

St. Jerome's Parish

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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 As I write this first pastoral note for the year 2025, may I offer my warmest greetings and the peace of the Lord for you and your loved ones. Let us pray for a renewed sense of purpose, as individuals and as a parish family in this new year. Together, we have an extraordinary opportunity to answer God’s call to love and serve, in this vibrant and diverse community.

A Community Rich in Potential

St. Jerome Parish is blessed with a beautiful mosaic of cultures, talents, and professions. Our diversity is not a challenge but a tremendous gift—a reflection of the universality of the Church. As St. Paul reminds us, “*For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another*” (Romans 12:4-5).

An Invitation to Lead and Serve

At the beginning of my ministry, I invited your input on the priorities we should focus on together. Based on your suggestions, we will dedicate ourselves to launching new ministries and strengthening those already in place. This year, I encourage each of you to step forward as leaders in our missionary and pastoral efforts.

Let us take initiative to serve families, promote vocations, provide faith formation, and care for the homebound and lonely. Additionally, we must establish a bereavement ministry to walk alongside to those who are grieving. It should be the commitment of every parishioner that anyone who walks through the doors of St. Jerome should feel the warmth and love of Christ in their life, no matter what situation they are currently in. To achieve that goal, we all should become intentional disciples of Christ.

Addressing Our Challenges Together

While we embrace our spiritual mission, we must also address practical needs to ensure the sustainability and growth of our parish. Our church building requires immediate attention, particularly the leaking roof and improvements to property security. These are not just maintenance issues; they are essential to creating a safe, welcoming space for worship and ministry. Additionally, we must consider future expansion to meet the growing needs of our community. These challenges are opportunities for us to strengthen our bond as a parish family. Join us in addressing our building challenges.

Every contribution, no matter the size, is a step toward a stronger, safer parish home. Consider giving your time, expertise, or financial support to these projects.

A Call to Hope and Action

As we embark on this journey together, I echo the words of St. John Paul II: “*Do not be afraid; Open wide the doors for Christ.*” May we open our hearts and our lives to Him in new and courageous ways. Trust that God’s grace will guide and sustain us as we step into these endeavors. I am deeply grateful for each of you and your commitment to St. Jerome Parish. Together, let us build a vibrant, loving community where Christ is known, loved, and served.

With prayers for a blessed and fruitful New Year,

Yours in Christ,
 Fr. James Cherickal
 Pastor



Monday, 9:10 a.m.

† Matilde D’Ambrosio

Tuesday, 9:10 a.m.

† Richard D’Souza & Hildegard Pape

Wednesday, 9:10 a.m.

Thursday, 9:10 a.m.

† Richard D’Souza

Friday, 9:10 a.m.

† Richard D’Souza

Friday, 7 p.m.

† Michael Miklausic

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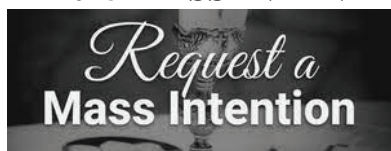
† Christ & Maria Cabral

PARISH WEBSITE



As a reminder, we have been using our current website, [St. Jerome's Parish, Brampton - St. Jerome's Parish, Brampton \(archtoronto.org\)](http://St.Jerome's Parish, Brampton - St.Jerome's Parish, Brampton (archtoronto.org)) for the past year. Also please update your contact list with the parish office email address: stjerome@archtoronto.org

2025 MASS INTENTION REQUESTS



Mass Intention requests at St. Jerome's can be taken over the phone or via email. Please check

with the office in advance to ensure the date you request is available. Mass intentions (maximum 2 names) are offered at the Daily Mass on:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday (9:10 a.m.): Single Mass intention only

Wednesday & Friday (9:10 a.m.): Max. 5 Mass intentions

Friday evening (7:00 p.m. Mass): Max. 10 Mass intentions

Once the date is confirmed and the Mass intention recorded, you can drop off the donation, cash or cheque in an envelope *labelled* with the date and name of the intention being offered, your name and telephone in the locked mailbox at the entrance of the church or directly to the parish office. The Archdiocese of Toronto has suggested Mass Intention donations at \$20 for each date.

SJYM EDGE MINISTRY

Edge Ministry is a youth group program for kids in grade 5 to grade 8, within St. Jerome's Youth Ministry. The next Edge meeting is **Friday, January 31st, from 7pm – 9pm**. If you are interested in joining, it is required to register before attending by filling out the form on the St. Jerome website under "Parish Life". If there are any questions, please email: stjerome.youthministry@archtoronto.org

LIFE TEEN PROGRAM

The Life Teen Program is a youth group for teens in grade 9 to grade 12, within St. Jerome's Youth Ministry. The next Life Teen meeting is **Friday, February 7th, from 7pm – 9pm**. If you are interested in joining, it is required to register before attending by filling out the form on the St. Jerome website under "Parish Life". If there are any questions, please email: stjerome.youthministry@archtoronto.org



2024 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

If you have moved or need to update your mailing address, please contact the parish office **before January 10, 2025** to ensure you receive your 2024 donation tax receipt, which will be mailed out in February 2024.

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Email vocations@archtoronto.org
<http://www.vocations.ca/www.vocationstoronto.ca>



Marriage Sunday

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS February 9, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2025. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9th at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto)**. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage
For questions, please email: formation@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-9-3400, ext. 523.



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