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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

ADMINISTRATOR: Fr. Gustavo Campo

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MESSE DOMENICALI

9:00am: Italiano
10:30am: Inglese
12:00pm: Ge'ez Rite

MESSE FERIALI

8:00am: da Martedì a Sabato
7:30pm: Mercoledì
Messe memoriali (prenotare prima)

BATTESIMI

Chiamate in Ufficio quanto prima

CONFESSIONI

Tutti i giorni prima o dopo la Messa.
Altri giorni su appuntamento

MATRIMONI

Prenotarsi 1 anno prima

RITI D'INIZIAZIONE

Chiamate in Ufficio

SACRAMENTI PER GLI AMMALATI & ANZIANI

Chiamate in Ufficio qualunque giorno

SUNDAY MASSES

9:00am : Italian
10:30am: English (with Children's Liturgy)
12:00pm: Ge'ez Rite

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:00am: Tuesday to Saturday
11:00am Tuesday & Thursdays (Ge'ez Rite)
7:30pm: Wednesday & Friday Memorial mass (upon request)

BAPTISM

By appointment and after instruction.
Parents must be registered members of our parish community

CONFESSIONS

Every day before and after Mass and upon request

MARRIAGES

One year notice and marriage course mandatory

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Please call the Office

SACRAMENTS FOR SICK & ELDERLY

Please call Rectory anytime

The Church is open for personal prayer and meditation from 7:30am to 12:00pm (Monday to Friday)

Gruppo di preghiera di San Padre Pio
III Mercoledì del mese alle 6:45pm

Adorazione / Adoration
Tuesday to Sunday
7:00am -7:45am
1° Venerdì del Mese
First Friday of the Month
8:30am - 9:00am

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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The Parish Hall is available for rent – Please call the Office

3rd Sunday of Advent

Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11

The vestments the priest wear are rose instead of purple, the rose-colored candle is lit on the advent wreath, and the readings take on more of a joyful sentiment rather than a penitential one. We can also see this from the phrase that the Lord is near. The first two weeks of Advent talked about how Christ is coming, but now Christ is near. Our hope for his coming is soon to be realized by his birth. We have the special privilege of knowing Jesus Christ. All the prophets from the Old Testament would do anything to trade places with us because the one that they foretold is near to us. This is a great cause for rejoicing. Sometimes, in our faith, we can still be like children.

We might not immediately understand the spiritual reason behind what God is asking of us, yet if we pray, if we have faith, hope, and love, we can empty ourselves and discover that joy. This sense of joy that the gospel invites us today is not a "feeling good" joy. It's not like a drink that makes us happy. It requires work to learn to detach ourselves from whatever is holding us back from meeting our Lord. Advent is about waiting, sharing, and joy. Let us share what we have as we wait for the one who is coming. While we wait, let us make this time the most joyful experience of our faith by detaching ourselves from what holds us back from being fully joyful. The church invites us to pray and reflect on what gives us joy other than pouring ourselves out for the poor. I may want to pray with the following questions: What is holding me back in this season? How can I happily empty myself to receive the Lord? How would I feel if I found that my reluctance to share what I have would impact the coming of our Christ in the life of someone in need?

May this season of waiting and giving be our greatest joy of emptying ourselves to receive Jesus.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve Mass – 8pm Bilingual
Christmas Day – 9am in Italian & 11am in English
New Years Mass- 9am in Italian & 11am in English

Office will be closed from Dec. 25th to Jan. 1st
(last day open Dec 24th and reopening on Jan 2nd)

FINANCIAL CORNER

Weekly Offertory:	\$1,155.00
Shepherds Trust:	\$10.00
Flowers:	\$5.00
Maintenance	\$660.00
Donation	\$400.00



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(<https://stnicholasofbarito.archtoronto.org/About-Us/donate>).

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CHRISTMAS NOVENA – Starts Dec. 16th



Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

This prayer is directed toward God, focusing on the sacred moment of Christ's birth and serving as a preparation for receiving the Christ Child on Christmas Day. *This prayer is suggested by Fr Gustavo to pray for the nine-day novena.*

DONATION OF POINSETTIAS

In preparation for decorating the Altar during the Christmas season, parishioners are invited to donate poinsettias (red or white) or may offer a donation to purchase poinsettias for the Church. Please contact the parish office for more information



2026 Marian Shrine Pilgrimage
(11 Days) Sept 21- Oct. 01
Fatima, Lourdes, Spain
\$4,990.00

Please contact Fr Gustavo
if you are interested:
gustavocampo22@gmail.com
Or Tour-Coordinator:
Gizela Cardoso
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Great Catholic Website with Online Adoration and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Fr Gustavo recommends taking a look at this website for those who would like to practice devotion to Eucharist Adoration:

www.mycatholicwebsite.org

SUNDAY Coffee & Sweets after both Italian and English Mass. Join us in fellowship and have a coffee or tea with wonderful, donated sweets from our neighboured businesses.



MASS INTENTIONS

December 13 -Saturday/Sabato

8:00am: Luciano Care e Antonia; Rosalia Lupis; Repose of the soul Maria Cristina Duran; Thanksgiving Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of Rev. Priest Daniel Callam CSB

December 14 -Sunday/Domenica

9:00am: Giovanni, Gaetana, Giovannina La Corte, Joe e Serafino Militello, Giuseppe Lodato e Ignazio Shambari; Antonia Pallotta; Defunti Michele e Angela Bosco e figli Francesco, Flora, Oscar, Ippolito e Antonio; Carmela e Giovanni Vecchiarelli, Filomena Pallotta e Peter Albanese

10:30am: Loretta Lanfanti; Jim & Joe Deleo and for all the deceased members of the Deleo & Ferreri families; In honour of Santa Lucia

12:00pm: Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

December 15 -Monday /Lunedì

NO MASS – NON C'È MESSA

December 16 -Tuesday/Martedì

8:00am: Repose of the soul of Alejandra, Maria Elena, Jose Denis; Jose Antonio Elias

9:30am: St. Paul VI Catholic School Mass at school

11:00am: Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

December 17 -Wednesday/Mercoledì

8:00am: Repose of the soul of Chito Mayo, Rafael Arturo Marroquir Ada Luz Santos

9:40am: Loretto College Mass at school

6:45pm: Gruppo di preghiera di San Padre Pio

December 18 -Thursday/Giovedì

8:00am: Repose of the soul of Maria Agustina & Roberto Maravilla; Irene Bone

10:00am: Stella Maris Mass at school

11:00am: Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

December 19 -Friday/Venerdì

8:00am: Repose of the soul of Stanislav Manets, Lescek, Kristof, Wadek, Wiesiek & Helena

December 20 -Saturday/Sabato

8:00am: Repose of the soul of Rev. Priest Daniel Chiu, CSB, Rev. Priest Juan Triviño; Birthday blessings upon Zofia, Omar Conde, Erci Alvarez

11:00am: Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

3:00pm: Baptism - Alessia

December 21 -Sunday/Domenica

9:00am: Saverio Bianco e Annatonia De Cotiis; Vittorio Settino, figlio Giovanni e Franco Abate; Sergio Botticella; Vizzarro Carmine, Domenico, Esterina, Caterina e Raphael

10:30am: Vincenzo & Angelina Rubino, Bernardo Marino & Rocky; Emilio Bosco

12:00pm: Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

la Domenica di Avvento

Vangelo: Matteo 11.2-11

I paramenti indossati dal sacerdote sono rosa anziché viola, la candela rosa è accesa sulla corona dell'Avvento e le letture assumono un sentimento più gioioso che penitenziale. Lo possiamo vedere anche dall'espressione "il Signore è vicino". Le prime due settimane di Avvento parlavano della venuta di Cristo, ma ora Cristo è vicino. La nostra speranza per la sua venuta si realizzerà presto con la sua nascita. Abbiamo lo speciale privilegio di conoscere Gesù Cristo. Tutti i profeti dell'Antico Testamento farebbero di tutto per scambiarsi di posto con noi perché Colui che hanno predetto è vicino a noi. Questo è un grande motivo di gioia. A volte, nella nostra fede, possiamo ancora essere come bambini. Potremmo non comprendere immediatamente la ragione spirituale dietro ciò che Dio ci chiede, eppure se preghiamo, se abbiamo fede, speranza e amore, possiamo svuotarci e scoprire quella gioia. Questo senso di gioia a cui il Vangelo ci invita oggi non è una gioia che ci fa "sentire bene". Non è come una bevanda che ci rende felici. Ci vuole impegno per imparare a staccarci da ciò che ci impedisce di incontrare il nostro Signore. L'Avvento è attesa, condivisione e gioia. Condividiamo ciò che abbiamo mentre aspettiamo Colui che sta arrivando. Mentre aspettiamo, rendiamo questo tempo l'esperienza più gioiosa della nostra fede, staccandoci da ciò che ci impedisce di essere pienamente gioiosi. La Chiesa ci invita a pregare e riflettere su ciò che ci dà gioia, oltre a donarci per i poveri. Potrei pregare con le seguenti domande: Cosa mi trattiene in questo periodo? Come posso svuotarmi felicemente per accogliere il Signore? Come mi sentirei se scoprissi che la mia riluttanza a condividere ciò che ho avrebbe un impatto sulla venuta del nostro Cristo nella vita di qualcuno nel bisogno? Che questo periodo di attesa e di donazione sia la nostra più grande gioia nello svuotarci per accogliere Gesù.

NOVENA DI NATALE – Inizia il 16 dicembre

Salve e benedetta sia l'ora e il momento in cui il Figlio di Dio nacque dalla purissima Vergine Maria, a mezzanotte, a Betlemme, nel freddo pungente. In quell'ora degnati, ti prego, o mio Dio, di ascoltare la mia preghiera e di esaudire i miei desideri per i meriti del nostro Salvatore Gesù Cristo e della sua benedetta Madre.
Amen.

Questa preghiera è rivolta a Dio, si concentra sul momento sacro della nascita di Cristo e serve come preparazione all'accoglienza del Bambino Gesù il giorno di Natale. Questa preghiera è suggerita da Padre Gustavo per la novena di nove giorni.

DONAZIONE DI Stelle di Natale

In vista della preparazione al Santo Natale, ci serve donazioni di fiori per poter adornare la nostra chiesa. Si può donare Stelle di Natale bianchi o rossi oppure una donazione monetaria per comprare fiori. Grazie in anticipo!



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