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**Fr. Joseph Miras, SVD**

**Mary Florio - Secretary**



Oh Come  
Let us Adore Him

**MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 23 - 29, 2023**

**Saturday: 23 December**

**6:00 pm** + José Fortunato Moniz, Maria Ortenzia Moniz, pais e sogros  
+ Arture Vidinha; Sagrados corações de Jesus e Maria; e acção de graças a Santa Lucia

**Sunday: 24 December - 4th Sunday of Advent**

**9:00 am** + Anna-Maria Sposato  
**10:30 am** + Luis Ferreira  
**12:00 pm** +

**Sunday: 24 December - Christmas Eve**

**6:00 pm** - Pro Populo

**Monday: 25 December Christmas Day**

**9:00 am** - In honore di Gesù Bambino  
**10:30 am** - Pro Populo  
**12:00 pm** - Pro Populo

**Tuesday 26 December**

**6:00 pm** - No Mass

**Thursday: 28 December**

**6:00 pm** +

**Friday: 29 December**

**6:00 pm** +



Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died especially: **Savina Zandona**. Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

**Office Hours:**

**2023**

Monday December 25 - closed  
Tuesday December 26 - closed  
Wednesday December 27 - closed  
Thursday December 28 - regular office hours  
Friday December 29 - close at 12 pm

**2024**

Monday January 1 - closed  
Tuesday January 2 - closed  
Wednesday January 3 - closed

**FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2024  
NOVEMBER 8, 2023 TO JANUARY 15, 2024**

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself.: (Luke 10:27), High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at <https://rb.gy/wajo9> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster @ <http://surl.li/mlfkW> and submit their entries at <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.  
Contact: [ecumenical@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenical@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more info or questions.

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**. Please **no clothes just food**. Thank you.

**Reflect, today**, upon your call to pray this prayer of our Blessed Mother. Reflect upon the words, consider the meaning of this prayer, and strive to make it your own prayer today and every day. Imitate her, and you will begin to more fully share in her glorious life of grace. *Dearest Mother Mary, pray for me that I may imitate your perfect "Yes" to the Most Holy Trinity. May your prayer become my prayer, and may the effects of your surrender as a handmaid of the Lord also affect my life profoundly. Lord, Jesus, may Your perfect will, in union with the will of the Father and the Holy Spirit, be done in my life today and always. Jesus, I trust in You.*



**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.

*Christmas Message*

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude to our Portuguese and Mariano Choir who organized the Christmas Party and volunteer parishioners who decorated the church. To Carlos for his donation for the flowers, and all others who contributed. To all who join us at the table of the Lord: **MAY THE DIVINE WORD, THE WORD MADE FLESH BLESS EACH ONE OF YOU.**

**AND MAY ALL OF YOU EXPERIENCE THE REAL JOY THAT CHRISTMAS BRINGS. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!**

*Fr. Joseph*

Merciful God, who made that first Christmas night so beautiful and bright, we ask You to bless us once again with Your gentle yet powerful Presence. As we experience the cold nights and bitter winds of this world, remind us that You have not left us alone, but have promised to be our Emmanuel, God-with-us. You once slept in a stable in Bethlehem, while shepherds and Magi visited You. Now, You dwell in glory in the Holy Eucharist, waiting once again for us to adore You. Please fill us with Your gift of heavenly peace, and open our eyes to Your Presence in our midst. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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**Christmas Thoughts**

Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.



**Consider Blood Donation** - 1 in 2 people in Canada are eligible to donate blood and plasma. Only 1 in 81 does. A small group of donors is meeting the needs of the entire country, so we're asking everyone who is eligible across Canada to join Canada's Lifeline and donate. To find a location: [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca) or call 1-888-236-6283

**IV DOMENICA DI AVVENTO**

Contempliamo oggi il mistero dell'incarnazione del Figlio di Dio nel seno della Vergine Maria per opera dello Spirito Santo. Ringraziamo Dio per il "sì" di Maria, ma anche per il "sì" di tutti i nostril fratelli e sorelle la cui vita di sanità prolunga nella storia l'opera della salvezza.



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

Asciuga, Bambino Gesù, le lacrime dei fanciulli! Accarezza il malato e l'anziano! Spingi gli uomini a deporre le armi e a stringersi in un universale abbraccio di pace! Invita i popoli, misericordioso Gesù, ad abbattere i muri creati dalla miseria e dalla disoccupazione, dall'ignoranza e dall'indifferenza, dalla discriminazione e dall'intolleranza. Sei Tu, Divino Bambino di Betlemme, che ci salvi liberandoci dal peccato. Sei Tu il vero e unico Salvatore, che l'umanità spesso cerca a tentoni. Dio della Pace, dono di pace all'intera umanità, vieni a vivere nel cuore di ogni uomo e di ogni famiglia. Sii Tu la nostra pace e la nostra gioia! Amen." (S. Giovanni Paolo II).

**Celebration of Marriage Mass  
with Archbishop Francis Leo  
Sunday, February 11, 2024 from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM  
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street)**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass.  
**Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).**

**4º DOMINGO DO ADVENTO**

Neste último Domingo do Advento, a liturgia coloca-nos, uma vez mais, frente a frente com o projeto de salvação que Deus tem para oferecer a todos os seus filhos e filhas. Esse projeto, anunciado já no Antigo Testamento, torna-se uma realidade concreta, tangível e plena com a Encarnação de Jesus.



Neste dia do Natal, gostaríamos de desejar a todos Vocês, que Jesus nacido 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**

O **Evangelho** desenvolve o tema esboçado na segunda leitura e apresenta a "Palavra" viva de Deus, tornada pessoa em Jesus. Sugere que a missão do Filho, "Palavra" viva de Deus, 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.

**Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2024  
Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4 p.m.  
St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral - 455 Ferrier St., Markham**  
Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27) Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world.  
**If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**  
email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



St. John Bosco is looking for volunteers: Cleaning the Church on Monday's, Lectors, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. If you are available for any mass. Please speak with Fr. Joey after mass.



Sunday, December 24, 2023  
Christmas Eve Service  
6:00 pm

Monday, December 25, 2023  
Christmas Day  
9:00 am - Italian  
10:30 am - Portuguese  
12:00pm - English



*Merry Christmas*

**NEW YEAR'S DAY  
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024  
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 26, 2023  
Tuesday, January 2, 2024**





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