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December 15, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
A SEASON OF JOY



**ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH**

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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Monday to Friday**

8 am – Italian; 7 pm English

**Saturday**

8 am – Italian; 5pm - English

**Sunday:**

10:00 am – Italian

8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm - English

**CONFESSION**

Every Saturday @ 4 – 5 pm, other days please call for Appointment

**MEMORIAL MASS**

Monday – Friday @ 7:30 pm - please call to schedule



**OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday- Friday**

9 am – 12 pm; 1 – 6 pm

**Saturday – 9:00 am – 12 pm**

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Sunday - 9:00 am – 1:30 pm**

Devotion to Our  
Lady of Perpetual  
Help  
Every Wednesday  
@ 7 pm Mass



**Adoration**

of the  
Blessed Sacrament



Every  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
8:30 am – 6:45 pm

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE**

Please consider donating **GIFT CARDS**  
FOR OUR FAMILIES IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS.  
Thank you very much for your generosity!



Please bring to the  
office not later  
than December 21

**ST. WILFRID'S SENIOR'S  
GROUP**

Every Wed. @

9 am – 12:00 pm

Mother Teresa Hall.



Training every Friday  
@ 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Those who are interested to have Our Lady  
Of Fatima Statue to visit their home for a  
week, call: Edith @ 416-420-5185



**BAPTISM**

Contact parish office 2 months in advance of anticipated baptismal date.

**MARRIAGE**

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance.

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK**

If one of your loved ones would like to receive this Sacrament of Anointing, please call the office.

**COMMUNION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation are also available. Please notify the parish office.

**Our Priests**

Rev. Paolos F. Beraki – PASTOR

Rev. Eugene D'Avella – Retired Priest In Residence

Rev. Henry Alva, OFM – Counsellor (416-371-8648)

Rev. Binyam Yakob Kebedi – In Residence

**Welcome, new parishioners!**

We invite new parishioners to register with the parish. Registration forms and donation envelopes are available in the entrance of the church and at the parish office.



## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Friday, Dec. 20 Community Confession**  
@ 7 pm



Confession available in different languages

**SACRAMENTO DELLA CONFESSIONE**  
Venerdì, 20 Dicembre  
@ 7 pm

### CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS

(December 15 – December 23)

- December 15 @ 5:00 PM – El Shaddai Group
- December 16 @ 7:00 PM – St. Jerome's School
- December 17 @ 7:00 PM – Sacramental Preparation Teachers and Catechists
- December 18 @ 7:00 PM – COUPLES FOR CHRIST
- December 19 @ 7:00 PM – All Ministries (PC, FC, L, EEM, Ushers, Counters)
- Dec. 20 @ 7:00 PM – Community Confession
- December 21 @ 5:00 PM – The Loved Flock Community
- December 22 @ 5:00 PM – Circle Prayer & Sunday 5 PM Choir
- December 23 @ 7:00 PM – Youth Group and Altar Servers

### Christmas Masses

- Tuesday, December 24
- 5:00 PM – Family Mass
- 10:00 PM – Christmas Vigil Mass
- Wednesday, December 25
- Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

### New Year's Eve

- Tuesday, December 31
- 7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 10:00 PM - Mass
- Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
- Wednesday, January 1
- Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

### NOVENA DEL SANTO NATALE

(15 dicembre – 23 dicembre)

- 15 dicembre @ 5:00 PM – El Shaddai Group
- 16 dicembre @ 7:00 PM – St. Jerome's School
- 17 dicembre @ 7:00 PM – Sacramental Preparation, Teachers and Catechists
- 18 dicembre @ 7:00 PM – COUPLES FOR CHRIST
- 19 dicembre @ 7:00 PM – All Ministries (PC, FC, EEM, Ushers, Counters)
- 20 dicembre @ 7:00 PM – Community Confession
- 21 dicembre @ 5:00 PM – The Loved Flock Community
- 22 dicembre @ 5:00 PM – Circle Prayer & Sunday 5 PM Choir
- 23 dicembre @ 7:00 PM – Youth Group and Altar Servers

### Messe del Santo Natale

- Martedì, 24 dicembre
- 5:00 PM – Messa della famiglia
- 10:00 PM – Vigilia Del Santo Natale
- Mercoledì, 25 dicembre
- Messe Regolari Domenicali

### Vigilia D'Capodanno

- Martedì, 31 dicembre
- 7:00 PM Adorazione del Santissimo Sacramento
- 10:00 PM - Messa
- Solemnità Della Madre di Dio
- Mercoledì, 1 gennaio
- Messe Regolari Domenicali

ShareLife

You can work wonders!

### Your Share Life Donations at Work

ShareLife, through Catholic Charities, and a generous parishioner in the Archdiocese of Toronto, by St. Vincent de Paul Toronto Council's recommendation support food distribution programs to help the less fortunate of our community. ShareLife Advisory Board has made it a priority to provide funds for supporting food programs across the archdiocese, and we thank Catholic Charities and our donor and also for your generous support of ShareLife.

**\$35,000.00** of funding from Share Life agency has been allocated to St. Wilfrid's Parish to support our existing food distribution program.

This year's Share Life Fundraising campaign will end for this year, and would appreciate any further donations that parishioners are able to make. A generous donor in the Archdiocese is matching all contributions made before 31st of December, up to \$500,000.

### Le Vostre Donazioni a Share Life

Share Life, attraverso Catholic Charities e un generoso parrochiano dell'Arcidiocesi di Toronto, una parte dei finanziamenti verranno forniti dal Consiglio di St. Vincent de Paul di Toronto per sostenere programmi di distribuzione di cibo (Food Bank) per aiutare i meno fortunati della nostra comunità. Sempre più persone si rivolgono ai banchi alimentari (Food Bank) per le necessità primarie della vita e si prevede che a Toronto più di 100,000 persone accederanno a un banco alimentare (Food Bank) per la prima volta quest'anno. Il comitato consultivo di Share Life ha ritenuto prioritario fornire fondi allo scopo di sostenere i programmi alimentari in tutta l'Arcidiocesi e ringraziamo Catholic Charities e il nostro donatore per il loro sostegno finanziario a questa iniziativa. Un finanziamento di \$35,000.00 dollari da parte dell'agenzia Share Life è stato assegnato alla Parrocchia di St. Wilfrid's per 2025, per sostenere il nostro programma di distribuzione alimentare esistente. L'Arcidiocesi si sta avvicinando alla fine della campagna di raccolta fondi Share Life di quest'anno e apprezzerrebbe qualsiasi ulteriore donazione che i parrochiani possano fare. Tutti i contributi versati prima del 31 Dicembre, fino a \$500,000., verranno integrati dal generoso donatore dell'Arcidiocesi.

### FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATION

We will have a second collection for flowers next weekend. Thank you very much for your generosity.



### Christmas Evangelist

A man says to an Evangelist lady preaching on the street before Christmas:

"I know what you are! You are a happy clapper!"  
"Oh no I am not! She said, I am a Walkie Talkie."

December 15, 2024 – Third Sunday of Advent Yr C

Today is the third Sunday of Advent called "Gaudete Sunday." The term Gaudete simply means "to rejoice." Advent is a time for joy, not only because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Jesus, but also because God is already in our midst. Christian joy does not come from the absence of sorrow, pain or trouble, but from an awareness of the presence of Christ within our souls. Joy is more than pleasure, which is experienced physically. It is more than happiness, which is more cerebral. Joy is the gift of the Holy Spirit [Galatians 5:22-23](#) Pope Francis writes, "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus...Joy is the Christian's ID card and that a person without joy is not a true believer. During this season, let us joyfully share God's bountiful grace, forgiveness, and mercy with others. What Jesus commanded John's disciples, he commands us as well: Go and tell others what you hear and see.

Questa Domenica è chiamata la domenica della gioia. La causa della nostra gioia è la nascita di Gesù, il Salvatore che ci dona il suo amore tramite il sacrificio della sua vita nella croce. Paolo (Il Lettera) ci invita ad essere gioiosi nel Signore, che è sempre vicino a noi, custodendo la nostra vita con la sua pace. Egli è sempre con noi; ci ama ci custodisce, e ascolta le nostre preghiere con attenzione e amore. E quindi la ragione della nostra gioia è Cristo ed il suo amore per noi. L'evangelista Luca ci presenta la predicazione di Giovanni Battista (Vangelo), che ci invita a convertirsi, a prepararci ad accogliere il Messia, che è la nostra gioia. Egli indica che cosa fare concretamente: condividere i beni con i poveri, praticare la giustizia, rispettare tutti. Mentre Giovanni battezza con acqua, Gesù battezza in Spirito Santo e fuoco per purificare i cuori, bruciando la paglia, cioè le opere del male. Attingiamo con gioia alla sorgente della salvezza, l'Eucaristia, mistero di amore.

### Mass Intentions

#### SATURDAY, December 14

5:00 PM – Thanksgiving for blessings received of Gerry De Guzman †

#### SUNDAY, December 15 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Yr C

- 8:00 AM – In thanksgiving for Del Casale Family † Restita Hernandez, Jacinto De Chavez, Antonio Lualhati; Arturo & Agripina Castro
- 10:00 AM – † Antonio Vincenzo Pillegi; Galiano & Concettina Pacione; Franca Origlieri
- 12:00 PM - † Pacifico & Lourdes De Lara; Antonio Sabilano; all souls
- 5:00 PM – Sponsor: El Shaddai Group †

#### MONDAY, December 16

- 8:00 AM – †
- 7:00 PM – Sponsor: Parish Council, Finance Council, Counters Lectors, EEM, Ushers

#### TUESDAY, December 17

- 8:00 AM - †
- 7:00 PM - Sponsor: Catechists, First Communion & Confirmation Teachers & Assistant Teachers

#### WEDNESDAY, December 18

- 8:00 AM † Rosa e Giovanni Bertucci
- 7:00 PM - † Teddy Klich
- Sponsor: COUPLES FOR CHRIST

#### THURSDAY, December 19

- 8:00 AM – † Carmine Ferraro
- 7:00 PM – † Rodel B. Cortez Sr.; Nicola & Camilla
- Sponsor: St. Jerome's School

#### FRIDAY, December 20

- 8:00 AM – †
- 7:00 PM - COMMUNITY CONFESSION

#### SATURDAY – December 21

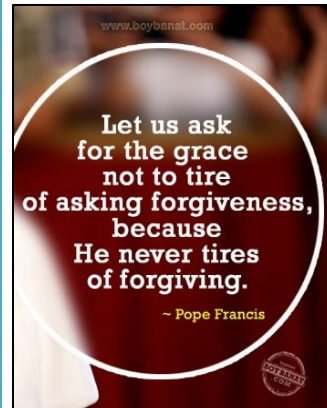
- 8:00 AM † Lino Tuanquin
- 2:00 PM - BAPTISM
- 5:00 PM – Thanksgiving for Cynthia Gordon †
- Sponsor: Loved Flocked Community

Perpetual Mass Cards Available in the office

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Signore, Ti prego per tutti gli ammalati. Per l'immenso Amore che porti ai sofferenti, agli afflitti, a tutti i bisognosi, Ascoltali, Benedicili, Soccorrili, Consolali e Guariscili. Amen!



Celebrare il Sacramento della Riconciliazione significa essere avvolti in un abbraccio caloroso: è l'abbraccio dell'infinita misericordia del Padre.  
Papa Francesco

### St Wilfrid's "Family Day" Trip

February 15-16, 2025  
QUEBEC & MONTREAL

TOUR OF ICE HOTEL  
Visit Ice Hotel in Quebec

& Discover an ephemeral artwork of ice. Attend mass @ St Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal in Montreal, Quebec. Stopping at Big Apple - time permitting. Cost: \$295 per person (4 persons in a room) Includes bus fare, hotel accommodation & tour at Hotel de Glace (Ice Hotel) Deposit of \$95 to reserve a seat Contact: Edith – 416 420 5185 Parish office – 416 840 3111



We are excited to invite all youth, ages 12 to 18, FINAL Youth Night of the year held on Friday, December 20, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Mother Teresa Hall.

This special gathering will be a Christmas Potluck where everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to come together for an evening of food, faith talks, and fellowship as we celebrate the joy of the Christmas season.

The youth ministry will also be attending Confession together.

### Prayers and Best Wishes for Francis Cardinal Leo.



The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including, the Archbishop of Toronto, Francis Cardinal Leo.

Please pray for our new Cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church. Regional Masses to celebrate Cardinal Leo in the beginning of the Jubilee Year, will take place early in 2025. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.