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An Immaculate Woman and a Righteous Man

As we gather to celebrate the last Sunday of Advent, the Liturgy brings the story of the pregnant Mary and her husband Joseph. The Gospel says he was a righteous man but was disappointed and confused with this news. Joseph, then, decides to dismiss her quietly so she would not face public disgrace. Now, Gabriel, the same Archangel who announced to Mary the birth of Jesus, appears to Joseph in a dream and reveals to him that the conception of the Son of God was supernatural. Mary was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit and Joseph is to name him Jesus.

All happened according to God's promise, Isaiah said, the Lord himself will give you a sign, a young woman will bear a child and he will be called Emmanuel, "God with us!" Mary was the chosen one! God prepared her from the day of her conception. He made her immaculate on account of the child she would bear. The almighty can work marvels on those who open themselves to his holy will.

Joseph believed in a dream! He believed also in his wife, Mary. Ultimately, he believed in God! Joseph is part of God's providence in the life of Mary and the child Jesus. He was also chosen as the foster father of the Son of God. And the three of them compose the holy family, poor in possessions, yet rich in faith, love and generosity. As Christmas draws near, may the Holy Family help our families to trust in God and in each other. Let us dream and work together so God's plans will be fulfilled in our homes.

Fr. Will, SCJ

Mass Intentions for December 17 – 24, 2016

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | +Ida P. Innasipillai, requested by the family |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | Intentions of Everest D'Souza |
| | 10:00 a.m. | +Gliceria Talag & Pedro Gonzales, requested by the Gonzales family |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Intentions of the parish community |
| | 8:00 p.m. | In thanksgiving, Joshua & Ashley Gonsalves |
| Monday | 7:30 a.m. | Intentions of Cathy Dessailly |
| Tuesday | 7:30 a.m. | +Potenciana Rodriguez, requested by the Asuncion family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Stephen Emmins, requested by the Teixeira family |
| Wednesday | 7:30 a.m. | +Nemesio, Romero & Jose Chua, requested by the family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | In thanksgiving, Immanuel Lanzaderas, |
| Thursday | 7:30 a.m. | +Law Ji Cecilia, requested by C. Cheung |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Ernesto Santos, requested by the family |
| | | +Lydia de Leon, requested by Victor & Grace |
| | | +Simon Lopez & Venith Alphonso, requested by the family |
| Friday | 7:30 a.m. | +Graham Biggar & Romeo, Nemesio Jr., & Jose Chua, requested by the family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Rhea Christy De Juan, requested by the family |
| Saturday | 9:00 a.m. | No Mass |

Advent Confessions

Wednesday, December 21st at 7:30 p.m.



In preparation for Christmas, the parish will hold a reconciliation service on Wed., Dec. 21st at 7:30 p.m. with many priests to assist with confessions.

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

| Date | Mass time |
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| Sun., Dec. 18 | Regular schedules |
| Mon., Dec. 19 to Fri., Dec. 23 | Regular schedules |
| Sat., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve (Office closed at 12:00 noon) | No 9:00 a.m. Mass |
| | 5:00 p.m. Mass |
| | 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass |
| | 9:00 p.m. Mass |
| | 12:00 midnight Mass |
| Sun., 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 |
| 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) |
| from Tues., Jan. 3 and on | Regular Mass schedule and office hours |

Two Kinds of Mercy

There are two kinds of mercy, mercy on earth and mercy in heaven, human mercy and divine mercy. What is human mercy like? It makes you concerned for the hardship of the poor. What is divine mercy? It forgives sinners. In this world God is cold and hungry in all the poor, as He Himself said: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

The Archdiocese 175th Anniversary

Celebrating
175
YEARS

December 17th marks the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, kicking off a year-long celebration of this historic milestone. Originally part of

the Diocese of Kingston, on December 17, 1841, Pope Gregory XVI formally created the Diocese of Toronto and named Michael Power its first bishop. The Archdiocese of Toronto is planning numerous historical and spiritual activities to commemorate the 175th anniversary, including a large-scale celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on May 30, 2017. In acknowledging this significant anniversary, Cardinal Thomas Collins remarked:

"It is a tremendous blessing to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto. It is always a joy to express my gratitude to those, past and present, who have made incredible contributions to our city, province and country, inspired by their faith. Over the next year, we will honour the past, energize our present faith community and look forward to an exciting future."

More information on the Archdiocese of Toronto 175th celebrations can be accessed by visiting: www.archtoronto.org.

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?


"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you 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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