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4th Sunday of Advent December 20th, 2020

*The Lord God
will give him the
throne of David
his father. (Luke 1:32)*

It's almost Christmas! That thought can fill our hearts with anticipation. We might look forward to seeing friends or family. We can't wait to see the look on a loved one's face when they open the gift we carefully chose. Or we just want to enjoy celebrating Jesus' birth with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

But think about the anticipation that the Jews felt as they awaited the coming of the Messiah! Their hope was kindled almost one thousand years before Christ, when God promised David a kingly lineage. Imagine as well Mary's surprise when the angel described the son she would bear by using nearly the same words that God had spoken to David so much earlier. He would be called Son of the Most High, he would sit on the throne of his father, David, and he would reign over an eternal kingdom (Luke 1:26-38). Israel's long wait was over—the birth of Jesus would bring about everything they had hoped for.

As modern-day Christians, we don't experience the Jews' yearning for a Messiah, but we can still feel the ache of longing. For peace. For justice. For security. Jesus is the fulfillment of these yearnings too. When conflict—on a large or small scale—threatens to tear us apart, Jesus offers reconciliation and the chance to live once more in peace with God and our neighbor. When injustice breaks our hearts, Jesus tells us he has come to make all things right and to give us the strength to make things better in our own corner of the world. When insecurity makes us feel as if nothing ever remains the same, Jesus reminds us that his kingdom is everlasting; he gives us a sure foundation to build our lives on.

That's the kind of fulfillment that the kingship of Jesus can bring. That's what he promises. And that's a gift we can all receive this Christmas.

"Jesus, you are the fulfillment of all my longings! I love you, Lord!"

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

MASS INTENTIONS

December 21st to December 26th

Mon., December 21st, St. Peter Canisius

Special Intentions

Italo Marti

Vincenzo & Ida Gerasolo

Tues., December 22nd, Bl. Gratian

Antonio & Maria Meffe

Maria Anna Horn

Heather Murray

Wed., December 23rd, St. John of Kanty

Frank Cairo

Nicola, Carmen & Assunta Di Ilio

Thanksgiving: Yeh Family

Thur., December 24th, St. Adele

8:15 am Private Morning Mass

5:00 pm Family Mass – Live Stream

YouTube

Fri., December 25th, Nativity of the Lord

9:30 am English Mass - Live

Stream

YouTube

Sat., December 26th, St. Stephen, First Martyr

Giacomo, Vincenzo & Angela Cappiello

Josephine Indovina

Maria Pina & Fernando Carinci

Limited Edition All Saints

Puzzle Series:



*Series #1 Father
Andrzej Glaba
at the Altar
during Mass:
"Every good
puzzle, like
VIRTUE, is its
own reward"*

Rediscover the
joy of a piecing
together a

jigsaw puzzle this Christmas! During Advent, All Saints' Parish Council is offering a 250-piece puzzle featuring a beautiful image of our Altar. This puzzle promises fun for the whole family.

The cost is \$25 and only 100 will be available to order. All proceeds are in support of the needy in our parish. Call the office to place your order and arrange a curbside pick up.

**All Saints' Roman Catholic Church
Updated as Changes Evolve**

Thank you for your ongoing support during this period of great uncertainty. It has been wonderful to see so many of you at Mass since we were able to re-open in June. We are grateful to all the volunteers who have done an incredible job ensuring that our church was a safe place to gather; we are especially appreciative of their sacrifice and generosity!

As you are aware, the City of Toronto will move into "Lockdown Stage" as of Monday, Nov. 23rd, to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The lockdown order is in place for at least 28 days and may be extended. We recognize that this will be an extremely challenging time for many parishioners. So many of the faithful rely on our churches to find solace, peace and support in their lives, especially during this period of pandemic. We will make every effort to continue our outreach to you and to use technology to connect virtually with our parishioners.

What this means for All Saints' Church: Please note that this is an update from a previous communication and reflects the most current information from the Archdiocese and Toronto Health.

Masses – For Public celebrations, all weekday and Sunday Masses are cancelled. Communion on Sunday, as was originally communicated, is not available at this time.

Private Masses for Parishioners' Intentions: Father Glaba will celebrate daily Mass for the booked intentions of parishioners and for those affected by Covid-19. There will be **no** parishioners in attendance.

Confession: Parishioners wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) can come every day from **Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am** or call the Church office and book an appointment with the secretary.

Private Prayer in the Church: The Church will be open for private prayer from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Masks are mandatory for the entire time you are in the Church. A maximum of 10 people will be allowed at any given time.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: This Friday we will NOT have Eucharistic Adoration.

To watch it live THIS Friday, please click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGVms3I5UMU&list=PLocpP1kPHudI1hiwrDVmlNG79vhrpFC76&index=1>

Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals - NO Masses: Weddings, funerals and baptisms may be celebrated without Mass and only 10 persons present,

including the priest. Please call the office for further details.

Livestream Mass on Sunday: We will be livestreaming our **9:30 am** Sunday Mass. This can be accessed on our YouTube channel page at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqCsT_qlZXIPMc8QzUpWH8Q

Children of the Word for Children and Liturgy of the Word for the Family: The Liturgy of the Word with the family will continue to be virtual and can be found at the following site: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLocpP1kPHudKt6mGYtkCI99AirAmWscFa>

Parish Communication: We will continue to update you as the situation evolves:

- by email at alsc1415@allsaintsrc.com
- on our Church website allsaintset.archtoronto.org
- by robocall (message recorded by Fr. Glaba)
- by recorded messages on our phone number 416-244-3066 for Mass times Extension 4 and Office Hours Ext. 5.
- by messages posted on our front doors.

If we do not have your email address, please forward it to us so that we may add you to our email distribution list.

Other Resources: There are also online resources from parishes across the Archdiocese including streamed Masses and services. Consult the list at www.archtoronto.org/covid19 for more information on these.

Parish Office: For further explanation or questions, please contact our office at 416-244-3066 or email us at alsc1415@allsaintsrc.com

Office hours: We are open from Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 11:00 am or by appointment, Saturday and Sunday we are closed.



**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*

Annual Christmas Toy Drive:

We would like to thank all our parishioners for your support of the families in need within our community in conjunction with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Advent Reflections



We may not be able to be together physically but let us wait for the coming of the Christ Child together by praying and reflecting on the readings during Advent. Join me for 3 Minute Reflections on the virtues of each candle and Gospel reflections for each day of Advent.

YouTube Channel: All Saints' - Youth, Catechesis, Prayers Anna B. Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBQ1qPTNp0Br3RizMo6-pYA>



All youth (Grades 1 to 12) and especially those preparing for the sacraments are encouraged to watch the Sunday Mass at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqCsT_qLZXIPMc8QzUpWH8Q/playlists.

A great way to understand the readings, do activities and learn about our faith.

YOUTH MINISTRY



We will offer Youth Events where all Youth in the Parish can participate. Watch for announcements.

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto** at 416-968-0997.

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