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# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

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Served by the Fathers of the Oratory



(1581 - 1660)

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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

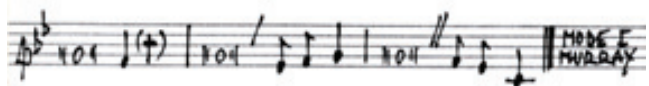
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 11:00 A.M. SUNG ENGLISH MASS

**Entrance Hymn:** 302 – Saviour of the nations, come

**Entrance Antiphon:**



[Choir] Rejoice in the Lord / always; (†) \* again, I / say re-joyce. \*

[All] **Indeed, the // Lord is near.**

**Kyrie:** Mass XVII (*Adventus*)

**Responsorial Psalm Refrain:**

[All] **SHOUT ALOUD AND / SING FOR JOY:  
GREAT IN YOUR MIDST IS THE HOLY // ONE  
OF ISRAEL.**

**Gospel Acclamation :** “Rorate Caeli” (Mode I)



[Choir] Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

[All] **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

[Choir] The Spirit of the Lord / is up-on^me; \*

[All] **he has sent me to bring good news // to the poor.**

[All] **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Credo:** 202 – Kyriale *Romanum* III

**Offertory Antiphon:** (*see above for the psalm tone*)

[Choir] O Lord, you have blessed your / land, (†) \* you have put an end to Ja/cob's cap-tivity; \*

[All] **you have forgiven the iniquity // of your people.**

**Offertory Hymn:** 303 – On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

**Sanctus:** Mass XVII (*Adventus*)

**Agnus Dei:** Mass XVII (*Adventus*)

**Communion Antiphon:** (*see above for the psalm tone*)

[Choir] Say to the faint of / heart: (†) \* Be strong and / do not fear. \*

[All] **our God will come, and // he will save^us.**

**Communion Motet:** *Exultate justi in Domino* – Adriano Banchieri

**Concluding Hymn:** 301 – O come, O come, Emmanuel

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**We are accepting 2025 Mass Intentions. You can come to the parish office during office hours or call at 416-535-7646**

**SUNDAY MISSALS (\$7) AND CHRISTMAS CARDS (\$10) ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER EACH MASS**

### MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**

**Bl. Anthony Grassi, Priest**

8:00 In honour of Blessed Anthony Grassi of the Oratory

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

8:00 Isabel DeCouto

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

8:00 Cindy Guzman

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**

8:00 (+) Carlos & Mercedes Gonzalez

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**

8:00 Cary Smith

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

10:00 (+) Relatives and friends of parishioners

5:00 (+) Anthony & Katherine Presz, req. by son, John Anthony Presz

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#### PARISH FINANCES FOR DECEMBER 8

**Offertory Collection:** \$2,673

**Maintenance & Debt:** \$2,232

**Canada Helps:** \$409.38

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#### **ORATORY BOOKSTALL TODAY IN THE PARISH HALL FROM 9:15 A.M. – 12:30 P.M**

#### **PARISH COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY**

God is good. Choose life. The message is true, but in order for people to make it their own, it helps if they feel connected to others who truly care for them. Holy Family and St Vincent de Paul Parishes have a combined ministry to those who are housebound or live in a nursing home. We try to meet once a month on a Saturday morning to coordinate visits to parishioners who cannot get to Mass or who are feeling lonely and abandoned. If you are interested in joining, please send an email to Margaret Smith at [margaretparishnursing@gmail.com](mailto:margaretparishnursing@gmail.com), or call the parish and leave a message for the pastor. Volunteers in this ministry will need to be screened before going out on calls, but feel free to come as you are to see what the ministry is all about firsthand. "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ... I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ..., I was sick and you visited me."

**PARISH POTLUCK**

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> in the hall after the 11am Mass**

One more feast in the old year! Bring out your remaining Christmas Cheer and share with fellow parishioners! Potluck Party, we eat and drink whatever we bring!

It is the feast of the Holy Family in the Octave of Christmas. A fitting day to share a meal with our parish family.

**TODAY - ADVENT SERIES - CATHOLICISM:  
THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS**

**Sunday, December 15**

Holy Family Parish Hall from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Light snacks provided.

Join us for final part in our Advent series, where we explore one of the quirkiest and most intriguing Players, **Flannery O'Connor**, a twentieth-century Catholic writer of fiction from the American South.

**BLESSED ANTHONY GRASSI**

Excerpt from a Letter of Alfonso Cardinal Capececelatro, The Venerable Antonio Grassi, of the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip, is rightly deemed to have been a most loyal friend and indefatigable servant of Christ. For he, during a lifetime of eighty years, was so richly nourished by God with the bread of life and understanding and the cup of saving water of wisdom, that day by day he co-operated more faithfully with the gifts of God's grace, considering his one concern to be in conformity with the image of the Son of God. He was thus so marked with holiness, particularly in his prayer and divine worship, his forgetfulness of self and zeal for the salvation of souls, that the serious and learned men of his time thought him a real follower of Philip Neri and asked for his prayers and advice on matters divine. He indeed showed himself in every way to be a distinguished follower of St Philip.

***There will be a Sung English Mass in honour of Blessed Anthony at Holy Family Church at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 16.***

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2025**

**Offertory envelopes for 2025** are available for pick up. They are in alphabetical order. Please check that you have picked up **YOUR** box of envelopes. If you have a change of address or have changed your phone number, please write the correct information on the envelope with **"NEW"**.

**For the first few donations of 2025, please print clearly on the envelope your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER & EMAIL ADDRESS.**

**SAVE THE DATE: *It's the Ceili!***  
**Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

**YEAR OF PRAYER – CORNER**

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

*(Said every day from December 16-24)*

Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment at which the Son of God was born of a most pure Virgin, at a stable at midnight, in Bethlehem in the piteous cold. At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, to hear my prayers and grant my desires (*mention request here*). Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother.

"Now and at the hour of our death." Why do we ask Our Lady especially for help at the hour of our death? She stood by her Son when he died. When his "hour" came, she was there. She supported Him. After Christ died, his body was laid in her arms. She had not held him like that since he was a child. In that moment, Bl Marmion teaches, Our Lady embraced her mission as Mother of the Body of Christ, the Church. In Advent we ponder the last things. We ponder our own death. Our eternal life depends on how we die. Pray for us, Mary, now, at this moment, but especially at the hour of our death.

**Mass Schedule for Christmas**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

***Tuesday, December 24***

Confessions from 4:00 – 5:00 & 7:15 – 8:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m. Mass for Catholic Parish of St Thomas More  
(Ordinariate of the Chair of St Peter)

7:30 p.m. Carol Service

8:00 p.m. Sung Mass in English

*Please note there will not be a Mass at midnight at St. Vincent de Paul. The Mass at midnight at Holy Family Church will be a Solemn High Mass, Usus Antiquior.*

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

***Wednesday, December 25***

***Holy Day of Obligation***

8:30 a.m. Mass in English

9:30 a.m. Low Mass in Latin, Usus Antiquior

11:00 a.m. Sung Mass in English

*The 11:00 a.m. Mass will be the last Mass in our Church on Christmas Day. The last Mass at Holy Family will be at 4:00 p.m.*

***Monday, December 26 (St Stephen)***

Holiday Schedule: Mass at 10:00 a.m.



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