

# *Our Lady of the Airways Parish*

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## **PASTORAL TEAM**

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### READINGS for SUNDAY, Dec. 22<sup>ND</sup> (4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

1st Reading - Micah 5.2 - 5a  
2nd Reading - Hebrews 10.5 - 10  
Gospel - Luke 1.39 - 45

### THE LORD PREPARES US TODAY FOR THE MEETING

Three days after his Christmas, the Lord prepares us today for the "encounter". The Lord gives us an appointment with the prophet Micah in the "small" city. Let us therefore hurry to leave the useless magnitudes behind of the world and, sometimes, of the Church, to embrace smallness, the "minority". At Mary's school! With the Letter to the Jews, we are reminded that the time in which we went to God through ritual sacrifices has come to an end. It is God who comes to us; who comes down and sacrifices Himself. Now he expects from us the offer of our free will. Together we offer the Lord the sacrifices that arise from the heart! Finally, with the Gospel he shows us the first leap of joy of the incarnation, united with an immense sense of wonder: "From where can I receive the grace of such a visit?". Let us be surprised! Let's open our hearts to God's news! Let's choose "minority", let's unite lovingly our will to the will of God and let us leave ourselves open to visit with divine joy! Thus, during the Holy Year, we will be able to welcome and give to the world the one who is Peace.



### IL SIGNORE CI PREPARA OGGI ALL' ULTIMO INCONTRO

*A tre giorni dal suo Natale, il Signore ci prepara, oggi, all' "incontro". Con il profeta Michea, il Signore ci dà appuntamento nella "piccola" città. Affrettiamoci quindi a lasciare le grandezze inutili del mondo e, talvolta, della Chiesa, per sposare la piccolezza, la "minorità". Alla scuola di Maria! Con la Lettera agli Ebrei, ci ricorda che è giunto a termine il tempo in cui si andava a Dio per mezzo di sacrifici rituali. È Dio che viene a noi; è Dio che scende e si sacrifica. Ormai egli aspetta da noi l'offerta della nostra volontà. Insieme offriamo al Signore i sacrifici che nascono dal cuore! Con il Vangelo ci mostra infine il primo sussulto di gioia dell'incarnazione, unito a un immenso senso di meraviglia: "Da dove mi viene la grazia di una tale visita?". Lasciamoci sorprendere! Apriamo il cuore alle novità di Dio! Scegliamo la "minorità", uniamo amorosamente la nostra volontà alla volontà di Dio e lasciamoci visitare dalla gioia divina! Così, durante l'Anno santo, potremo accogliere e donare al mondo colui che è la Pace.*



### SATURDAY, DEC. 21 ST. PETER CANISIUS

5:00pm: † Collin Lazarus-Munnick  
† Anthony & Flavy Fulgado

### SUNDAY, DEC. 22 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am: † Earl Bastien  
10:30am: † Alfonso Mendicino  
12:00pm: † Anthony Grima

### TUESDAY, DEC. 24

7:00pm: † Pino Piazzolla

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25 CHRISTMAS- NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00am: † Mary Krane  
10:30am † Mario Rizzitelli  
12:00pm: † Sarah King

### THURSDAY, DEC. 26 ST. STEPHEN

9:00am: ♦ Patients & Staff @ Etobicoke Gen. Hosp.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 27 ST. JOHN

9:00am: † Sandro Kozlovic  
† Giuseppe Sibio

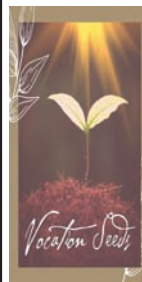
*ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament TILL 11:00am*

### SATURDAY, DEC. 28 HOLY INNOCENTS

5:00pm: † Jose & Maria Fernandes Marques

### SUNDAY, DEC. 29 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

9:00am: † Sandro Kozlovic  
10:30am: † Domenica Vicano  
12:00pm: † Geralyn Capistrano



### VOCATION SEEDS

#### 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of May as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org

### READINGS for next SUNDAY, Dec. 29th (HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH)

1st Reading - 1 Samuel 1.20-22, 24-28  
2nd Reading - 1 John 3.1-2, 21-24  
Gospel - Luke 2.41-52





ON BEHALF OF  
**FATHER RUGGIERO,**

FATHER CANISIUS & THE STAFF AT OLA  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**BUON NATALE**

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**CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S 2024/25  
MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Vigil**

7:00pm (Eng); 11:00pm (Tamil)

**Wednesday, December 25th, CHRISTMAS DAY**

9:00 am (Eng); 10:30am (Ital); 12:00noon (Eng)

**Tuesday, December 31ST, END OF THE YEAR**

5:00pm (Eng) Mass with Adoration  
10:00pm (Tamil) Adoration & Mass

**Wednesday, January 1st, 2025**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

9:00am (Eng) 10:30am (Ital) 12:00noon (Eng)

**OFFICE HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

For any enquiries by year end, please note that the office will be closed from December 24th to 26th, and will reopen on the 27th and 31st, closed on January 1st to 2nd and reopen on January 3rd. During the off days, you can still call or send an email and we will reply as soon as we can.



**BLESSED HOLIDAYS**

**ST. PADRE PIO Prayer Group**

May the Child Jesus be the star that guides you through the desert of your present life - St. Padre Pio

**SAN PADRE PIO Gruppo di Preghiera**

*Il Bambino Gesù sia la stella che ti guida nel deserto della tua vita presente - San Padre Pio*



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF  
ADULTS (RCIA)**

**IF YOU ARE AN ADULT** and

1) you are interested in becoming a catholic, *Or receive confirmation*, 2) if you are already-baptized Christians in other denominations, but wishing to embrace Catholicism for full reception into the Church; 3) if you wish to have your civil marriage blessed and validated at church.



**2025 ENVELOPES & update**

2025 Envelopes are ready for pick up.

*If you are not registered*, but would like to

donate and get a tax receipt at the end of the year, 1) take an "Unassigned" box with no name. 2) Complete the attached form with **box number**. Please ensure we have your up to date information for both envelopes 2025 and for Tax Receipts at year end. **Thank you**



**CHRISTMAS CAKE & BAKE SALE**

**TODAY** all parishioners are Invited to visit the Cake and Bake Sale. 50% of sales will be donated to our parish. Please pass by in the chapel to see and purchase our sweets.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

December 25th Christmas extra Offering.  
**Thank you for your generous donations**



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

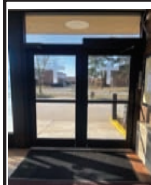
If you are able to help a family this Christmas, please purchase Walmart gift cards and drop them off at the church office during office hours, or give them to any ushers at any of the Masses. Feel free to donate any amount but typically a gift of \$50.00 supports the purchase of a Christmas present for one child in a needy family. *Please note, purchase of gift cards are not eligible for a tax receipt. Thank you.*



**DEBIT/CREDIT TERMINAL**

**now AVAILABLE here AT CHURCH**

We are pleased to announce that the office now has a terminal for debit and/or credit card payments.



**UPGRADES work AT OUR PARISH**

1) Phase two to upgrade all the lighting in the church to LED is now complete. There is one more step to be completed in January for the switches.  
2) New Outside and Inside Steel doors of the church are installed and will be connected "Hands Free" panels. Your generous donations are needed to continue with the upgrades. **Thank you**

**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE,  
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