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## *Nativity of Our Lord*

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 26

*Acts:6:8-10; 7:54-59 Psalm 31*

*Matthew 10:17-22*

No Mass

### Tuesday, December 27

*1 John 1:1-4 Psalm 97*

*John 20:2-8*

5:30 pm Ben Sobie +

### Wednesday, December 28

*1 John 1:5-2:2 Psalm 124*

*Matthew 2:13-18*

5:30 pm Int. of the Parish Staff

### Thursday, December 29

*1 John 2:3-11 Psalm 96*

*Luke 2:22-35*

5:30 pm A Special Intention

### Friday, December 30

*Genesis 15:1-6; 17:3-5, 15-16;21:1-7*

*Psalm 105 Luke 2:22-40*

5:30 pm Deceased Friars

### Saturday, December 31

*1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96*

*John 1:1-18*

5:30 pm The Parish Community

### Sunday, January 1

*Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67*

*Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21*

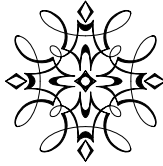
10:00 am The Parish Community

12:00noon The Parish Community

### Monthly Comparison for: November

Offertory	2010	2011
Envelopes	\$ 15,558	\$ 17,725
Loose	\$ 5,126	\$ 4,845
PAG*	\$ 8,690	\$ 7,840
Total	\$ 29,374	\$ 30,410

\* Pre-Authorized Giving Contributions for the Building Maintenance Fund were \$1,576.



## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Peace and Goodness to all!

Welcome and Merry Christmas to all of our parishioners, family members, friends, guests and visitors.

The feast of the Nativity of the Lord Jesus gathers us to celebrate the great wonder and humility of Almighty God, who was born of the Virgin Mary as a fragile infant so we might come to know and love Him. He became one with us in the human beauty and wonder of a child. How he loves us!

The Christmas season of our worship begins to recall the entire story of the Life, growth, service and passion of Jesus, the Lord. His life from the beginning communicates the Love of God for all people of every age, race language and way of life. Our worship begins with the Christmas pageant as it is acted out by the children of the parish. We give thanks to the parents, and teachers who have prepared this lovely spectacle. We will continue throughout the weekend to proclaim the Word of God made flesh to dwell among us in all of our Eucharistic liturgical celebrations. The Choir's liturgical ministers, and parishioners have prepared wonderful celebrations for us to worship and enjoy. We give thanks to all of those who dedicate themselves to performing these services. We pray the grace of the Holy Spirit will enlighten and give vitality to all who are here to participate. May you deeply experience the Spirit of Christmas among us.

Francis of Assisi, was the first to enact the Christmas scene in Greccio, Italy during the early 1200s. How remarkable it is that this practice is made new in so many varied cultures throughout the world. St. Joan of Arc parish has enacted this pageant for more than 35 years. We the Franciscans of the Atonement, are privileged to serve this parish in a spirit of joy and gratitude for all who come here to know, love and serve the Lord of all creation. Christmas is a special time to remember traditions, and to welcome everyone to these holy celebrations. We hope you experience God's presence and that you feel at home.

St. Joan of Arc is dedicated to Stewardship, this is a way that engages all of our parishioners in the life ministry and sustenance of the community. If you are interested in becoming involved in the parish, please know you are welcome to call me or the office so we can help you become connected. We pray that all who are here will grow closer to God this Christmas season so you may know the Way the Truth and the Life in abundance that is ours in Jesus.

May God bless you and your loved ones with all of the Joy and love of Christ our Saviour.

*Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!*

**Please Pray for:**

The sick: Gertrude Wojeck, Mary Jacobson, Carmela Morra, Felix Russo, and Graham

The Deceased: Johanna Griffith, Rita Lee

**Finance Committee**

The committee is looking for new members, for a three year term. If you have the qualifications of a CA, CMA or CGA and are interested in volunteering time to the parish, please submit your resume to the parish office for consideration. The committee works in a way that the terms overlap, so new members are brought on board with existing members. This team assists Fr. Dan and the parish in many ways.

**Offertory Envelopes**

Your 2012 envelopes are set up in the parish hall. Please collect your box as soon as possible. If you didn't have a box in 2011 and would like one for 2012, please go to the parish office and one will be issued to you.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

The members of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Joan of Arc Conference thank all the parishioners of St. Joan of Arc, young and old for their generous support for our Christmas appeal. Your generous support with the gifts to Santa and financially through our Christmas envelopes, allowed us to make Christmas special to those less fortunate than our selves. As always we thank you for your continued support of our Society throughout the year!

**Nativity of the Lord**

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon. If God is calling you, call Fr. Hansoo at 416-968-0997 or email him at: [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca)

**Christmas Babies**

Thank you to the families of James Urjasz (5:30 pm), Alyssa Gatner (9:30pm), Maximillian Bugaj (Midnight), Rio Koshimizu Julian (10 am) and Ryan Nibizi (noon) who let their children represent the Christ Child at the Christmas Liturgies this year.

**Christmas Schedule**

**Monday, December 26** No Mass

**Tuesday, December 27 to 30** regular schedule

**Feast of Mary Mother of God** Saturday, December 31 5:30 pm mass

**Feast of Mary Mother of God, January 1** 10:00 am & 12 Noon Masses  
No Evening Masses.

**Monday, January 2** No Mass

**The Epiphany, January 8** Regular mass times

**THIS WEEK**

No Activities

**A Christmas Time Welcome**

Welcome to our parish and the celebration of the solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. If you are a visitor Or do not regularly attend Mass, you Will notice some changes since the last Time you were here. That is because We are not using a revised English Translation of the Mass, as are all Roman Catholic Churches in the entire English speaking world. You will find the revised words and music in this worship aid. This revision of the words we pray and Sing is an opportunity for all of us to Renew our participation in the Sacred Liturgy. We invite all to join in this Renewal by attending mass each week Here in our parish. For additional Information, please visit: [www.RevisedRomanMissal.org](http://www.RevisedRomanMissal.org).



*May your hearts be filled with light and Hope this Christmas, as we celebrate God among us! May you have a Happy, Blessed Christmas!*

*Fr. Dan Callahan, SA,*

*Sheila Malloch*

*Rosanne Kelly*

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