

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

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**CLERGY:** Father Colman Ngulla Mruma, *Pastor*  
Deacon Robert Partridge

**SECRETARY:** Nicolette Alfonso **YOUTH MINISTER:** Bianca Hutchinson

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday to Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm  
Sunday at 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm  
Liturgy of the Word for Children: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Mass at 8:30 am  
Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm Holy Hour, Mass 7:30 pm

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday's 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

**SCHOOLS**

Fr. Fénelon Catholic Elementary School	795 Eyer Drive, Pickering, ON L1W 2K2	905-839-5409
St. Monica Catholic Elementary School	275 Twyn River Drive, Pickering ON L1V 1E3	905-509-6691
St. Mary Catholic Secondary School	1918 Whites Road, Pickering ON L1V 1R9	905-420-7166

**Marriage:** Marriage is a celebration of the Church. A Catholic is obliged to be married in the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish Office one year before the proposed date. At least one of the parties should be Catholic and registered in the Parish.

**Baptism:** Baptism is the first of all the Sacraments, and the gateway into the church. Parents, the first teachers, who solemnly promise to raise their child in the faith, should be registered members of the Parish and should attend a preparation program on effective ways to raise their child in the faith

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a program of preparation and instruction designed to initiate those who desire to join the Catholic church, in its faith and its teaching. Participants meet on Wednesday every week from September until just after Easter. For information contact the Parish Office

**MINISTRIES AND SERVICES IN OUR PARISH**

**Liturgical & Faith Formation Committees**

Deacon Robert Partridge 905-839-9774

Dorothea Ritchie 905-509-2776

<b>Finance Committee</b>	Gerry Lee	647-998-0738	<b>Pastoral Committee</b>	Brian Reel	647-274-2631
<b>Property Committee</b>	Greg David	905-831-4963	<b>Volunteer Screening Committee</b>	Anne O'Brien	905-839-9774

**LITURGICAL AND FAITH FORMATION:**

<b>Altar Linens</b>	Mary David & Virginia Beasley	905-839-9774
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Hugh Fulton	905-831-6381
	Dorothea Ritchie	905-509-2776
<b>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)</b>		
	Dorothea Ritchie	905-509-2776
<b>Confirmation &amp; First Communion</b>		
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	Dorothea Ritchie	905-509-2776
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Angela Kirby	905-839-9774
<b>Hospitality (Greeters &amp; Ushers)</b>	Simone Petty	416-451-9039
<b>Lectors</b>	Angela Kirby	905-839-9774
<b>Liturgy of the Word for Children</b>	Dorothea Ritchie	905-509-2776
<b>RCIA</b>	Parish Office	905-839-9774

**PASTORAL:**

<b>Catholic Women's Guild</b>	Patricia Beauvais	905-420-5665
<b>Church Choirs:</b>	Jamie Kettrick	905-213-5724
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Angela Kirby	905-839-9774
<b>Couples for Christ (CFC)</b>	Al Basilio	905-239-5771
<b>Couples for Christ (Youth)</b>	Fred Galano	416-708-9907
<b>Cursillo</b>	Shona O'Brien	647-529-5992
<b>Foundations for Family Life</b>	Jun Almeyda	905-428-3352
<b>Gift Shop</b>	Lear Cardoz	905-839-9774
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Rick Hemingway	416-268-9255
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Inga Spinoti	416-880-1252
<b>Provide-a-Meal (P.A.M.)</b>	Stephanie Newitt	905-831-6525
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Society</b>	Alan Berlie	905-839-9774
<b>St. Vincent Palotti's Kitchen</b>	Mary Bridgeman	905-839-4762
<b>Young Adults Ministry</b>	Erica and Carlyn Figueiredo	<a href="mailto:hrpyoungadults@gmail.com">hrpyoungadults@gmail.com</a>

**New Parishioners Welcome:**

Please introduce yourself to Father and complete a registration form located at the back of the church.



# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2019

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON  
Rejoice in the Lord always  
Indeed, the Lord

Mass  for the  
Intentions  for the  
Week

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

5 p.m. + ROGERIO GALANTE

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. + BARBARA FERNANDEZ

11 a.m. MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

5 p.m. + PEDRO GOROSPE

Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. INT. UNANNOUNCED

Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. INT. UNANNOUNCED

Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

7:30 p.m. + ALBERT WEBB

Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. INT. UNANNOUNCED

Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. INT. UNANNOUNCED

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

5 p.m. + MAY & TOM JR. FITZPATRICK

Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

9 a.m. + ALI JARIANI

11 a.m. MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

5 p.m. + ALBERTO PALILLO & LUBICA GOLUBIC

Mass bookings are being taken from January to June 2020

### ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

To help us prepare spiritually for the birth of the  
Messiah.

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.,  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



For other days, please call the office to  
schedule. Also check out the Archdiocese of  
Toronto Website for Confession Dates at  
parishes close to the area where you are!

### EVENING OF ADVENT REFLECTION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 7 P.M.



Join us for an evening of prayer,  
reflection, hymns and scripture  
readings in preparation for the  
coming of our Lord. We welcome all  
of you parishioners to be a part of  
this spiritual experience.

### 2020 ENVELOPES ARE READY

The envelopes for 2020 are available in the parish hall.  
If you do not see your name please contact the office.



Please check that your name and  
address are correct and please do not  
use the envelopes before January 1<sup>st</sup> as  
your number may have changed.

### UPDATING PARISH RECORDS:

If your home address or telephone number  
has changed kindly inform the parish office  
so that our database is up to date!

Also inform the parish if you are moving into another Parish.



### THANK YOU KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR ORGANIZING THE CHRISTMAS



Thank you all the groups that prepared the  
music and songs. Thank you all who found  
time to come and praise God. Thank you to  
the Catholic Women's Guild for the generosity  
of fellowship after the concert. God Bless You!



### THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION: THE FUTURE OF THE VERY YOUNG

That every country take the measures necessary to  
prioritize the future of the very young, especially  
those who are suffering.



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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  
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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.

(Philippians 4.4-5)

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ord is near.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

YEAR "A" ISA 35.1-6A, 10; JAM 5.7-10; MATTHEW 11.2-11



Archdiocese  
of Toronto

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF

### ADVENT :

### REJOICING AMIDST THE

### DARKNESS

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." These are the words proclaimed in the entrance antiphon of Mass for Gaudete Sunday this week. It urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord, and as good stewards of Christ, we should always strive to live lives inundated with the joy that flows from the Lord.

In order to do this, we must understand the difference between joy and happiness, for the Lord never promised us happiness. Instead He says, "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11). Happiness is a result of our good circumstances, because we feel good, or we had something positive happen to us, etc. Joy on the other hand goes much deeper. Henri Nouwen describes it as "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing -- sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death -- can take that love away."

So joy is the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved sons and daughters of God even amidst the trials of our life. Henri Nouwen further describes joy as a choice we must make every day. How often in our difficult lives do we take solace and rejoice in our identities of being beloved children of God? This Gaudete Sunday let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, "Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete" (John 16:24).

**SUMMARY:** Gaudete Sunday urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord. Henri Nouwen describes joy as the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved children of God even amidst the trials of our life. So let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, "Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete" (John 16:24).

*Stewardship Bulletin Reflections from the Office of Formation for  
Discipleship Parish Vitality & Stewardship*

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

In Canada, there are two Holy Days of Obligation other than the Sundays of the year: Christmas and January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. We are called to respond to God's love and fulfil our obligation by attending mass and celebrating these great solemnities.



### Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

(Christmas Eve)

5:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

12:00 Midnight

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

(Christmas Day)

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

**No 5:00 p.m. Mass**



### Regular Weekday Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

(Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr): 9 a.m.

Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

(Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist): 8:30 a.m.

### Feast of the Holy Family of

### Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

(Sunday Vigil): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>:

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.



### Regular Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

(6<sup>th</sup> day within the Octave of the Nativity): 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

(7<sup>th</sup> day within the Octave of the Nativity): 8:30 a.m.

2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### New Year's Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

(New Year's Eve)

5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

(Mary, The Holy Mother of God)

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

**No 5:00 p.m. Mass**

### CHURCH GIFT SHOP

Don't forget our Church Gift Shop is open after all the weekend Masses. Plan to stop by!

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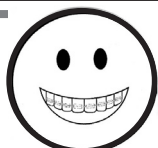
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