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## PARISH TEAM

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*prepare the way...*



# ADVENT

**MASS INTENTIONS****MON 24 | Christmas Eve**4:00 pm | 6:00 pm | 8:00 pm | 10:00 pm  
& Midnight**TUE 25 | Nativity of Our Lord**

8:00am | 9:30 am | 11:00 am | 12:30 pm

**WED 26 | St. Stephen**

8:30 am † Olivia Yumin Low

**THUR 27 | St. John the Apostle**

8:30 am † In Thanksgiving by Gomes family

**FRI 28 | Holy Innocents**

8:30 am † Basil Smith

7:30 pm † Mass for the Deceased

**SAT 29 | St. Thomas Becket**9:00 am † Francis Mendonca  
† Manuel Pavao*Baptisms***Congratulations to the families of:***Gabriella Arinez**Emma Cordeiro**Alex Jufre**Antonio Medeiros***Welcome into our community of faith!****SAINT OF THE WEEK***St. John the Apostle*

St. John was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus and considered to be the same person as John the Evangelist and the Beloved Disciple. He was the only one of the Twelve Apostles who did not forsake the Savior in the hour of His Passion and stood faithfully at the cross when the Savior made him the guardian of His Mother.

*St. John, pray for us!***Merry Christmas to our St Joseph  
Family & Friends***That We Might Share In His Immortality*

We Christians are called to meditate during Advent on the Incarnation of the Son of Man, when God humbled himself and was born into our fallen world and laid in a manger - a feeding trough for the sheep. He, who would soon feed his sheep in Holy Communion comes to us on a cold night in the lowliest of circumstances, already a prelude to the epic humbling of himself in the hour of his passion.

The Church Fathers always interpreted Christ's Birth in the light of the whole redemptive work which culminates in the Paschal Mystery. The Incarnation of the Son of God not only appears as the beginning and condition for salvation, but as the very presence of the Mystery of our salvation: God is made man, he is born an infant, like us, he takes our flesh to conquer death and sin.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us experience Christmas that is now at hand with joy. Let us experience this wondrous event: the Son of God is born again "today", God is truly close to each one of us and wants to meet us, he wants to bring us to him. He is the true light that dispels and dissolves the shadows that envelop our life and humanity. Let us experience the Nativity of the Lord contemplating the path of the immense love of God who lifts us up to him through the Mystery of the Incarnation, passion death and resurrection of his Son; for, as St Augustine said, "*In Christ the divinity of the Only Begotten One was made to share in our mortality, that we might share in his immortality*".

~ BENEDICT XVI Wednesday, 21 December 2011

**CHRISTMAS WEEK MASS SCHEDULE****Christmas Eve | December 24**

4 pm / 6 pm / 8 pm / 10 pm / 12 Midnight

*There is NO 7 am or 8:30 am Mass***Christmas Day | December 25**

8 am / 9:30 am / 11 am / 12:30 am

*There is NO 6 pm Mass***December 26, 27, 28, 29**

Regular schedule except that there is NO 7 am Mass

**Feast of the Holy Family | December 30**

Regular Sunday Mass schedule

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

Vigil: Monday, December 31 - 5:30 pm

Tuesday, January 1 - 9:30 am / 11 am / 12:30 pm

*There is NO 7 am, 8:30 am, or 6 pm Mass*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The office will close on Monday December 24<sup>th</sup> at noon and will reopen on Saturday December 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 7 pm. It will again close December 31<sup>st</sup> to Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> and reopen at 9am on January 3<sup>rd</sup> with the regular schedule.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS 2019

We regret to inform that we will not be able to offer Marriage Preparation classes this year.

### CHRISTMAS CARD AND CAKE SALE

St. Joseph's Protectors, our pro-life group, is selling Christmas cards and cakes, available for purchase at the parish office. Proceeds go towards pro-life causes.

### HUMAN FAMILY IN CHRIST

**1 year Catholic Sponsorship.** Since 1989, HFC have been taking care of poor children in Bolivia. A \$200 (child) or \$935 (High School) yearly donation provides food, clothes, medicine, and scholastic material to a sponsored child. Sponsors receive information on the child's family background, a photo, and a tax receipt. Contact Marie Morrison at (905) 821-9012.

### VITA CENTRE CRIB IN LOBBY

Vita Centre is a project started over 25 years ago by the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League to support women with unplanned pregnancies. Again this year, they are seeking donations of disposal diapers and wet wipes. Please place your donations in the crib in the front lobby of the church over the Christmas season.

## EVENTS

### AROUND THE ARCH

### TRAINING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, January 12, 2019 | 9 am – 2 pm

St. Philip Neri Parish, 2100 Jane Street, North York

If you serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in our parish, please join the Archdiocese's Office of Formation for Discipleship for a formation and training day to learn more about your role in this ministry. The event is free but no lunch will be served. For info, call Rebecca at (416) 934-3400 ext. 525. To register, visit [emhcarchto.eventbrite.ca](http://emhcarchto.eventbrite.ca)

## PROGRAMS

### EXODUS: CALLED TO FREEDOM

A 10 week Faith Study starting January 7<sup>th</sup> on **Monday Mornings at 9:15 am upstairs**  
OR **Evenings 7:00 pm.**

The Exodus can be viewed as the defining moment in Israel's history, for it was then that God called Israel out of slavery in Egypt and to a life of freedom as His people. The Exodus story is not just Israel's story, it is our story as well; it tells us who God is and what He calls us to be. \$40 for workbook or \$5 registration only. Register at the parish office.

### DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

**Wednesdays at 7 pm in hall. All are welcome!**

We celebrate our **25-YEAR ANNIVERSARY** on: Sunday, January 13, 2019 at St. Joseph Church. Service begins at 2.30 p.m. Holy Mass at 3 p.m. Celebrant: Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB Followed by reception in the Parish Hall (finger food will be appreciated) All are welcome!

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### WATCH THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY



**The true story of the birth of Jesus** (59min).

This fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity is for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about the truth of Christmas and confront misunderstandings of Jesus' origin.

### MOVIE MARY OF NAZARETH (2 hrs 41min).



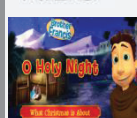
This film vividly captures the essence of Mary's Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived as the Mother of the Messiah. Her compassionate humanity, concern for others, and the deep love she and Jesus shared.

### READ **The Blessings of Christmas** (152 pages).



Taken from Pope Benedict's sermons & writings, these beautiful meditations give us his fresh insights into the deeper meaning of this most wondrous event.

### KIDS **O HOLY NIGHT** *What Christmas is About* (27 min)



Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son!

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