



WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays: **5pm** (English)

Fridays: **1:15pm** (English)

in the main church.

SUNDAY MASS

SCHEDULE

10:30am (English)

12pm (Portuguese)

The Office is open

Tuesdays and

Thursdays

Number for the Office:
416-533-8425

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upkeep of our
building, support
activities, and
operations.



“Draw near to God, and He
will draw near to you.
Cleanse your hands, you
sinners,
and purify your hearts, you
double-minded.
Humble yourselves before
the Lord,
and He will exalt you.”
-James 4:8-10

The word of the Popes

Today, the Second Sunday of Advent, the Gospel for the Liturgy presents the figure of John the Baptist. The text says that John “wore a garment of camel’s hair”, that “his food was locusts and wild honey” (Mt 3:4), and that he invited everyone to conversion: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”! (v. 2). He preached the nearness of the Kingdom. In short, he was an austere and radical man, who at first sight might appear somewhat harsh and could instil a certain fear. (...) In reality, the Baptist, more than being a harsh man, was a man who was allergic to duplicity. Listen well to this: allergic to duplicity. For example, when the Pharisees and Sadducees, who were known for their hypocrisy, approached him, his “allergic reaction” was very strong! In fact, some of them probably went to him out of curiosity or opportunism because John had become quite popular. (...) So, John says to them: “Bear fruit that befits repentance!” (v. 8). This is a cry of love, like the cry of a father who sees his son ruining himself and tells him: “Don’t throw your life away”! In essence, dear brothers and sisters, hypocrisy is the greatest danger because it can ruin even the most sacred realities. (...) With his “allergic reactions” John makes us reflect. Are we not at times a bit like those Pharisees? (...) Advent is a time of grace to take off our masks — each one of us has them — and line up with those who are humble, to be liberated from the presumption of believing we are self-sufficient, to go to confess our sins, the hidden ones, and to welcome God’s pardon, to ask forgiveness from those we offended. This is how to begin a new life.

-Pope Francis



UPCOMING EVENTS



Dec
08

Mass at Maynard
Nursing Home

Dec
10

Christmas
Confession

Dec
14

Christmas Lunch

Dec
22

Women’s Prayer
Group

“True repentance consists not in hiding the sin, but in confessing it with sincerity of heart.”
-St. John Chrysostom

Mass at Maynard Nursing Home

We warmly invite the entire community to join us for Holy Mass to be celebrated at Maynard Nursing Home.

- Date: **Monday, December 8**
- Time: **10:00 AM**
- Location: 28 Halton St, Toronto, ON, M6J 1R3

Let us come together in faith and fellowship to bring the joy and presence of Christ to our brothers and sisters in the nursing home.

Women's Prayer group

You're warmly invited to join our women's prayer group—a welcoming space to grow in faith, share prayers, and support one another on our spiritual journey. With Mary as our guide, we seek to draw closer to Christ together. Whether you're new or have walked with the Lord for years, all are welcome. Come be part of our faith-filled community.

Monday, December 22nd at 6:30pm

December 2025

Christmas Confessions

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8th	<u>9th</u> St. Helen's: 7pm	<u>10th</u> Santa Cruz and St. John Bosco: 7pm	<u>11th</u> Salvador do Mundo: 7pm	<u>12th</u> St. Agnes: 7pm
<u>15th</u> St. Mary of the Angels: 7pm	<u>16th</u> St. Matthew's: 7pm	<u>17th</u> St. Anthony's: 7pm	<u>18th</u> Cristo Rei: 9am/7pm St. Mary's: 10am/6:30pm	<u>19th</u> Our Lady of the Rosary and Our Lady of Fatima: 7:30pm

Christmas Lunch

You and your family are warmly invited to our Parish Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, **December 14th, at 2:30 p.m.** (doors open at 1:30 p.m.) in the **Santa Cruz Parish Hall.**

Come share the joy of Christmas with a delicious meal, good company, and the true spirit of Christian fellowship!

Tickets:

- **Adults: \$55**
- **Children (up to 12 years old): \$20**

Tickets will be available after all Masses until **December 7th.**

You can also purchase them by contacting:

- **Ana Ledo: 416-457-5698**
- **Parish Office: 416-533-8425**

We look forward to celebrating this beautiful time of year together as a true parish family!



"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."
-St. Maximilian Kolbe