00 a.m. Saturday

MARRIAGES:

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

BAPTISMS: On Sundays by appointment.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: 647-727-8758

PARISH CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Mr. Peter Bishop: 416-535-7646

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

(Archdiocese of Toronto): 416-733-8544

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

There is a special link on the Oratory website [here](#) with details about various Covid-19 protocols. Please check the link for latest updates.

Among the things to note: the church is open for prayer, for a maximum of ten persons at a time. Public Masses have been suspended. Here is the schedule. Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. On Sunday, the church will be closed from 10:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. for livestreaming of Mass within the church. The Fathers of the Oratory are livestreaming two Masses daily from one of our chapels, one in English and one in Latin. Here at St Vincent's, we will have **Confessions** Friday from 11:00 a.m. to noon (but not on January 1st), Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. The parish office is open with reduced hours to the public.

We are required under the city of Toronto by-law to wear masks in church, unless we are exempted. Sanitizing materials are available in the church for you to sanitize the place where you are praying. We recommend that you sanitize both upon your arrival and your departure.

EMAIL LIST

Are you receiving emails from the parish priest? If not, it will be difficult for us to notify you of last minute news about the ever-evolving Covid situation. Recipients of these emails do not see one another's addresses, so you do not have to worry about your privacy. If you want to be added to the list, please send an e-mail to dutrecht@yahoo.ca with "Add me" in the subject line.

THE MAKING OF A JEWISH NUN

Tuesday January 12 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

A virtual event hosted by

The Association for Hebrew Catholics

Raised in a conservative Jewish home in New York, Mother Miriam came to faith in Yeshua as Messiah after many years as a business executive. Then, later on, after being convinced of the "beauty, goodness and truth" of the Catholic Church, she came into full communion. Mother Miriam is a dynamic speaker, teacher, radio personality and writer who is now the founder of a religious order that promotes the faith in families and schools. In this evening she will share her amazing journey from Judaism to being a Jewish Catholic Nun. All are welcome.

No registration is required but contact AHC Toronto for the Zoom link at ahctoronto@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Note: Announced Masses that have been booked for a specific day and are listed here WILL be offered on the day for which they were booked.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

Holy Innocents, Martyrs

(+) John Gallagher, req. by McMahon family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

Fifth Day of Christmas

Carter & Cody Smith, req. by Maria Guzman

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Sixth Day of Christmas

(+) Stanislaw Misztal, req. by Joanna Misztal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

Seventh Day of Christmas

Sarah DeCouto

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

Mary, Mother of God

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

SS. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

(+) Friends and relatives of parishioners

Mario Romano family

PARISH FINANCES FOR DECEMBER 20

Offertory Collection: \$730

Maintenance & Debt: \$20

Kitchen reno fund: \$1,200

CanadaHelps – online: \$356.01

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Normally at this time we would be having a collection in the parish to support the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul for the needy in our area. This is needed more than ever this year. If you can help, please send an envelope to the parish with the donation clearly indicated for the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

FORMED.ORG

A free Catholic media service!

There are many Catholic resources for all ages throughout the seasons of the year. Sign-up is easy. Go to <https://formed.org/signup> and find Holy Family, Toronto.

2021 BOX OF ENVELOPES

You may pick up your box of envelopes from the parish office. **This week, however, our faithful secretary is on vacation.**

2020 TAX RECEIPTS

All donations for 2020 tax receipts must be given by December 31, 2020.

2021 Oratory calendars and Sunday Missals are for sale. Please call 416-535-7646 to make arrangements to purchase and pick them up at the office after January 4th.

Listening to the Gospels read aloud can be a very fruitful spiritual exercise. [Here](#) is a link that will enable you easily to find some readings.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Feast of the Holy Family is dedicated to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, commemorating their life together in Nazareth and calling us to focus on Catholic family life. It is the Patronal Feast of the Holy Family Parish.

“...In the poor grotto of Bethlehem — the Fathers of the Church wrote — shines a very bright light, a reflection of the profound mystery which envelops that Child, which Mary and Joseph cherish in their hearts and which can be seen in their expression, in their actions, and especially in their silence. Indeed, they preserve in their inmost depths the words of the Angel’s Annunciation to Mary: “the Child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God” (Lk 1:35).

Yet every child’s birth brings something of this mystery with it! Parents who receive a child as a gift know this well and often speak of it in this way. We have all heard people say to a father and a mother: “this child is a gift, a miracle!” Indeed, human beings do not experience procreation merely as a reproductive act but perceive its richness and intuit that every human creature who is born on earth is the “sign” par excellence of the Creator and Father who is in Heaven.

How important it is, therefore, that every child coming into the world be welcomed by the warmth of a family! External comforts do not matter: Jesus was born in a stable and had a manger as his first cradle, but the love of Mary and of Joseph made him feel the tenderness and beauty of being loved. Children need this: the love of their father and mother. It is this that gives them security and, as they grow, enables them to discover the meaning of life. The Holy Family of Nazareth went through many trials, such as the “massacre of the innocents” — as recounted in the Gospel according to Matthew — which obliged Joseph and Mary to flee to Egypt (cf. 2:13-23). Yet, trusting in divine Providence, they found their stability and guaranteed Jesus a serene childhood and a sound upbringing.

Dear friends, the Holy Family is of course unique and unrepeatable, but at the same time it is a “model of life” for every family because Jesus, true man, chose to be born into a human family and thereby blessed and consecrated it. Let us therefore entrust all families to Our Lady and to St Joseph, so that they do not lose heart in the face of trials and difficulties but always cultivate conjugal love and devote themselves with trust to the service of life and education.”

Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus on December 26, 2010

2021 SACRAMENTS

Registration for First Confession and Communion, and Confirmation, is now taking place online.

Go online to www.oratory-toronto.org. Click St Vincent de Paul, click Catechesis and Sacraments and follow the links to print the Registration form. Please fill out the form, scan it, and send it to dutrecht@yahoo.ca.

First Confession and First Holy Communion classes are for children in Grade 2 or older.

Confirmation is conferred in the Archdiocese of Toronto in Grade 7 (or later), for those who have not been confirmed).

At the moment, the Covid restrictions prevent us from beginning live classes. We will see whether it looks like those restrictions will be lifted. If not, we will plan another way to help your children prepare for these Sacraments.

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE TO THE PARISH:

Thank you to all who have been generously donating to the parish. God bless you for it.

1. Your Sunday offerings can be mailed to St Vincent de Paul Parish / 263 Roncesvalles Avenue / Toronto / M6R 2L9 or dropped off in the mail slot of the parish office.
2. You can sign up for PAG. Download the form [oratory-toronto.org/pdf/pag-svp.pdf](http://www.oratory-toronto.org/pdf/pag-svp.pdf) . Print it. And then send a picture or scan of the filled-in form and a void cheque to this address or to spnsvp@yahoo.ca
3. You can donate online either through the Oratory's website www.oratory-toronto.org or through the Archdiocesan website: www.archtoronto.org . If using the latter option, please use the dropdown menu of parish names to select “St Vincent de Paul”.
4. You can donate through your online banking account. To do this, the Archdiocese will need to send you a unique account number. Please send an email to campaign@archtoronto.org In the body of the email provide (i) Your name (ii) Address (iii) Parish Name – St Vincent de Paul and (iv) Municipality – Toronto. You will be emailed account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a Payee in your online banking. Your gift will be forwarded to our parish. You can make a one time or recurring gift to our offertory.



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