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Parish Elementary Schools

Our Lady of Peace, 15 Fincham Dr.	905-452-7010
Pauline Vanier, 56 Oaklea Blvd.	905-455-1001
St. Alphonsa, 60 Olivia Marie Rd.	905-456-1403
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

St. Jerome's Parish

8530 Chinguacousy Road, Brampton, ON. L6Y 5G4 Tel. 905-455-4260 Email: stjerome@archtoronto.org Website: stjerome.archtoronto.org

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.

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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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As we enter the third week of Advent, with only one more week before Christmas, we find ourselves immersed in the joy and anticipation of this holy season. The excitement of Christmas carols, festive decorations, gift shopping, gift-giving, and the warmth of togetherness all serve to deepen our celebration of Christ's birth.

We are deeply grateful for your generous contribution to the Christmas Flower Fund. On Sunday, December 22nd, following the 12 Noon Mass, our dedicated team: Audrey Large, Mike and Michelle Mroczkowski, Liz and Joe Cardoso, and Daniela and Peter Dalla Via will gather to prepare the church for Christmas with beautiful decorations that reflect the spirit of the season.

I also want to remind you of our Advent Retreat, which will take place this **Sunday evening at 6 p.m.** Fr. Michael Coutts, S.J., will lead us in a 'Service of Light'. Please arrive early to ensure you have a seat as we begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Additionally, please join us for our Christmas Carol Concert on **Friday, December 20th at 6 p.m.,** under the direction of Mr. David Bebiem, our choir director for the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. The concert will feature angelic voices from various choirs, promising a truly beautiful and uplifting evening.

Please note that due to the Christmas Concert, <u>both</u> <u>Adoration and the evening Mass on Friday</u>, <u>December 20th</u> <u>will be canceled</u>. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

In this season of preparation, I pray that all these will draw us closer to the Lord. May His peace and blessings fill your hearts and homes as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Wishing you and your loved ones all a blessed and joyful Christmas!

In Christ's love,

Fr. James Cherickal, Your Pastor

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FALL YARD CLEAN UP



A big "Thank You" to all the parishioners who had their yards cleaned this fall and made a cash donation to the Knights of Columbus at St. Jerome's. Funds raised assisted in

purchasing **95 warm winter** *Coats for Kids*, hats and mitts for "Families in Need" in our parish schools. Your support and generosity are very much appreciated. *Thank you!*



Monday, 9:10 a.m. † Adelaida Maximo & Fausta Bungay

> **Tuesday, 9:10 a.m.** † Maureen Rodrigues

Wednesday, 9:10 a.m. † David Bognar † John Manankil Thanksgiving – Essue Family

> **Thursday, 9:10 a.m.** † Paul Hintzen

Friday, 9:10 a.m.

† Leroy & Margaret Kelly-Simmons
† Lesie Nazareth & Angela Nezes
† Peppino Sechi
† Bartolome, Ana & Felixberto Tuason

Friday, 7 p.m. No Mass

Saturday, 9:10 a.m. † Tomas Yntig

ADVENT RETREAT SERVICE OF LIGHT & REFLECTION December 15th at 6-7 p.m.

Our parish is hosting a "Service of Light & Reflection" on Sunday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. We are honored to welcome Fr. Michael Coutts, S.J., a Jesuit priest from the Canadian Province and former Director of Manresa



Retreat House, as our special guest for the evening. This will be a meaningful and peaceful time of prayer and reflection as we prepare our hearts for the Season of Christmas. We invite you to join us for this beautiful service and experience a moment of spiritual renewal during Advent.

We look forward to seeing you there!

BAPTISMS



On Sunday, November 24th, we welcomed into our faith community through the waters of Baptism:

Asher Almario, Chimebuka Chima, Bryan Ezeorah, Benjamin Mroczkowski, Sianna McFarlane-Thomas, Gasan & Siara Thomas

OFFCRTORY December 8th: **\$9,120** Maintenance Fund: **\$3,860**



PARISH DAY OF CONFESSION



During the week of December 15th-21st, every parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a **Day of Confession**. This is a wonderful opportunity for us in our

spiritual journey and reflect on our relationship with God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers a rich blessing of healing, peace, and renewal. Let this be a time to open our hearts and receive God's abundant grace. We encourage you to take advantage of this sacred opportunity for confession during this season of Advent. Our Day of Confession is on:

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: <u>Archdiocese of Toronto - Day of</u> <u>Confessions (archtoronto.org)</u>

CHRISTMAS CONCERT EVENT A Special Evening of Music Friday, December 20th at 6 p.m.

Join us for a festive evening of music as we ring in the Christmas season! Our parish will host a special concert under the direction of Mr. David Bebiem,



our 8:00 a.m. Choir Director. This event will feature beautiful performances from our combined choirs, including: Knights of Columbus, Society of St. Vincent de Paul volunteers, Flower City Chorale, and African/Caribbean Choir.

In addition to the choir performances, enjoy extraordinary solo acts and musical performances that will fill the evening with joy and celebration.

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

WANTED: 5 p.m. Choir Pianist



Are you looking to deepen your faith? Make new friends? Make music? Have fun? Then the 5 p.m. choir is the place for you! There is a need for a pianist, Grade 8 Conservatory or

higher. Wednesday nights practice at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays 4:00 pm before Mass. St Jerome's is a parish that sings! As St. Augustine said, "*He who sings, prays twice.*" Please contact the 5 p.m. Choir Director, Lorenzo at 416-709-1918.



<u>Office closed</u> Monday December 23rd – January 4th, 2025



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