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The Light of Christmas

It is Christmas! "A light has shone to those who lived in the darkness," says Isaiah. The story of Jesus' birth touches the heart of humankind with simplicity and beauty. God's providence brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, house of David, so the child Jesus would be born in the line of kings. They found no room in the inn and the Lord's birth took place in a crib. He came among animals as a sign that the whole of creation bows before the Son of God. Shepherds who were working during the night had the privilege to be the first to hear the message of the angels. Now the promise has been fulfilled, "Good News is brought to the poor."

As we contemplate this amazing scene of the Lord's Nativity we think of our own families. Mary and Joseph left an example to earthly parents. This poor couple trusted in God and in each other; their difficulties bound them together and true love made them able to overcome all challenges. The baby Jesus is a sign of humility to all God's children. He teaches us to desire what is really essential in our lives and to leave vanities behind.

We hope that the light of Christmas will shine in our homes and hearts. We pray that this grace of God defeat our fears and surpass every separation. May this gracious mystery remind us of the importance of being united and supporting each other in patience and love. Let us gather together around the table and sing together, "Today true peace has come down to us from heaven." Merry Christmas!

Fr. Will, SCJ

Mass Intentions for December 24 - 31, 2016

Saturday <i>Christmas Eve</i>	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Ofelia Lim
	9:00 p.m.	+Angelo Nepomuceno, requested by G. Nepomuceno
	12:00 midnight	+Adoracion & Eliseo Madulid, requested by the family
Sunday <i>Christmas Day</i>	8:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving Rick & Chua
	10:00 a.m.	+Adoracion Abrina, requested by L. & M. Cukjati
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	No Mass
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Ernesto Santos
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+John Johnston, requested by M. Johnston
	7:00 p.m.	+Joseph Appiah, requested by S. McDoom
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Noel & Suzy Correia
	7:00 p.m.	+Rajamani James, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Steve & Claudine Goller
	7:00 p.m.	+Emelia P. Fernandes, requested by the Henriques family
		+Lawrence Walcz & Simon Lopes, requested by family & friends
		In thanksgiving, Cresencia Miel
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Maureen O'Donnell, requested by V. D'Souza
	7:00 p.m.	+Souls in purgatory, especially members of FOSS, requested by E. Staszewski
Saturday <i>New Year's Eve</i>	7:00 p.m.	+David Francis, requested by the family
	9:00 a.m.	No Mass

A Happy & Blessed Christmas!

A baby is born! As we humbly welcome Jesus may His birth bring peace and special blessings to you and your family. May the true spirit of Christmas bless you and keep you.

Father Willyans Rapozo, Father Aegidius Warsito and the staff of St. Thomas More Parish

2016/2017 Christmas & New Year's Mass (and Office) Schedule

Date	Mass time
Mon., Dec. 26 (Office closed)	9:00 a.m. Mass (only)
Tues., Dec. 27 (Office closed)	Regular Mass times
Wed., Dec. 28 to Fri., Dec. 30	Regular Mass times and office hours
Sat., Dec. 31 New Year's Eve (Office closed at 12:00 noon)	NO 9:00 a.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. Spanish Mass 7:30 p.m. Mass
Sun., 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
Mon., Jan. 2 (Office closed)	9:00 a.m. Mass (only)
Tues., Jan. 3 and on	Regular Mass schedule and office hours

Something Beautiful for God

If we want to conquer the world, we will not be able to do it with bombs or with weapons of mass destruction. Let us conquer the world with our love. Let us interweave our lives with bonds of sacrifice and love, and it will be possible for us to conquer the world.

We do not need to carry out grand things in order to show great love for God and for our neighbour. It is the intensity of love we put into our gestures that makes them something beautiful for God.

Mother Teresa (1910-97)

Thank You for Your Generosity

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul thanks all parishioners who bought gifts for the Angel Tree and/or donated to the Christmas collection. Your generosity helps those in need.

The Society also wishes to thank the continued support of the staff and students of St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary School and St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School who helped with food collection and sponsored families for the Christmas Hamper Drive. This is a joint effort of our parishioners including the Spanish community. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped in this annual community effort.

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Rita Croft, Henry Sharp, Denise Wilde, Tom Shaw, Yvonne Rampersaud, Phyllis Cogliano and Albert Vella. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.


Is God Calling You?

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, deacon, brother or sister. Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.



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