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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

**Mass Intentions**

Monday, December 26 8:30 am	St. Stephan † John Francis Mendonca
Tuesday, December 27 8:30 am	St. John the Apostle † John & Filomena Pires
Wednesday, December 28 7:00 am 8:30 am	The Holy Innocents † Basil Smith † Raffaele Caruso
Thursday, December 29 7:00 am 8:30 am	St. Thomas Becket † John Francis Mendonca † Joseph Vello
Friday, December 30 7:00 am 8:30 am	In Thanksgiving † Philomena Rodrigues
NOTE:	THERE WILL BE NO 7:30 PM Mass & Benediction
Saturday, December 31 5:30 pm	St. Sylvester Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary



The Parish Office will be closed Christmas week and will re-open on Tuesday January 3rd at 9 AM

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday December 26, St. Stephan's name means "crown," and he was the first disciple of Jesus to receive the martyr's crown. Stephen was a deacon in the early Christian Church. The apostles had found that they needed helpers to look after the care of the widows and the poor. So they ordained seven deacons, and Stephen is the most famous of these.

Tuesday, December 27, St. John the Apostle, the son of Zebedee and Salome, was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus and is believed to be the longest living apostle and the only not to die a martyr's death. He was called to be an Apostle by our Lord in the first year of His public ministry with his older brother St. James the Great. Jesus referred to the brothers as "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder." John was the only one of the 12 Apostles who did not forsake the Savior in the hour of His Passion. He stood faithfully at the cross when Jesus made him the guardian of His Mother.

Wednesday December 28, The Holy Innocents; remembers the massacre of young boys by King Herod in his attempt to kill the infant Jesus.

Thursday December 28, St. Thomas Becket, England's archbishop of Canterbury, refused to give King Henry II power over the Church. He was martyred in his cathedral by the soldiers of Henry II in 1170.

Saturday December 31, St. Sylvester was ordained by Pope St. Marcellinus during the peace that preceded the persecutions of Diocletian. He passed through those days of terror, witnessed the abdication of Diocletian and Maximian, and saw the triumph of Constantine in the year 312. He served as Pope of the Catholic Church from 314 to 335 and oversaw both the First Council of Nicaea and Roman Emperor Constantine I's conversion to Christianity.

New Year Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve	
Saturday December 31	5:30 pm
New Year's Day	9:30 am, 11 am
Sunday January 1	& 12:30 pm
The Epiphany of the Lord	8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am,
Sunday January 8	12:30 pm & 6:00 pm

NO ROOM IN THE INN

ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN

Mary is now with child, awaiting birth, and Joseph is full of expectancy as he enters the city of his own family. He searched for a place for the birth of him to whom heaven and earth belonged. Could it be that the Creator would not find room in his own creation? Certainly, thought Joseph, there would be room in the village inn. There was room for the rich; there was room for those who were clothed in soft garments; there was room for everyone who had a tip to give to the innkeeper.

But when finally the scrolls of history are completed down to the last word of time, the saddest line of all will be: "*There was no room in the inn.*" No room in the inn, but there was room in the stable. The inn was the gathering place of public opinion, the focal point of the world's moods, the rendezvous of the worldly, the rallying place of the popular and the successful. But there's no room in the place where the world gathers. The stable is a place for outcasts, the ignored and the forgotten. The world might have expected the Son of God to be born in an inn; a stable would certainly be the last place in the world where one would look for him. The lesson is: divinity is always where you least expect to find it. So the Son of God made man is invited to enter into his own world through a back door.

Now we come to what our Lord said about heaven. It was the night of the Last Supper. Jesus gathered about him all his apostles-poor, weak, frail men. He washed their feet. He was facing the agony in the garden, and that terrible betraying kiss of Judas, and even the denial of Peter himself. One would think that all the talk would be about himself. Certainly, when we have trials, that is what we think about. But our Lord thought about the apostles. He saw the sadness in their faces, and he said, "Be not troubled, do not be sad, I go to prepare a place for you. In my father's house there are many mansions." How did he know about the Father's house? He came from there. That was his home. Now preparing to go back home, he tells them about the Father's house and he says, "*I go to prepare a place for you.*"

God never does anything for us without great preparation. He made a garden for Adam, as only God knows how to make a garden beautiful. Then, when the Jews came into the promised land, he prepared the land for them. He said he would give them houses full of good things, houses which they never built. He said that he would give them vineyards and olive trees which they never planted. just so, he goes to prepare a place for us. Why? Simply because we were not made for heaven; we were made for earth. Man, by sin, spoiled the earth, and God came down from heaven in order to help us remake it. After having redeemed us, he said that he would now give us heaven, so we got all this: the earth, and heaven too. ~ from *Through the Year with Fulton Sheen*

Wishing everyone a Christmas and New Year filled with the peace, blessings and love of our wonderful Messiah.



From Fr. Marc-André, Fr Nieman, Fr Edwin
and the staff of St. Joseph Parish



ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO CELEBRATES 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

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IN JANUARY 2017

Kindergarten registration for the 2017-18 school year will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools on January 24-27 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and January 24th from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. **(A snow date has been designated on January 25 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.).*

Children With Differing Abilities

There will be an information session for parent of children with differing abilities including vision, hearing, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays who are transitioning to Kindergarten in September 2016. The meeting will be at: **Catholic Education Centre**, Room 301 on Wednesday, January 11 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

**Snow date will be January 25 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.*

Parents are also reminded to register their child at their local school.

FINANCIAL VOLUNTEER WANTED FOR DPCDSB

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is seeking one volunteer community member with financial expertise and business knowledge to serve on the Audit Committee for a three year term. This is a great opportunity for community involvement. For information and eligibility requirements, please visit the school board website at www3.dpcdsb.org/news/news-archives/audit-committee-recruitment.

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA DAY



Are you concerned about the injustice and harm caused by human trafficking; angry that human slavery is still practiced and increasing in the 21st century? Our Catholic Women's League is organizing an informational gathering on Saturday February 11th from 9 am to noon. We are looking for volunteers to help organize this event. If you would like to volunteer please email cwlstjoseph.parish@gmail.com.



DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Our weekly Prayer Meetings are finished for 2016 but will resume Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall

HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Church.

Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ben St. Croix.

YOUTH SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR



Registration for **First Holy Communion** and the **Sacrament of Confirmation.**

Is Now Closed

No late registrations will be accepted



Sponsor forms can be submitted to the parish anytime between now and January 20th, 2017.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Office of Formation for Discipleship will be offering the **Lay Pastoral Visitors Training** beginning on January 14, 2017 for three weeks. *This training is designed to prepare lay persons to provide pastoral visits and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins of our parish communities.* Participants are required to attend all three Saturdays. New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend. Please bring your own lunch. There is no cost to attend, however registration is required. Training will be: Saturdays; January 14, 21 & 28 - 10:00 am to 3:30p.m. at **Saviour of the World Chinese Church**, Mississauga. For further information, visit: <https://www.archtoronto.org/our-catholic-faith/programs-and-workshops> or call (416) 934-3400 ext. 523

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Monday mornings from **9:30 - 11:30 am in the upstairs meeting room**

OR Monday evenings from **7 pm to 9 pm in the Church hall**

The study features group discussions and video presentations by Jeff Cavins. For more info or to register drop by the office or email michele@stjosephsstreetsville.com

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