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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Mass Intention: December 24 - 30, 2022

Saturday: 24 December - Christmas Eve

6:00 pm - Pro Populo

Sunday: 25 December - Christmas Day

9:00 am - Buona salute per la Famiglia Barbera

10:30 am + José Mauro Alves

e Palmira Moreira

+ Ana Carneiro Pinto e

Armando de Barros Pinto

12:00 pm + Filomena Flaquinti,

Giuseppe Digiuseppe,

Domenica Digiuseppe, Alda Giardetti,

Peter Giardetti



Tuesday: 27 December

6:00 pm - No Mass

Thursday: 29 December

6:00 pm +

Friday: 30 December - Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary and Joseph

6:00 pm +

Office will be closed:

Saturday December 24, 2022

Monday December 26, 2022

Tuesday December 27, 2022

Saturday December 31, 2022

Monday January 2, 2023

Tuesday January 3, 2023



Please note the office hours have temporarily changed. Opened Monday to Saturday from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

We do not only give thanks to God for all the blessings that we continue to receive but we must also share them with our brothers and sisters who are in need. We invite our parishioners to bring non-perishable food to the church which we will be collecting for **GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE**.

Serra Prayer for Vocations

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for Your church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.



A Christmas Blessing

O God, whose Son was born in Bethlehem, on that wondrous night, lead us to that same place, where Mary laid her tiny child. As we look on in wonder and praise, make us welcome Him and all new life, and care for His handiwork; the earth, the sky and the sea. O God, bless us again in Your great love. We pray for this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



I would like take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude to all our parishioners, friends and guests who have graced and joined us in our Celebration of Christmas. In particular, I want to thank all the people who have helped us with the decoration of the church. **MAY THE DIVINE WORD, THE WORD MADE FLESH BLESS EACH ONE OF YOU. MAY ALL OF YOU EXPERIENCE THE REAL JOY THAT CHRISTMAS BRINGS. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!**
Fr. Joseph



LORD, LOOK UPON OUR FAMILY AND KEEP US CLOSE TO YOU. GRANT THAT WE MAY BE LIKE JESUS AND SUPPORT, COMFORT AND HELP ONE ANOTHER. GIVE US A LOVE LIKE MARY'S THAT WE MAY NURTURE THE PRESENCE OF JESUS IN EACH OTHER AND IN ALL YOUR PEOPLE. GIVE US A FAITH LIKE JOSEPH'S THAT WE MAY CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER AND HELP THOSE IN NEED. WE PRAISE AND BLESS YOU, LORD GOD, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND ALWAYS AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

Warm Clothing Drive for Ukrainian Refugee Students Winter is here, so the **Catholic Marriage Tribunal (1155 Yonge St., Suite 300, Catholic Pastoral Centre)** is holding a Warm Clothing Drive for Ukrainian refugee students attending the **Catholic School, Josyf Cardinal Slipyj in Etobicoke**. We are looking for winter clothing (namely socks, mittens, scarves, hats, pjs) for kids of all ages. You can drop off any donation at our front desk. Thank you for your generosity!

St. John Bosco would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to **Vescio Funeral Home**. Vescio has kindly donated the Missals for 2022- 2023 year.



Calendars for 2023 are available at the entrance of the church. We would like to thank **Bernardo Funeral Home** and **Vescio Funeral Home** for donating the calendars.

Church envelopes for 2023 are ready at the entrance of the church. Envelopes are arranged in **alphabetical order**. Please look for your **name**. If you cannot find your name please call the office. Those wishing to request envelopes can call the office or fill out the front of the bulletin and drop in the offertory basket. Please only take your envelopes. **Thank you for your support.**

Saturday, December 31, 2022

6:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 am - Italian

10:30 am - Portuguese

12:00 pm - English



NO MASSES/NO MISSA/NO MESSA

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

SANTO NATALE

**AUGURO UN SANTO NATALE
A TUTTI NELLA PARROCCHIA**
Rendiamo grazie al nostro Signore
che il giorno di Natale si è fatto come
noi e ci ha donato tante benedizioni
nella nostra parrocchia. Siamo una
comunità di fede che celebra le diversità
culturali e preghiamo al Verbo divino
di essere la nostra guida e
la nostra forza nell'anno che viene.
**BUON NATALE
PADRE JOSEPH**

È IL NATALE DEL SIGNORE!

Oggi contempliamo nel Bambino Gesù, il nostro Salvatore
che si è fatto fratello per cercarci quando siamo disorientati
e perdiamo la direzione. Egli è il Verbo di Dio venuto per
risollevarci dal peccato. Adagiato in una mangiatoia, diviene
nostro cibo nell'Eucaristia, amandoci a tal punto da unirsi a
noi, perché anche noi possiamo unirci a Lui (cf. papa
Francesco, Admirabile signum, 2-3). Poiché il Verbo di Dio
si è fatto carne, in un certo modo ogni carne umana è di-
ventata per noi una parola di Dio da accogliere con
tenerezza. La beata Vergine Maria, obbediente alla Parola,
ci insegna a vivere nel fedele servizio di Dio e dell'uomo.
don Francesco Dell'Orco

Le vostre buste per l'anno nuovo (2023) sono pronti nella
entrata della chiesa. Le buste sono organizzate in ordine
alfabetico.

**PREGHIERA PER LA FAMIGLIA**

Dio, dal quale proviene ogni paternità in
cielo e in terra, Padre, che sei Amore e
Vita, fa che ogni famiglia umana sulla
terra diventi, mediante il tuo Figlio,
Gesù Cristo, "nato da Donna", e
mediante lo Spirito Santo, sorgente di
divina carità, un vero santuario della vita
e dell'amore per le generazioni che
sempre si rinnovano. Fa' che la tua grazia guidi i
pensieri e le pene dei coniugi verso il bene delle loro
famiglie e di tutte le famiglie del mondo. Fa' che le
giovani generazioni trovino nella famiglia un forte
sostegno per la loro umanità e la loro crescita nella verità
e nell'amore. Fa' che l'amore, rafforzato dalla grazia del
sacramento del matrimonio, si dimostri più forte di ogni
debolezza e di ogni crisi, attraverso le quali, a volte,
passano le nostre famiglie. Fa' infine, te lo chiediamo
per intercessione della Sacra Famiglia di Nazareth, che
la Chiesa in mezzo a tutte le nazioni della terra possa
compiere fruttuosamente la sua missione nella famiglia e
mediante la famiglia. Tu che sei la Vita, la Verità e
l'Amore, nell'unità del Figlio e dello Spirito Santo. Amen

NATAL DO SENHOR

Neste dia do Natal, gostaríamos de desejar a
todos Vocês, que Jesus nascido no meio de nós
possa transformar os nossos corações, nossas
famílias, e encher-nos de todo o Seu Amor e
Proteção todos os dias da nossa vida. Que
menino Jesus Abençoe e Ajude na nossa busca
de Santidade para que nos transformemos nos
portadores de Vida e Esperança.

BOAS FESTAS FELIZ NATAL!
Pe. Joseph

NATAL DO SENHOR - O Evangelho desenvolve o tema es-
boçado na segunda leitura e apresenta a "Palavra" viva de
Deus, tornada pessoa em Jesus. Sugere que a missão do
Filho/"Palavra" é completar a criação primeira, eliminando tudo
aquilo que se opõe à vida e criando condições para que nasça
o Homem Novo, o homem da vida em plenitude, o homem que
vive uma relação filial com Deus.

ENVELOPES DO ANO 2023 - Os envelopes das colectas
semanais do ano que vem já encontram-se na entrada da Igreja.
Por favor verificar o seu número e não mudar as posições dos
envelopes que estão em ordem alfabética.

LIVRO DAS INTENÇÕES DAS MISSAS PARA 2023

Poderá fazer a marcação das missas, no escritório paroquial das
1:00pm ao 5:00pm. A oferta da Missa é de \$20.00, dê do seu
coração, seja generoso com a sua igreja. Ao fazer uma oferta,
por favor escreva o nome da pessoa falecida no envelope. Por
favor, não usar envelope oferta semanal.



Senhor, nosso Pai,
Tu quiseste que o Teu Filho
nascesse e crescesse
no seio de uma família como as outras.
Por isso, Senhor, nosso Pai,
nós Te pedimos que as famílias de hoje
sejam fortes, estáveis e vivam em harmonia.
Que cada um atinja o pleno
desenvolvimento na alegria de estar juntos,
até ao perdão.

**21st Annual Friars' Student Writing Contest 2023
(October 4 to January 16, 2023)**

Theme: "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17). High school
students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards lo-
cated in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in
this annual event that commemorates the global Week of
Prayer for Christian Unity. Write a five-hundred word essay that
explores the 2023 theme. Great prizes await the top three
submissions. Students are encouraged to consult the resources
at <https://bit.ly/3AgBy5J> to understand the meaning and
purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on
the poster at <https://bit.ly/3KXgu8m>
Contact ecumenism@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400
(Ext. 527) for more information or questions.

"Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many."

Please remember to be respectfully when you enter God's house. Remember we are guest's in God's house.

Parents of First Communion and Confirmation Candidates, please make sure you check in with our
volunteer when coming to mass. Thank you.



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