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ADVENT

Welcome home to St. Andrew's Wonder and Awe

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” [Luke 1:42–43](#)

Elizabeth expressed a beautiful humility in this statement. The Blessed Virgin Mary had just made a long journey to be with Elizabeth in her final months of pregnancy. As soon as our Blessed Mother greeted Elizabeth, Elizabeth's child, Saint John the Baptist, leaped for joy in her womb. Elizabeth acknowledges this and then humbly expresses the fact that she is exceptionally blessed to have Mary, the mother of her Lord, come to visit her.

There are many things worth pondering in this visitation of our Blessed Mother. But try to focus upon the humble wonder and awe expressed by Elizabeth. “And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” Elizabeth was clearly grateful for Mary's visit. But it appears that her reaction went even beyond gratitude. She was given the gift of wonder and awe. She clearly knew she was incredibly blessed by the fact that both the Mother of God and her Lord Himself were now in her presence in her home.

This gift of wonder and awe that Elizabeth experienced is one of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. It's a gift that enters a humble heart, enabling it to first see its unworthiness of a special grace given. But then this humble soul receives the special grace and responds with an overwhelming amazement. Thus, not only is gratitude present, but there is also this holy amazement that results in praise of God.

In our own lives, there are so many incredible graces we have received from God. But too often we fail to see them for what they are. We fail to see the incredible graces God has given us and, thus, fail to experience the amazement that should result from God's gifts.

As you look at your own life, what graces has God given to you? Do you see them? Are you grateful for them? And, if so, are you able to go even beyond gratitude so as to experience a holy wonder and awe of God's goodness and blessings in your life? Though it might be difficult to arrive at this level of amazement, it is a true gift that we must all strive to obtain and experience every day of our lives.

Reflect, today, upon this holy gift of the Holy Spirit that Elizabeth experienced. Place yourself at the scene. Try to see the experience within her heart. Try to feel how she felt. Try to sense the praise that resulted. And try to open yourself more fully to receive this same gift of the Holy Spirit in your life. The Lord comes to you constantly by grace, especially every time you receive Him in Holy Communion. For that reason, we must all strive to live a holy wonder and awe every day of our lives.

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SIMBANG Gabi 2024

MASS AT DAWN AND NOVENA IN PREPARATION
FOR CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 16-24 - 5:30 AM

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH, ETOBICOKE



Please note our regular 8:00 a.m. morning Mass will be held at **5:30 a.m.** during the days of the Novena except on Sunday. The Masses are followed by fellowship. Invite your family, friends and neighbours:

All are most welcome!

Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

• SIMBANG GABI - MASS AT DAWN FROM DECEMBER 16 - 24 AT 5:30AM

TUESDAY DEC. 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5:30 PM - CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS
- 9:00 PM - ADORATION
- 10:00 PM - CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

WEDNESDAY DEC. 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

- 8:00 AM (ENGLISH)
- 9:30 AM (ITALIAN)
- 11:00AM (ENGLISH)
- 12:30PM (ENGLISH)
- 2:00PM (TWI)
- 5:30PM (SPANISH)

ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 26 - MASS AT 8AM ONLY - NO EVENING MASS



A Christmas Carol Concert

The Knights of Columbus Mother Teresa Council will host their annual *Christmas Caroling* event on Saturday, December 21st, featuring all the choirs. The event will take place at 7:00 PM, following the 5:30 PM Mass. Everyone is invited to attend and join in this joyful celebration. There will be refreshments in the church hall after the event.

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YR C | DEC 22, 2024 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Dec 21 - St. Peter Canisius

5:30 am - † Alfred, Mary, Arulammah & Albert, by Sebastian family
- Special Intention and blessings for Ebisan M. Oteri, by family
5:30 pm - † Joseph family, by family

Sunday, Dec 22 – 4th Sunday of Advent

5:30 am - Simbang Gabi – Novena Mass
8 am - Thanksgiving for Jaxton Grant on his birthday, by his godmother
9:30 am - *(Ita.Mass)* † Uliana Del Basso (death anniversary), by Maria Pia Di Nardo
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - Thanksgiving for Emilia Garcia on her birthday, by Emilia
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
5:30 pm - *(Span.Mass)* Thanksgiving for Michael Champion on his birthday, by Florencia Champion

Monday, Dec 23 - St. John of Kanty

5:30 am - For all family members, by Broadbelt family
7pm - Thanksgiving for Christine Morgan on her birthday, by Alma & family

Tuesday, Dec 24

5:30 am - † Gertrude Morgan, by Alma and family
5:30 pm - **Christmas Family Mass**
† Harry & Anne McAvoy, by Carol Anne McAvoy
9 pm - **Adoration**
10 pm - **Christmas Vigil Mass**

Wednesday, Dec 25 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)

8 am - † Ana Linda Bergenholtz, by Maria Gracia Barceta
9:30 am - *(Ita.Mass)* Special Intention for Kimberley B., by Eveline
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Lancy Lawrence Desa, by family
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
4 pm - *(Iraqi Mass)*
5:30 pm - *(Span.Mass)*

Thursday, Dec 26 - St. Stephen, the first martyr (Boxing Day)

8 am - † Julia Sealy, by Diane Ali
7 pm - *(No Mass)*

Friday, Dec 27 - St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

8 am - † Joao Anton Miranda, by Martha Lobo
- Thanksgiving for Emmanuel Anochie on his birthday, by family
7 pm - † Nicola and Maria Sgotto, by Maria Persanpieri

Saturday, Dec 28 - The Holy Innocents, martyrs

8:30 am - † Julian and Emmanuel Santiago, by Delos Reyes family
- Special Intention and blessings for Ebisan M. Oteri, by family
- † Amy Davern, by Eveline and family
- Thanksgiving, by family
5:30 pm – In thanksgiving to St. Kateri Tekakwitha, by Mary

Sunday, Dec 29 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8 am - Thanksgiving for Victor Ofeimun on his birthday, by Marcellina
9:30 am - *(Ita.Mass)* † Pietro, Giulio, Sandra and Giacinto Di Massimo, by family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Margaret Mary Njabe, by Ekwelle family
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
5:30 pm - *(Span.Mass)* † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla

**St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship
Collection for Dec 15th, 2024
Sunday Offertory \$ 8,290.00**

LET'S COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY AND DECORATE OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

This Christmas season, we invite you to join us in a special act of love and kindness. We will be decorating our Christmas tree with winter accessories **(BRAND NEW)**—scarves, hats, gloves, and socks **(ONLY)**—that will later be donated to the **COVENANT HOUSE** to help those in need during the cold months ahead.

We encourage you to bring your donations to the church and hang them on the tree. It's a beautiful way to share the warmth of the season with those who need it most.



Sharing is Caring

Covenant House is a large, 501 non-profit charitable organization in the Americas, whose goal is to provide safe housing and holistic care to youth ages 16-21 experiencing homelessness and survivors of human trafficking.

Thank you for your generosity and support. God bless us all.

New Year's Schedule

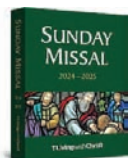
TUESDAY DEC. 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE
• 8:00PM - NEW YEAR'S VIGIL MASS

WEDNESDAY JAN. 1 – NEW YEAR'S DAY

- 8:00 AM (ENGLISH)
- 9:30 AM (ITALIAN)
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ON THURSDAY JAN 2 - MASS AT 8:00 AM ONLY - NO EVENING MASS

Sunday Missals are now available for \$10.00. You can get your copy at the Parish Office (during regular hours) or at the entrance of the Church (before or after weekend Masses)



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