

# All Saints' Parish

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*prepare the way...*



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

*Ask for a sign from the Lord. (Isaiah 7:11)*

Things were looking bad for King Ahaz of Jerusalem. He was barely holding back an attack from the armies of Aram and Samaria. The situation became so desperate that Ahaz decided to appeal to the king of Assyria for help. "I am your servant and your son," he wrote. "Come up and rescue me" (2 Kings 16:7).

Hearing the news, the prophet Isaiah urged Ahaz to reconsider. He knew that bowing to Assyria would mean adopting the nation's false idols and sinful traditions. "Ask for a sign from the Lord," he begged the king (Isaiah 7:11). Let God help you.

But Ahaz refused. He didn't want to risk God's wrath by seeming to dare God to prove himself. Besides, he thought, God could not possibly be so good as to rescue him—especially not after all the ways Ahaz had disobeyed him in the past.

Like Ahaz, we too can fear that we have to deal with the challenges of life all on our own. But God is always giving us signs of his presence and his help. Some are subtle, like a beautiful sunrise, and others are more obvious, like the faithfulness of a friend. And then there's the dramatic sign that Isaiah gave Ahaz: "The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

Emmanuel. God-with-us. A living, breathing sign of God's love and protection. A personal, undeniable sign of God's commitment to his people. A promise that he has seen our need and is ready to help if we turn to him.

At Mass today, you'll be surrounded by signs: statues, a crucifix, an altar, and maybe a crèche. And of course, the greatest and most intimate of all signs: Jesus, present in the form of bread and wine. He is a sign you not only see but one you can taste and touch. He is the sign that redeems, heals, and restores. So don't be like Ahaz. Welcome this sign. Take it into your heart and soul.

*"Jesus, thank you for every sign that you will give me today."*

(Excerpt from The **WORD** Among Us)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### December 23<sup>rd</sup> to December 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Mon., December 23<sup>rd</sup>, St. John of Kanty

Alessandro & Anna Prospero  
John Bancic

Antonio, Tony & Joseph Freitas

#### Tues., December 24<sup>th</sup>, St. Adele

Morning Mass

#### Wed., December 25<sup>th</sup>, Birth of the Lord Christmas Day

#### Thur., December 26<sup>th</sup>, St. Stephen,

#### The First Martyr

Giacomo & Vincenzo Capiello & Vincenzo Cosco  
Nick, Carmen, Asunta & Ernesto Di Ilio  
Josephine Indovina

#### Fri., December 27<sup>th</sup>, St. John the Apostle

Rosanna Maneli

Maria & Sebastiano Rinella

All Souls in Purgatory

### Eucharistic Adoration 3:00-6:30 pm

#### Sat., December 28<sup>th</sup>, Holy Innocents

Vincent Staltari

Maria Pina & Fernando Carinci

Jose Da Silva

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

### **December 24 – Christmas Eve**

5:00 pm English Family Mass

12 Midnight Solemn English Mass

### **December 25 – Christmas Day**

8:00 am Italian Mass

9:30 am English Mass

11:30 am English Mass



### **WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

May the joy of Christmas resound in your hearts and in your homes. May the Good News heralded on that First Christmas continue to fill your hearts and to strengthen your journey. To all of you, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

*Fr. Andrzej Glaba, Fr. Paul Begin, and the  
Staff and Volunteers of All Saints' Parish*

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## NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS

### **December 31 – New Year's Eve**

5:00 pm English Mass

### **January 1 – New Year's Day**

8:00 am Italian Mass

9:30 am English Mass

11:30 am English Mass

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### **All Saints Boxing Day Hockey Game Thursday December 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am**

**York Canlan Arena, 989 Murray Ross Pkwy**  
Parishioners 14 and older are invited to participate in a **Fun Ice Hockey** game. Full equipment required. Come out meet new friends.

Let us continue to celebrate this joyous Christmas season. Please confirm by email to [nick.mossa@sympatico.ca](mailto:nick.mossa@sympatico.ca)

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### **We did it together!**

It's impossible to quantify how you, the parishioners of the Archdiocese of Toronto, are making your communities more caring and compassionate. But there is a number worth celebrating: \$13 million. That is how much was raised by thousands of people in over 200 parishes through the 2019 ShareLife Parish Campaign. The Holy Spirit inspired you to reach out to those in need, and you responded generously. You have lived the Gospel and, on behalf of ShareLife agencies and those they serve, we can never thank you enough.

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### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Please note that the meeting scheduled for **January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 has been cancelled.**

All are welcome to attend the next meeting scheduled for Feb 3, 2020 at 7:30pm in the parish hall.

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“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister: Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 or Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### JESUS!

**An invitation to all children!**  
Please join us in the celebration and reflection on the birth of Jesus!

**When: Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Where: Parish Hall**

**Time: 12:00 to 2:00 pm**

Light refreshments (pizza & veggies) will be served. Please RSVP at [babyjesusparty2019@gmail.com](mailto:babyjesusparty2019@gmail.com) with the name and age of the child/children attending.

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## NO MEMORIAL MASS IN DECEMBER

Please note that there will be **NO** Collective Memorial Mass on the last Friday in December.

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## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE JANUARY 2020

Our marriage preparation course for 2020 will be held in January on the following dates:

Monday, January 13 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm

Friday, January 17 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Saturday, January 18 from 1:30 to 4:45pm  
followed by Holy Mass

Friday, January 24 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Saturday, January 25 from 1:30 to 4:45 pm  
followed by Holy Mass

Engaged couples can register for the course at the parish office. The fee is \$120.00 per couple.

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## MUSIC MINISTRY

### All Saints Choirs - Christmas Concert

We invite you to our Christmas concert **this Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm**, come and listen to beautiful Christmas music presented by our Children's Angel Voices and our Adult Choir.

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### Condolences to Frank & Lisa Maccarone

All Saints' Parish wishes to extend our sincerest condolences to Frank & Lisa Maccarone on the passing of Tommaso Maccarone (Frank's father) on December 15. May eternal rest be upon him. Let us remember Mr. Tommaso and the Maccarone family in our prayers these days.

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## NEW ENVELOPES FOR 2020

New donation envelopes for 2020 are now available in the parish hall. **Please pick up your box of envelopes as soon as possible.**



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*All Programs run in the Parish Hall*

**EDGE – Raising Saints** (Grades 5 – 8)

Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

**Topic: “Anything but Ordinary”**

**Little Saints** (Grades 2 – 4)

Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> - @ 6:30 pm

**Topic: “The Saints”**

**The Saints’** (ages 15 - 35)

Friday, January 3 @ 7 pm

**Topic: “Social Night”**

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**All children** in Grades 2 – 8 are invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant at the Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Mass at 5 pm. If interested please come to the rehearsal on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 2 - 4 pm.

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***Just* FAITH**  
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**Formation Session: Forgiveness**

*Location: Parish Hall*

*Dates Offered: Tuesday, January 21 at 7 pm*

*Thursday, January 30 at 7 pm*

*Come join us we deepen our faith together.*

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All Saints' Parish Youth Ministry – Toronto  
or

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