

# FOURTH SUNDY OF ADVENT & THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 23, St. John of Kanty, Priest  
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 p.m. *Christmas Eve mass*

10:00 p.m. *Christmas Eve mass*



Wednesday, December 25, *The Nativity of our Lord*


9:00 a.m. *Christmas Day mass*

11:00 a.m. *Christmas Day mass*



*No Mass on Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>*

Friday, December 27, St. John, Apostle & Evangelist  
8:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 

4:30 p.m. (+) Joe Andrezza, req. by the Family

(+) Manuel Linsao, req. by Lourdes Alcaraz

(+) Phyllis Boulet, req. by G & P Bester

Sunday, December 29, *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

9:00 a.m. (+) Michelantonio Fantetti  
req. by Ida Falcone

(+) Fedele, (+) Filippo, (+) Maria & (+)

Giovina Trigiani, req. by Filomena Fazzari

11:00 a.m.

Monday, December 30

8:00 a.m.



Tuesday, December 31

4:30 p.m. *New Years Eve mass*

Wednesday, January 1, *New Year's Day masses*

9:00 a.m. (+) Hope Banisch Venneri,  
req. by Mama, Papa & Noah

11:00 a.m. St. Ambrose Catholic Mothers Group

*No Mass on Thursday, January 2, 2025*

Friday, January 3

8:00 a.m. (+) Michelantonio Fantetti, req. by Eufemia

Saturday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

4:30 p.m. (+) Gus Rinella, req. by the Family

Sunday, January 5, *Epiphany of the Lord*

9:00 a.m. (+) Giovanni Colantonio, req. by Family  
(+) Jacek, (+) Jan & (+) Teresa Sitarski,  
(+) Pavel, (+) Stefania & (+) Anna Pavlovski,  
req. by Krystyna Sitarski

11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving – 32<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
of Bernabe & Gloria Buenaventura



*The Holy Innocents* did not know Jesus, but died in his place. The feast recognized these baby boys as the first Martyrs and pro-life patron Saints. In the Gospel of Matthew, after Jesus' birth, King Herod the Great of Judea — named "king of the Jews" by the Roman Senate, heard from the Magi of this "newborn king of the Jews." Unsettled by this news, he deceptively asked the Magi to report back to him Jesus' location so that he too may go and do him homage. A dream warned the Magi not to return to Herod. St. Matthew (2:16–18) records when Herod realized he had been deceived by the Magi, he became furious and



ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem & its vicinity who were 2 years old & under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the Magi. "Then was fulfilled what had been through Jeremiah the prophet: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more.'"

## PROPERTY & BUILDING UPDATE & VIDEO



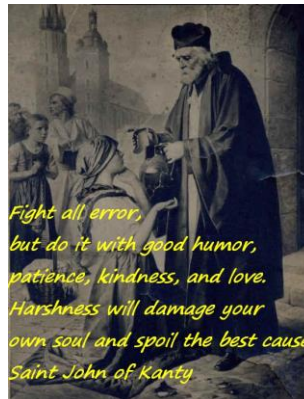
On the weekend of September 27/28, a video presentation was shared at the end of the 3 weekend masses. This presentation considered the history of the area, the establishment & growth of St. Ambrose parish since 1955, and the parish to address a number of building and property issues of the church. This presentation can still be viewed at [www.stambroseparish.com/photo-gallery.html](http://www.stambroseparish.com/photo-gallery.html) Based on a Preliminary Property Assessment Report commissioned during the summer, the many issues were found, such as:

- Remove existing asphalt and regrade and repave the parking lot
- Excavate and repave the inside of the garage
- Replace many existing window wells around the building
- Address water ingress damage to the church walls
- Address the church front steps
- Brick repointing as needed
- Replace church and rectory AC units
- Replace the church sign near Browns Line
- Chimney on south-west side of church roof needs to be taken down
- Repair the flat roof over the mechanical room
- Replace carpets, install flooring for some of the rooms in the hall basement
- Repair the northwest stairs by the garage
- Update lighting in the hall
- Add a backflow preventer to the hall
- Possibly replace the main church doors
- Kneeler and pew repairs in the church

In the Property assessment report, it was estimated that the total costs of these repairs would be at least \$450,000. Currently, we have we have over \$79,000 on deposit with the Archdiocese of Toronto, and roughly \$88,000 in our Family of Faith account with the archdiocese. Over the last few months, parishioners have donated over \$55,000 through our Building Fund that is being deposited with the archdiocese; until that time that we begin these repairs. However, this still leaves us needing to raise at least another \$220,000 in the near future.

I urge you to give generously to the Parish Building Fund, both before the year end and in 2025. We have an agreement with the archdiocese that **we can keep 100% of your donations to the Building Fund until**

**the end of 2025**, unlike the 15% tax we pay to the archdiocese on our regular offertory collections. God bless you! *Fr. Michael Machacek*



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION

**& CONFIRMATION:** *First Communion Registration is Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.* For more information and for Confirmation information and registration date, please visit [www.stambroseparish.com](http://www.stambroseparish.com) and click on Schools tab.

## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

*Please note the office will **be Closed on:***

Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
& Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>