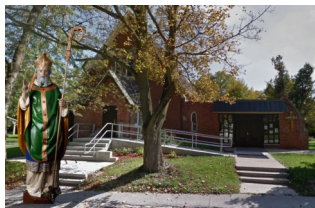


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Weekday Holy Masses: see inside

St. Mary

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 11:30 am

Confessions:

St. Patrick's Parish: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

St. Mary's Mission Church: Saturdays 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

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Marriages

The engaged couple should contact their parish priest at least one year in advance of the intended date of the wedding. The date will not be confirmed until after the initial interview. One of the two must be a registered parishioner of St. Patrick's Parish or St. Mary's Mission for at least one year before the initial interview.

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Cemeteries - Please contact Parish Office

St. Patrick's Cemetery - 905-859-5522 - **St. Mary's Cemetery**

Bequests

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Letters of Recommendation/Reference

For those being asked to act as Godparents for Baptism, Sponsors for Confirmation, etc., letters of recommendation are only issued to active parishioners who have been **registered for at least 2 years at St. Mary's Mission or St. Patrick's Parish.**

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For information, please call the Parish Office 905-859-5522

St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Hall Rental: Please contact the Parish Office

New Parishioners

If you wish to be a registered member of St. Patrick's Parish or St. Mary's Mission Church, please contact the parish office for a registration form. The form can be forwarded by email and returned via email to the parish office. Once registered, a box of Collection Envelopes will be assigned to you, which can be picked up at the parish office.

(Income tax receipts of \$100.00 minimum are issued for your financial contributions). **Pre-Authorized Giving Plan is also available.**

(Please click here for link). Call the office to ask us about it!

First Friday (Sept. - June)

St. Patrick's Parish: 9:00 am (Holy Mass followed by Holy Hour)

St. Mary's Mission Church: 7:00 pm (Holy Mass followed by Holy Hour)

Visiting the Ailing & Homebound

Parishioners who wish to be visited by our Pastor on the 1st Friday of the month for Sacraments, please contact the parish office.

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions and memorial Masses are requested through the parish office. Mass cards are available upon request.

Catholic Schools

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - GAUDETE SUNDAY

ST. PATRICK'S



Mass Intentions

- Tues. Dec. 19** 9:00 am †Anthony Jackson
req Lynn Jackson & Family
- Wed. Dec. 20** 9:00 am †Patricia McGuire
req Palozzi Family
- Thur. Dec. 21** 9:00 am †Bill Hanlon
req Kay Hanlon & Family
- Fri. Dec. 22** 9:00 am †Steve Jurkovich
req Maria Gonzalez & Family
- Sun. Dec. 24** 8:00 am **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
†Leonardo Del Medico
req Melina Del Medico
- 9:30 am Parishioners (Livestream)
- Mon. Dec. 25** 10:00 am **Solemnity - The Nativity of The Lord - Parishioners (Livestream)**



In your prayers and Mass Intentions, please remember the soul of the late †**Patricia McGuire**, long time parishioner of St. Patrick's Parish. Our sincere condolences to the McGuire Family. May she rest in the eternal peace of Christ.



"In accordance with Canon 1067 and the Complementary Norms of the CCCB we hereto publish the marriage bans of the following parties:

Mr. Michael Oreste Pallotto

From St. Patrick's Parish, Schomberg, ON
Wishes to contract Holy Matrimony with

Ms. Olivia Torrone

From Sacred Heart Parish, King City, ON
On Dec. 30, 2023 at Sacred Heart Parish, King City, ON
Whoever has the knowledge of an impediment or a hindrance to the proposed marriage of the above mentioned couple, kindly contact the parish office at 905 859 5522 or email stpatandstmarysc@archtoronto.org.



**Bambinelli Sunday - Dec. 16/17
Blessing of Baby Jesus Statues/Bambinelli**

We invite all parishioners to bring your Baby Jesus statues which you will be placing in the manger/nativity in your home. The statues will be blessed during the weekend Masses of Dec. 17 & 18, at both St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Church.

Please place your statues at the foot of the altar upon entering the church to be blessed.

"So great is His love for us that He became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with Him." - Pope Francis

Sanctuary Light Offering at St. Patrick's Parish



Thank you to the following for their offering towards the Sanctuary Light at St. Patrick's Parish and St. Mary's Mission Church for the week of Dec. 16 - 22 - **In Memory of †Patricia McGuire**
Gangl Family

ST. MARY'S



Mass Intentions

- Sat. Dec. 23** 5:00 pm **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
†Gaetano Tiano
req St. Mary's School Staff
- Sun. Dec. 24** 11:30 am †Giovanni & Donata Rocca
req Rocca Family
- 4:00 pm Vigil - Solemnity - The Nativity of The Lord - Parishioners (pro Populo)**
- Mon. Dec. 25** 11:30 am **Solemnity - The Nativity of The Lord - Parishioners (pro Populo)**



Calendar of Events

- Dec. 16 - Life Teen/Edge-Youth Mass & Christmas Party**
5 PM Holy Mass & Social 6 PM - St. Mary's Hall
- Dec. 16/17 - Blessing of Bambinelli - At All Masses**
- Dec. 24 - Regular Sunday Holy Mass celebrations** at St. Patrick's Parish and St. Mary's Mission Church
- Jan. 1, 2024 - Solemnity - Holy Day of Obligation**
Mary, Holy Mother of God Mass Celebrations
St. Patrick's - 10 AM, St. Mary's - 11:30 AM
- Jan. 9/10 - Class #7 - Sacrament of Confirmation - 7 PM**

NATIVITY OF THE LORD AND MARY MOTHER OF GOD

MASS TIMES

Sunday, Dec. 24
Regular Mass Schedule for 4th Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass The Nativity of the Lord
4:00 PM St. Mary's Mission Church

Monday, Dec. 25
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
10:00 AM St. Patrick's Parish
11:30 AM St. Mary's Mission Church

Monday, Jan. 1, 2024
Solemnity of Mary
The Holy Mother of God
10:00 AM St. Patrick's Parish
11:30 AM St. Mary's Mission Church



Roses for Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Mary's Mission Church

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Update of St. Mary's Archdiocesan Loan

\$ 626,668.00 Mortgage/Debt (as of December 20, 2022)
- \$ 50,000.00 Paid to Principal (June 13, 2023)
\$ 576,668.00 Mortgage/Debt (June 13, 2023)
Interest Paid To Date \$ 382,070.00 (Loan at 4%)

ST. MARY'S MISSION - LAND LOAN

Chancery Loan for Land Cost \$ 394,167 (Dec. 31, 2020)
Less payment-Family of Faith Funds - \$ 205
\$ 393,962 (Dec. 31, 2021)



Stewardship Reflection

1st Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11

2nd Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

Gospel: John 1.6-8, 19-28

The Testimony of John the Baptist

Gaudete Sunday - Choosing Joy

"Rejoice always!" These are the words that St. Paul writes in the second reading this Gaudete Sunday. He exhorts all of us to always rejoice. It is important to note that he doesn't say to always be happy, but to rejoice always. Happiness, by definition, is utterly circumstantial. We are happy when we are experiencing something good, like eating ice cream on a hot day. However, when the ice cream melts, or it begins to rain our happiness quickly ceases because that good thing we were experiencing is fleeting. Joy on the other hand is radically different. To experience joy is to remain happy despite the circumstances. This everlasting joy springs solely from recognizing that we are beloved children of God and being aware that we are living in the smiling gaze of Christ. But how do we live in joy? St. James in his letter says, "My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy," To experience joy is to intentionally call to mind God's love in the midst of our trials. As stewards, let us not keep this practice of joy to ourselves. One way we can help people rejoice in suffering is by not partaking in complaining about our difficult situations. The next time we are in a tough moment and people around us begin to complain, let us strive to steer the conversation into one of gratitude for the good things the Lord is doing in our lives. This slow adjustment of choosing joy in our trials will begin to revitalize our parishes and communities, and the entire world. There are many ways in which we can all contribute to our parish. If you wish to give of your time, talent and treasure to support our parish community as an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Catechist, Altar Server, Lector, Usher, or Minister to the Homebound**, please contact the parish office.



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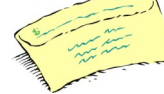


There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. God calls his priests, religious and deacons to witness to the Light of Christ in our day. Is God calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, at 416-968-0997, www.vocationstoronto.ca, or email: vocations@archtoronto.org**



Please note, the next **St Mary's Mortgage Fund** collection is Jan. 6/7, 2024

Offering Envelopes



Please note, the 2024 Sunday Offertory Envelopes will be available in the foyer of both Churches this weekend. Kindly use the Initial Offering envelope to help offset the cost of the box of envelopes. Some envelope numbers have been reassigned. Income tax receipts of \$100.00 minimum are issued for your financial contributions

Thank you for your continued financial support!

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Cor 9:7



Sharelife Parish Campaign 2023

Until December 31, donations to ShareLife will be matched up to **\$500,000**. We are grateful for the generosity of the anonymous donor who is making this possible. Thank you for your continued support of the 2023 Parish ShareLife Campaign!

Bills to be Paid!

St. Patrick's-Diocesan Assess. due (up to June, 2023) \$16,405
St. Mary's- Mortgage Interest Payment (due Oct., 2023) \$ 6,000
Diocesan Assess. (up to June, 2023) Balance due \$ 1,745

Weekend of December 9/10, 2023 Collections

St. Patrick's Parish	Sunday Offering	\$ 2,179.00
	Other	\$ 1,587.00
	Expenses	(\$ 2,149.00)
	Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 1,617.00
St. Mary's Mission	Sunday Offering	\$ 3,562.00
	Other	\$ 2,293.00
	Expenses	(\$13,169.00)
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Thank you St. Patrick's Parish KofC and CWL for a wonderful Family Christmas Breakfast In Gratitude to our Sponsors McDonald's - Schomberg Foodland - Schomberg No Frills - Nobleton



and the many donations of baked goods, food and crafts by the KofC and CWL. A special Thank you to the Life Teen youth for participating in Live Nativity float in the Schomberg Main Street Christmas parade.



SAINT DAYS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER (Click on the Saint name to link to their story)

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|--|---|--|--|
| 1 Saint Charles de Foucauld | 9 Saint Juan Diego | 17 Saint Hildegard of Bingen | 24 Christmas at Greccio |
| 2 Blessed Rafal Chylinski | 10 Our Lady of Loreto | 18 Blessed Anthony Grassi | 25 Nativity of the Lord |
| 3 Saint Francis Xavier | 11 Saint Damasus I | 19 Blessed Urban V | 26 Saint Stephen |
| 4 Saint John Damascene | 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe | 20 Saint Dominic of Silos | 27 Saint John the Evangelist |
| 5 Saint Sabas | 13 Saint Lucy | 21 Saint Peter Canisius | 28 Holy Innocents |
| 6 Saint Nicholas | 14 Saint John of the Cross | 22 Blessed Jacopone da Todi | 29 Saint Thomas Becket |
| 7 Saint Ambrose | 15 Blessed Mary Frances Schervier | 23 Saint John of Kanty | 30 Saint Egwin |
| 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 16 Blessed Honoratus Kozminski | | 31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph |

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# Who Will Lead You to God?

Today's Gospel reading tells us about Saint John the Baptist, who prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. At first people thought that he might be the saviour they were all waiting for, but he was very clear when he told them that he wasn't- there was one coming after him Who would be the truly great One.

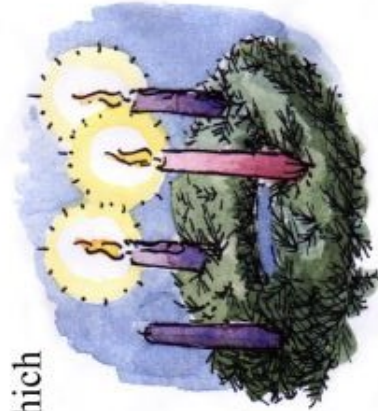


Sometimes we hear about great or important people. We know about movie stars and singers and government leaders. Who are some important people you know of?

Do those people that you've thought about help to bring you closer to God? Do they teach you well and give good example? Or do they lead people away from God by doing wrong things or making fun of God's truth?



We can know which people are really great by thinking about whether they lead us closer to God, like Saint John the Baptist did, or further away from Him. Which sort of people do you want to follow?

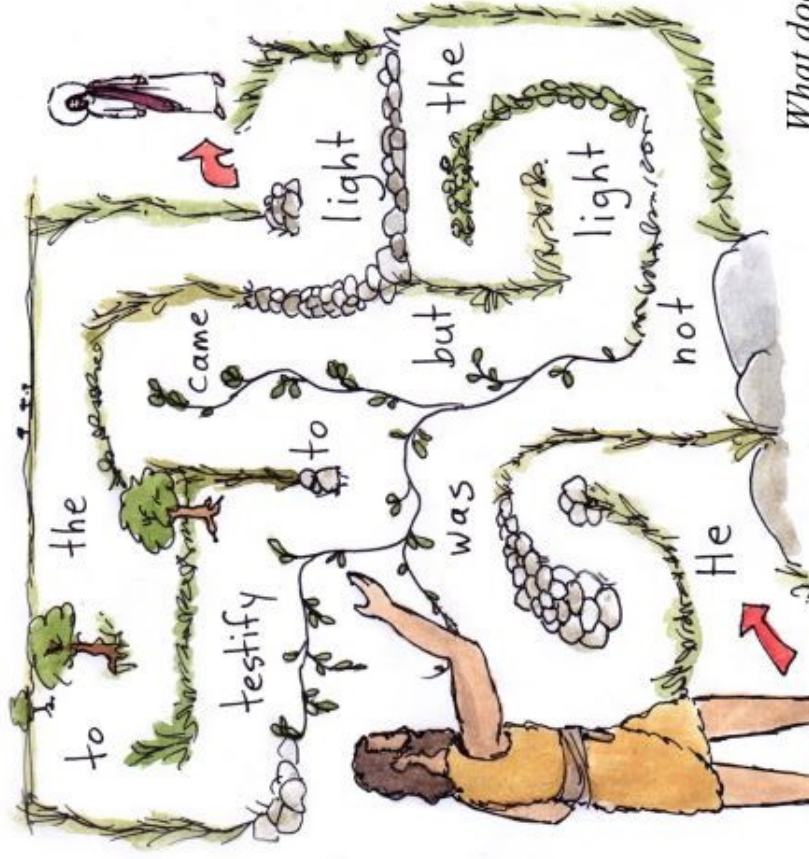


Answer to Word-find: brokenhearted.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 17th, 2023



*What does Saint John the Baptist say about Saint John the Evangelist say about Saint John the Baptist at the beginning of the Gospel? Read the words you pass as you go through the maze.*

Was the priest who offered Mass today wearing pink vestments? The colour pink, or rose, is a sign of joy. We use it for the third Sunday of Advent because we are happy that we're half-way to Christmas! If you have an Advent wreath, it's time to light the pink candle!



# SAINT HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

## DECEMBER 17



ST. HILDEGARD OF BINGEN WAS BORN IN THE LATE 1000'S TO A WEALTHY FAMILY. AS A CHILD SHE WAS SICKLY BUT SHE WAS TAUGHT TO READ THE PSALMS IN LATIN.



AT THE AGE OF 18 HILDEGARD ENTERED A BENEDICTINE CONVENT, AND SOON BECAME SUPERIOR.



HER CONFESSOR TOLD HER TO WRITE DOWN THE VISIONS SHE HAD SEEN.

I want you to write down what you saw.



SHE ALSO WROTE POETRY AND MUSIC AND BOOKS ON THE BODY AND MEDICINE.



WHEN THE EMPEROR WAS SUPPORTING MEN WHO WERE NOT THE REAL POPE HILDEGARD CORRECTED HIM.



PEOPLE NEARBY AND FROM OTHER COUNTRIES SOUGHT HER ADVICE.

There are seven letters for you today, mother!



You can't keep him buried here! He was an enemy of the Church!

HILDEGARD DEFENDED THE BURIAL IN THE CHURCH CEMETERY OF A MAN WHO HAD EARLIER BEEN EXCOMMUNICATED BUT REPENTED BEFORE HIS DEATH.

SAINT HILDEGARD KNEW A LOT ABOUT GOD FROM HER VISIONS BUT SHE WASN'T PROUD. INSTEAD SHE USED HER KNOWLEDGE AND GIFTS TO BRING PEOPLE CLOSER TO GOD THROUGH MUSIC AND SCIENCE. DID YOU KNOW THAT LEARNING ABOUT GOD'S CREATION CAN HELP YOU TO KNOW HIM BETTER TOO?

## The Messenger of Peace

### Word-find

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See if you can find the words in CAPITALS from today's first reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks in the reading.

The SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the LORD has ANOINTED me; he has SENT me to bring GLAD TIDINGS to the POOR, to heal

the \_\_\_\_\_, to PROCLAIM LIBERTY to CAPTIVES \_\_\_\_\_,

and RELEASE to the PRISONERS,

to ANNOUNCE a YEAR of FAVOUR from the Lord

and a day of VINDICATION by our GOD.

