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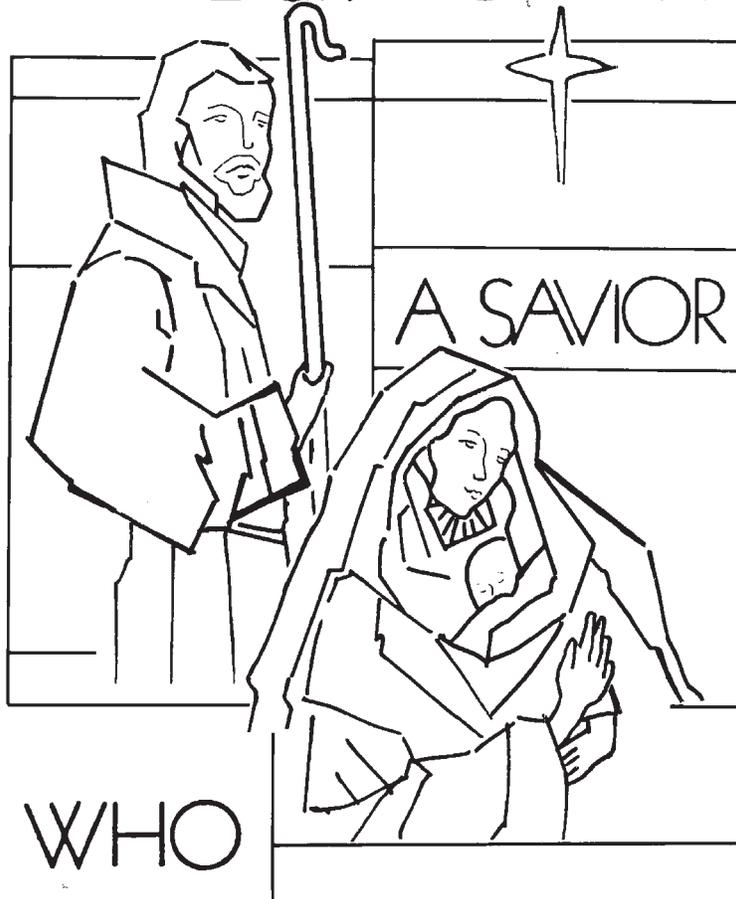
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Saturday and Sunday - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

BORN THIS DAY

IN THE CITY OF DAVID



A SAVIOR

WHO

IS CHRIST THE LORD

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4th Sunday of Advent

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Soon we will gather together to celebrate the dawn of our salvation when our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only begotten Son, was born for us of the Virgin Mary. In the person of Jesus, God unites our humanity with God's own divinity in a bond that can never be broken. So it is right that we should celebrate with lights and evergreen boughs, with gatherings and food, with song, with praise and thanksgiving.

With the eyes of faith, we continue to search for the signs of God's presence in our world. Although we regularly encounter or hear of human tragedy, war and violence, we also are blessed to encounter good people, whose generosity, compassion, virtue and faithfulness remind us that God is indeed among us, always remaking us into God's own image.

As we come together to celebrate the birth of the Saviour each of us comes with different life experiences. Some will come grieving, some will come pre-occupied with financial worries and some will come not knowing what country will be their home and not knowing where they can find a job to feed their family. Some will come in a prickly mood and others warm and joyful. Our prayer is that all who come, no matter what their disposition or status, may find a warm welcome among us. Whether people come frequently or rarely, our community of faith is called to welcome all without judgment and offer some hope.

As the shepherds welcome Mary's child into this world, may we too humbly welcome Christ, with us now in the person of everyone whom we encounter.

Happy and blessed Christmas to all of you.

Fr. Jim, SCJ

Mass Intentions for December 23 - 30, 2017

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Ofelia Lim
Sunday	No 8:30 a.m. Mass	
	10:00 a.m.	+Adoracion Abina, requested by M. & L. Cukjati
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Noel Correia
	10:00 p.m.	+Eliseo & Adoracion Madulid, requested by the family
	12:00 midnight	+Angelo Nepomuceno, requested by G. Nepomuceno
Monday	8:30 a.m.	+Jeanne Nduke, Itoua Martin, Moussa Mariane, Otselet Bony, Avoukou Emmanuel
	10:00 a.m.	+Sario Ching, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	No 8:00 p.m. Mass	
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	+Graham Biggar, requested by M. Biggar
	No 7:00 p.m. Mass	
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Joseph Appiah, requested by S. McDoom
	7:00 p.m.	+Delfina Evidente, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Noel & Suzy Correia
	7:00 p.m.	+Rajamani James, requested the family
		+Emelia P. Fernandes, requested by Ivan & Goretti & family
		+Dra W. Navarro, requested by the Nikken Group
		+Mary Sandanam, requested by J. & G. Brown
+Joseph Sr. & Milagros Bicular		
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+John Johnston, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Steve & Claudine Goller
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+David Francis, requested by the family

2017 / 2018 Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Date	Mass time
Sun., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	No 8:30 a.m. Mass
	10:00 a.m. Mass
	11:30 a.m. Mass
	5:00 p.m. Mass
	7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	No 8:00 p.m. Mass
	9:00 p.m. Mass 12:00 midnight Mass
Mon., Dec. 25 Christmas Day (Office closed)	8:30 a.m. Mass
	10:00 a.m. Mass
	11:30 a.m. Mass
	2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	No 8:00 p.m. Mass
Tues., Dec. 26 (Office closed)	9:00 a.m. Mass (only)
Wed., Dec. 27 to Sat., Dec. 30	Regular schedule
Sun., Dec. 31 New Year's Eve	No 8:30 a.m. Mass
	10:00 a.m. Mass
	11:30 a.m. Mass
	5:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
	7:30 p.m. Mass
	No 8:00 p.m. Mass
Mon., Jan. 1 New Year's Day (Office closed)	8:30 a.m. Mass
	10:00 a.m. Mass
	11:30 a.m. Mass
	2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	No 8:00 p.m. Mass
Tues., Jan. 2 and on	Regular Mass schedule

Major Relic of St. Francis Xavier

January 12 – 14, 2018



The forearm of St. Francis Xavier, a first degree relic, will be coming to Toronto. It will be hosted on:

- Jan. 12 by St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
- Jan. 13 by St. Francis Xavier Church

- Jan. 14 by Our Lady of Lourdes Church

For more information please see:

www.cco.ca/relic.

Baptisms



We welcome into God's family the following children who have been baptized during the months of January to July in our parish: Caileigh De Coste, Kyrie Guillarte, Logan Paulino,

Koby Chavez, Joshua Ramawad-Martinez, Kassandra Argosino, Olivia Stanley, Bryce Pham, David Guerrero, Luciana Masmela Chingay, Amy Prieto Galan, Jeremy Prieto Galan, Eva Prieto Galan, Erica Brown, Yianny Demorizi, Matias Marin, Jaden Aquino, Joshua Hollis Pacas, Logan MacNeil, Kalissa Marshall, Amoyah Myers, Aster Pereira, Logan Magana, Adrian Martinez Quant, Noah Barrantes Ahumada, Daniella Orellan Palacios, Jude Tan, Mckenzie Beekmeyer, Pierre Cabrera, Romeo Robledo Lopez-Carbajal, Nia Rocha, Nathanael Rodrigues, Aliyah Dimech-Brown, Arianna Dimech Joseph, Vidyut Kaushal, Arianna Lue, Joziah Moses-John, Darwin Rambissoon, Victoria Gamez, Isabelle Gamez, Justus Tan, Jaella Pascua, Victor Herrera, Gabriella Gonzales, William Cilia, Rayanne Saliendra, Gavin Go, Adaeline Garduque, Maleia Macdonald, Zoella Salazar, Ace Tecson, Helena Roistan, Ethan Corona, Mateo Dominguez, Jaide Fletcher, Gabriel Magdaong and Leia Millington . May God bless them all the days of their lives!

Vocation Seeds

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 God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at vocations@archtoronto.org.

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Steve Goller, Rita Croft, Henry Sharp, Antonio Antonio, Daphne Chater, Albert Vella, Phyllis Cogliano, Yvonne Rampersaud, Kaumudi Passanha, Basil Benedict and Anna L. Amala. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

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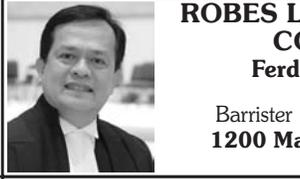
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