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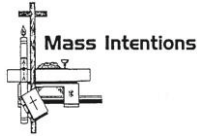
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The Nativity of the Lord



Saturday, Dec. 17

9:00 a.m. - **BASIL & KEN D'SOUZA R.I.P.**
 5:00 p.m. - **MANUEL & MARY CORREA R.I.P.**

Sunday, Dec. 18

9:00 a.m. - **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**
 10:30 a.m.- **ELIZABETH & LOUIS ST-JEAN R.I.P.**
 12:00 noon- **IRENE & LOPE VIDAD R.I.P.**

Monday, Dec. 19

9:00 a.m. - **DAPHNE SANDOVAL R.I.P.**

Tuesday, Dec. 20

6:30 p.m.- **UMBERTO FRANCESCHINIS R.I.P.**
(St. Leonard School Mass - no Holy Hour)

Wednesday, Dec. 21

7:00 p.m. - **MANUEL & MARY CORREA R.I.P.**

Thursday, Dec. 22

7:00 p.m. - **KEITH BURTLES R.I.P.**

Friday, Dec. 23

9:00 a.m. - **MARIA SAO JOAO TAVARES R.I.P.**

Saturday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

No 9:00 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. - **JOSEPH BORG R.I.P.**
 7:00 p.m. - **FLORENCE ACE R.I.P.**
 9:00 p.m. - **BRUNO DEFINA R.I.P.**
 12:00 Midnight- **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

Sunday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

No 9:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. - **THANKSGIVING INT.OF THE RIVAS FAMILY**
 12:00 a.m. - **FR. ANTONI MENDRELA R.I.P.**

Readings for December 18

Isaiah 7.10-14 Romans 1.1-7
 Matthew 1.18-24



Confirmation Enrollment forms for students **not** attending schools one of our seven parish schools are available on our website or contact the office. Please return the form, along with a copy of the student's Roman Catholic baptism certificate. Classes will begin in February 2023.

"O" ANTIPHONS

The "O Antiphons" - part of the prayer of the church for over 1300 years- are prayed for 7 days in preparation for Christmas: December 17-23. For those familiar with the Liturgy of the Hours, these are the antiphons used with the *Magnificat* each day. They are based on Isaiah's prophecies and reveal the different titles given to the Messiah.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
 guiding creation with power and love:
 come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
 giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
 come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
 sign of God's love for all his people:
 come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
 opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
 come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
 splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
 come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and
 in the
 shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
 come and save man, whom you formed from the
 dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
 come to save us, Lord our God!

**Please note that the office will be closed between
 Christmas and New Year's.**



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - December 24

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight
(Lessons & Carols at 11:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day - December 25

10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon (No 9:00 a.m. Mass)

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE
FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, December 31

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1

9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
12:00noon



You are invited to join St. Leonard's Choir to participate in the Lessons and Carols program at 11:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. This will consist of carol singing and scripture reading before Midnight Mass.

With Gratitude!

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank you for the donations received to help the neighbours in need during Christmas.



Fourth Sunday of Advent



Joseph's witness is one to ponder and be inspired by. Joseph provides us with inspiration for our own callings in life and inspires us to face any and every mystery in life that we encounter with the utmost trust in God. God's wisdom and ways are always far beyond ours. Very often in life, God will call us to walk an unknown and mysterious path. Life does not always make perfect sense from a purely rational perspective. Very often, we must allow our human reason to be informed and led by God's supernatural plan. For each of us, this mysterious path will be different. But if we are to walk by the same faith that Saint Joseph had, then we must always be willing to accept the most sublime mysteries in life and allow God's revealing Word to clarify them.

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Volunteer Lists for Christmas & New Year Masses

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, and Altar Servers are still needed for the a few of the Christmas and New Year's Masses. Please see the sign up sheets in the Sacristy to volunteer.



"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
Website: vocationstoronto.ca



Offertory envelopes for **2023** are available downstairs in the first room. If you used 2022 envelopes, you will find a box with your name on it. If you would like to begin using envelopes in 2023, **unlabelled** boxes are available in the sacristy upon request. Please write the name to be used for your tax receipt and full address on the first few envelopes that you use. Please don't start using the envelopes until January 1st.

Tax receipts for 2022 will be issued by the end of January. **The final deposit is on December 26th for this year. Any donations received after this date, will be included in the 2023 tax year.**

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