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SUNDAY MASSES:

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Sunday liturgy)
8:30 a.m. English Mass
9:30 a.m. Low Mass
(Usus antiquior/1962 Missal)
11:00 a.m. Sung English Mass
12:30 p.m. Sung Mass
Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More
(Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Before every Mass on Sundays
Daily for 15 minutes before all Masses.

WEEKDAY MASS:

8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday
10:00 a.m. Saturday

MARRIAGES:

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

BAPTISMS: On Sundays by appointment.

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

The Nativity of Our Lord

Saturday, December 24

7:30 p.m. READINGS & CAROLS

Hymn: 301 – O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymn: 332 – While shepherds watched their flocks by night

Hymn: 323 – Angels we have heard on high

Hymn: 338 – Silent night, holy night!

8:00 P.M. SUNG ENGLISH MASS

Processional Hymn: 322 - O come, all ye faithful
V/. "Our help is in the name of the Lord."

R/. "WHO HAS MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH."

Introit: Dominus dixit ad me (Mode II)

The Lord said unto me: You are my Son, today I have begotten you.

Kyrie: 210 – Mass VIII (*de Angelis*)

Gloria: 211 – Mass VIII (*de Angelis*)

Seasonal Responsorial Psalm Refrain:

**"ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH HAVE SEEN
THE SALVATION OF OUR GOD."**

Credo: 202 – *Kyriale* III

Offertory Hymn: 327 – The first Nowell

Sanctus: 203 – Mass VIII (*de Angelis*)

Agnus Dei: 204 – Mass XVIII

Communion Hymns:

329 – Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

331 – Of the Father's love begotten

336 - Away in a manger

Concluding Hymn: 325 – Hark! The herald angels sing!

Organ Postlude: Chorale Prelude, "in dulci jubilo"/"Now sing in sweetest joy" (BWV 729) (J.S. Bach)

Christmas Day

11:00 A.M. SUNG ENGLISH MASS

Processional Hymn: 322 - O come, all ye faithful

Introit: Puer natus est nobis (Mode VII)

A child is born to us, and a son is given to us, and the government is upon his shoulder: And his name shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel.

Kyrie: *Kyriale Simplex, Ordinarium V & Mass in D*
Minor (C.H. Kitson)

Gloria: 211 – Mass VIII (*de Angelis*)

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Organ Postlude: "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah*
(G.F. Handel, arr. Robert Gower)

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

St. Stephen, First Martyr

10:00 The Tingle family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

10:00 Joanne & Andrew Blake

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

Fifth Day of Christmas

8:00

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

Holy Family

8:00 Ezman family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

Seventh Day of Christmas

10:00 (+) Friends and relatives of parishioners

5:00 Sarah DeCouto

OFFICE HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAY

December 30: 9 a.m. – noon

December 26 – 28: CLOSED

January 2: CLOSED

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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*And the Word was made flesh,
and dwelt among us.
Merry Christmas!!*

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

February 6– March 13, 2015

Where: Holy Family Church -- Parish Hall
1372 King Street West, Toronto, ON M6K 1H3

When: Monday Evenings, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., beginning on 26 February 2017 and running for seven consecutive weeks.

Cost: \$100 per couple getting married at Holy Family or St. Vincent de Paul Church; outside of these churches \$150 per couple.

Registration: Takes place at first session. But please contact hf@oratory-toronto.org or 416-532-2879 if you are planning to come. It helps us to know how many people to expect.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Come to Holy Family Parish Hall on **Saturday, January 7, at 6:00 p.m.** Home-made soup, turkey & trimmings, Christmas pudding and entertainment!!! \$25 (single) / \$50 (family), includes wine. Buy your tickets early! Contact Holy Family rectory at 416-532-2879

ST STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

Pope Francis Angelus Message, December 26, 2013

This extends the Solemnity of Christmas liturgy for eight days: a time of joy for all the people of God! And on the second day of the eighth, in the joy of Christmas is part of the feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr of the Church. The book of Acts presents him as "full of faith and of the Holy Ghost" (6.5), chosen with other six for the widows and the poor in the first community of Jerusalem. He tells us about his martyrdom when, after a fiery speech that aroused the wrath of the Sanhedrin members, was dragged outside the city walls and stoned. Stephen died as Jesus, asking forgiveness for his killers (7.55 to 60).

In the joyful atmosphere of Christmas, this commemoration may seem out of place. In fact, Christmas is the celebration of life and gives us feelings of serenity and peace; why disturb the enchantment with the memory of such an atrocious violence? In fact, in view of the faith, the feast of St. Stephen is in full harmony with the deeper meaning of Christmas. In martyrdom, in fact, violence is overcome by love, death from life. The Church sees in the sacrifice of the martyrs of their "birth into heaven." So today we celebrate the "birth" of Stephen, and depth comes from the Nativity of Christ. Jesus transforms the death of those who love him in the dawn of new life!

In martyrdom of Stephen playing the same comparison between good and evil, hatred and forgiveness, between the mildness and violence, which culminated in the Cross of Christ. The memory of the first martyr is so, immediately, to dissolve a false image of Christmas: the fairy-tale image and sloppy, which in the Gospel does not exist! The liturgy brings us to the real meaning of the Incarnation, linking Bethlehem to Calvary and reminding us that God's salvation implies the fight against sin, it passes through the narrow gate of the

Cross. This is the way that Jesus made it clear to his disciples, as evidenced by today's Gospel: "You will be hated by all because of my name. But he who endures to the end shall be saved" (Mt 10:22).

So we pray today especially for Christians who are discriminated against because of witness to Christ and the Gospel. We are close to these brothers and sisters who, like St. Stephen, are unjustly accused and made the subject of violence of various kinds. I am sure that, unfortunately, are more numerous today than in the early days of the Church. There are many! This happens especially where religious freedom is still not guaranteed or is not fully realized. It happens, however, even in countries and environments that on paper protect freedom and human rights, but where in fact the believers, especially Christians, encounter restrictions and discrimination. I would like to ask you to pray for these brothers and sisters for a moment in silence [...] And we entrust them to the Virgin Mary (Hail Mary ...).

For Christians, this is not surprising, because Jesus has announced it as an opportunity to testify. However, at the civil level, injustice must be denounced and eliminated.

Mary Queen of Martyrs help us to live Christmas with ardor of faith and love that shines in St. Stephen and all the martyrs of the Church.

Mass Schedule for Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25

8:30 a.m. Mass in English

9:30 a.m. Low Mass in Latin, Usus Antiquior

11:00 a.m. Sung Mass in English

12:30 p.m. Sung English Catholic Parish of St Thomas
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**Monday, December 26 (St Stephen) and
Tuesday, December 27 (St John the Evangelist)**

Holiday Schedule: Mass at 10:00 a.m.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Saturday, December 31

5:00 p.m. Mass in English

Confessions from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

There will be a Holy Hour at 10:00 p.m. at Holy Family,
followed by Mass at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1

8:30 a.m. Mass in English

9:30 a.m. Low Mass in Latin, Usus Antiquior

11:00 a.m. Sung Mass in English

12:30 p.m. Sung English Catholic Parish of St Thomas More

Monday, January 2

Holiday schedule: Mass at 10:00 a.m.

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