



St. Jerome's Parish

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday, - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(closed for lunch daily, 12-1 p.m.)
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
(Between the Mass times, not during Mass)

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday to Saturday: 9:10 a.m.
Friday: 7 p.m. (Holy Hour at 6 p.m.)

RECONCILIATION:

Friday: 6:10 - 6:45 p.m.
Saturday: 8:30 - 9 a.m.

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. James Cherickal
Associate Pastor: Fr. Prem Addagatla, M.Ss.Cc.
In Residence: Fr. Phong Nguyen
Deacon: Mr. Norberto Aquino
Office Manager: Rocelyn Esposito
Youth Minister: Perla Sayah
Volunteer Sacramental Coord.: Donna Shotwell

Parish Elementary Schools

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St. Brigid, 81 Torrance Woods	905-454-0316
St. Jacinta Marto, 40 Fallowfield Rd.	905-366-5732
St. Jean-Marie Vianney, 75 Jordenson Dr.	905-497-6888
St. Joseph, 8 Parkway Ave.	905-451-8501
St. Monica, 60 Sterritt Dr.	905-454-6346

Parish Secondary Schools

St. Augustine, 27 Drinkwater Rd.	905-450-9993
St. Roch, 200 Valleyway Dr.	905-456-8543

BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place on Sundays, twice a month. Parents must participate in a preparation class before setting a date for their child's baptism. A baptismal registration form is available at the parish office on Sunday. Parents must be registered parishioners.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must contact one of the priests at least one year in advance. A date for the wedding will be set at the couple's first interview with the priest. A marriage course is required. For more information call the parish office.

FUNERALS

Please contact the church before making plans with the Funeral home.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please introduce yourselves to the priests after Mass and fill out our parish registration form and pick up a box of offertory envelopes. We are a vibrant community of faith and we hope you will feel a part of our parish family.



My dear brothers and sisters,
 We have entered the season of Advent—a time of joyful anticipation and heartfelt preparation. The spirit of Christmas is already in the air. Around us, malls and homes are lit up and beautifully decorated. The professional and business communities have begun hosting Christmas parties, while Churches and Christian communities are organizing liturgical, social, and communal celebrations to share the spirit of Christmas. These outward preparations – colorful lights, decorations, and gifts—are a source of relief and joy during the cold and dark winter months. Yet, I wonder, do these external expressions risk overshadowing the true meaning of Advent? At its heart, Advent calls us to embrace the virtue of patiently waiting.

In a world driven by instant gratification and immediate solutions, patience has become a rare virtue. Even nature is hurried along—for example, artificial lighting is used to trick hens into laying more eggs! We rush through life, eager to experience everything as quickly as possible. Yet the truth remains: the most important things in life cannot be rushed. They require time, effort, and waiting patiently. Think of a mother waiting for her child to be born and then watching patiently as that child grows as an infant to adulthood. Consider a teacher guiding a slow learner with persistence and care. Similarly, we, like the Israelites, are called to patiently wait for the Lord. He came to us in history, He will come again to judge us, and He comes to us daily in our lives—just as He revealed Himself to the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

In times of confusion or trouble, a patient heart and a listening ear are essential to recognizing His presence among us. Advent is a season for such spiritual preparation, a time to quiet our hearts and open ourselves to encountering Him anew.

Let us make use of this three-week journey to draw closer to the Lord. On **Sunday, December 15, at 6:00 p.m.**, we will have a special Advent reflection led by Fr. Michael Coutts, S.J., on the theme “The Light of Christ.” Jesus said, “*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life*” (John 8:12). Let us gather to reflect on how we can carry His light into a world often shadowed by darkness.

May this Advent season lead us to the joy of Christmas, filling our hearts with gratitude and transforming our lives with His presence.

In Christ’s love,

Fr. James Cherickal, Your Pastor



Monday, 9:10 a.m.

† Cletus Castelino
 † George Thomas

Tuesday, 9:10 a.m.

† Max Kressing

Wednesday, 9:10 a.m.

† Alice Docherty

Thursday, 9:10 a.m.

Friday, 9:10 a.m.

Friday, 7 p.m.

† For the Souls of Road Accident Victims
 † Alicia Paras

Saturday, 9:10 a.m.

Special Intention – Rocelyn Esposito & Family

**ADVENT RETREAT
 SERVICE OF LIGHT & REFLECTION**

December 15th at 6-7 p.m.



St. Jerome’s is hosting a Service of Light & Reflection on **Sunday, December 15th at 6 p.m.** with special guest Fr. Michael Coutts. He is a Jesuit belonging to the Canadian Province. He was the past Director of Manresa Retreat House. This will be a very special evening as we prepare for Season of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday, December 11th

We will gather for coffee, baked goods and fellowship in the parish hall after the morning Mass.

You are welcome to bring a Christmas theme baked goods, dozen muffins/donuts, or a cake to share. Contributions gratefully accepted.

See you all at the Social Hall



OFFERTORY

December 1st: **\$8,779**
 Christmas Flower Fund: **\$3,068**



PARISH DAY OF CONFESSION



During the week of December 15th-21st, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a **Day of Confession**. Let us make the journey into the heart of our relationship with God. Take a long, loving look at the ways God calls us to grow. Take this challenge and hold it in readiness for the rich blessing that is manifested in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our parish date is:

Thursday, December 19th, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

We have invited 10 guest priests to help with our confessions. Confessions can be heard in Italian, Malayalam, Spanish, Tamil, Telugu and Vietnamese.

To see the other parishes' **Day of Confession**, please check the link: Archdiocese of Toronto - Day of Confessions (archtoronto.org)



CHRISTMAS CONCERT EVENT

A Special Evening of Music

Friday, December 20th at 6 p.m.

St. Jerome's will be hosting a special evening of music to ring in the Christmas Season! Under the direction of David Bebiem, our 8 a.m. Choir Director the evening will showcase musical voices and music from our combined choirs of St. Jerome's, our Knights of Columbus, our Society of St. Vincent de Paul volunteers, Flower City Chorale, African/Caribbean Choir, and extraordinary solo acts and performances. A fun evening for the entire family with Santa Claus photo boot, Christmas Fair/Bazaar.

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All are invited! Let's share Christmas in special way!

PRAYERS & BEST WISHES FOR FRANK CARDINAL LEO



The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest member of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. This weekend, Cardinal Leo is in Rome as

one of the 21 new Cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new Cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church.

Regional Masses to celebrate Cardinal Leo and the beginning of the Jubilee Year will take place early in 2025. More details will be share in the coming weeks.




Daily Mass Monday, December 23 rd <i>(Office closed)</i>	9:10 a.m.
Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24 th <i>(Office closed)</i>	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 12 Midnight
Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25 th <i>(Office closed)</i>	10:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon
Daily Mass December 26 th - 30 th <i>(Office closed for the week)</i>	9:10 a.m.
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph SATURDAY, December 30 th <i>(Office closed)</i>	Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph SUNDAY, December 29 th <i>(Office closed)</i>	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) Tuesday, December 31 st <i>(Office closed)</i>	Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) Wednesday, January 1, 2025 <i>(Office closed)</i>	10:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon
Daily Mass 2025 & January 2 nd - 4 th <i>(Office closed for the week)</i>	9:10 a.m.

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