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PARISH TEAM

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*Oh Come
Let us Adore Him*

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 24 	CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 pm	
8:00 pm	
10:00 pm	
12:00 am	
SUN 25 	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
8:00 am	
9:30 am	
11:00 am	
12:30 pm	
MON 26 	ST. STEPHEN - THE FIRST MARTYR
8:30 am †	Antonio Ricciardi
TUES 27 	ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
8:30 am †	Maria Pia Falcone
WED 28 	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS
8:30 am †	Maselle Virey
THUR 29 	ST. THOMAS BECKET
8:30 am	In Thanksgiving
FRI 30 	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
	MARY & JOSEPH
8:30 am †	Nelia Bancoro
SAT 31 	New Years Eve
9:00 am	Multiple Intention Mass

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

Registration for children wishing to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2023, is closed. Registration for 2024 will begin next fall.

LifeTeen

Are you in grades 9-12 and looking to grow in faith & friendship? We are pleased to announce that we will be launching our LifeTeen program this coming November for you! LifeTeen will include food, games, talks, small groups & prayer time, and will take place 2 Saturdays of the month

following the 4:30pm Mass!
For more details or questions
Please email Megan at
ym.stjosephMI@gmail.com



Register by scanning the QR code:



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Christmas week and will re-open on Tuesday January 3rd at 9 AM. For funerals and anointings, please leave a message on the emergency line as prompted. For other urgent matters please reach us through email or leave a voice message.

A CHRISTMAS WELCOME

At Christmas many people come to Mass whom we have not seen for some time. It is good that they do come back. The Lord never rejects those who approach Him with a sincere heart. If we have been absent, He receives us back almost with no questions asked (so to speak). God does not sulk. He does not stand on His infinite dignity. He does not require convoluted explanations. In His omniscience He is already fully acquainted with all the facts, more accurate than any self-justification that we could offer.

God does not wait for us to become perfect before He starts to take us seriously. But this does not mean that we ourselves have no part to play in being reunited with Him. It is a two-way encounter. We approach, He welcomes. Our reception of Christ in Holy Communion is the assurance of our welcome back, and the remaking of our friendship with Him. All that He is He gives, all that we are He welcomes. In that two-way encounter, our weaknesses are known and understood. And if we cooperate, they can also be healed.

Receiving the life and strength which the Lord offers us in Holy Communion will only be of benefit if we are properly disposed. Nobody is ever completely ready for Communion, but we must try to be as ready as we can. That is not meant to sound unwelcoming. Of course we do not want to ring-fence the Lord's Eucharist. But precisely because Christ is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament we must do our best to be well prepared to receive that saving Presence into our body and soul. The Lord Who was born into squalor and poverty at Bethlehem has infinite riches to offer each of us. How sad if we raise or strengthen barriers inside ourselves which keep Him out and so obstruct His gifts.

God's people should always feel welcome when they come to Mass. Jesus of Nazareth wished to be called the friend of sinners and was born into our world to restore health to the sick. All of us suffer from various spiritual malaises, and we all need the heavenly Physician to heal us. If we have been away from the Lord, the sacrament of Confession is the best way of preparing to receive Him in Holy Communion. Confession cleans out the poison, and Communion repairs the damage. That cleansing and healing give us the joyful certainty that we are indeed welcome back.

Together with Fr Anish, Deacon George and all the staff,

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas. ~ Fr. Paul Dobson

New Year Schedule

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, December 31, 2022 (New Year's Eve) 4:30 pm

Sunday, January 1, 2023 - New Year's Day

8:00 am | 9:30 am | 11:00 am | 12:30 pm **NO 6:00 pm Mass**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAX RECEIPTS 2022 – please make note!

2022 donations must be received by the parish (or dropped in lock box outside at back entrance of church) by **Friday, December 30 (not post marked)** to be included in 2022 donations, otherwise will be credited to 2023. We ask that envelopes from past years not be used as the current envelope holder may be different and will be credited with your donations. We also ask that you not use 2023 envelopes until the new year begins to avoid any tax receipt related issues. Please contact the parish office for any envelope related inquiries.

THE HUMAN FAMILY IN CHRIST

Is a Canadian charitable foundation to provide health care and education to the under privileged near Cochabamba, Bolivia. It was founded in 1989 by Father Andrew Cuschieri JCD, a professor at the University of Toronto, Ontario, together with seminarians while in residence at our own St. Joseph parish. His foundation has been administered by parishioners of our parish since Fr. Cusher passed in 2004. To make a donation enclose your cheques or cash in an envelope marked Human Family in Christ (make sure you include your name and address to get a tax receipt) and bring or to mail to the Parish Office. The Human Family in Christ is a registered charity with the Canadian Revenue Agency. More info can be found at www.shfic.ca

MINISTRIES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8661

In support of Vita Centre our Knights are collecting baby items (Formula, bottles, baby food, diapers, wipes and clothing & gently used furniture and strollers). Please place items in the crib at the front entrance. Or contact the Knights by email at GK8661@ontariokoc.ca

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Prayer Meetings every Wednesday - Parish Hall at 7 p.m.

OUR FORTHCOMING SPECIAL PROGRAM

HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Commencing at 6.45 p.m. in the Church

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Peter Choi

Pastor, St. Andre Bessette Parish

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Smile for the week:

Why was Santa's helper feeling glum?

Answer :
He had low elf-esteem

FAITH & LEARNING

SPIRITUS WEST

Young Adults ages 19-35 from our local parishes in the Eastern Region and in the Western Region are coming together to learn & grow in faith, build community & belonging, and give back! Join us & bring a friend. You can find SPIRITUS WEST on Facebook and on Instagram for information about Theology on Tap and other social events and to volunteer. This is hosted by The Office of Catholic Youth (OCY) to support young people in the parish communities within the archdiocese of Toronto. Find more info at ocytoronto.org.

PICK OF THE WEEK



Dec 25, 2022

Littlest Saints – Kids series

Littlest Saints features the lives of the saints as told by kids. In each episode, a young child dons a habit, a cassock, a uniform, anything and everything, and acts out a different heavenly hero's story, full of drama, comedy, and everything in-between. **Episode 1: Our Lady of Guadalupe • 14m**

A boy, his running shoes, and a giant sombrero take up the story of St. Juan Diego's miraculous encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary. How far will Our Lady ask him to reach out in faith, trust, and confidence?

METANOIA A Journey With Christ Into Conversion – 10 episodes

THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHANGED THE COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY.



Christmas marks one of the greatest days on the Christian calendar, and nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like the Holy City of Rome. Christmas in Rome follows the celebration of the Nativity throughout history, from a tiny grotto in Bethlehem to the biggest Nativity scene in Saint Peter's Square, and from small groups of early Christians to the enormous multitude of believers at Christmas Masses in St. Peter's Basilica. See how one of the greatest events in human history is celebrated today...right from the heart of the Church.

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We thank you for responding so generously to our Christmas appeal. Your donations will enable many needy families have a joyous Christmas.

Our prayer for you this Christmas

is that you would know the true gift – JESUS

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