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*May the Blessings of this
Holy Season be with you Always.*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 21 st	12:10 p.m.	† Members of the Gray Family
Tuesday, December 22 nd	12:10 p.m.	† Colleen Bottineau
Wednesday, December 23 rd	7:00 p.m.	† Mary Fuller
Thursday, December 24 th	Christmas Eve	See Below
Friday, December 25 th	Christmas Day	See Below
Saturday, December 26 th	9:00 a.m.	† Fred Harper



Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24th

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 (midnight)

(No Mass at 12:10 p.m.)

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25th

10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

Boxing Day – Saturday, December 26th

9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

(No Confessions)

New Year's Eve - Vigil of the Feast of Mary

Thursday, December 31st

5:00 p.m.

(No Mass at 12:10 p.m.)

New Year's Day - Feast of Mary Mother of God

Friday, January 1st

10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

(No Holy Hour or 7:00 p.m. Mass)



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



During the 2015 Christmas Season, the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel hours will be:

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – CLOSED

Monday, December 21, Tuesday, December 22, Wednesday, December 23, Monday, December 28, Tuesday, December 29 and Wednesday, December 30 – **OPEN** for usual hours

New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31: OPEN (only if there are enough people interested from after the 5:00 p.m. Mass until 12:00 a.m. (midnight). To commit to the extended time please see the sign-up sheet posted outside of the chapel or contact Mary Bond at 726-6641.

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1 – CLOSED

Monday, January 4 through to Friday, January 8, 2016 – **OPEN** for usual hours.

Come and thank the Lord for the blessings of 2015 and ask for continued blessings in 2016.

MEMORIAL LAMP & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

December 19 to December 26

Our sanctuary lamp is lit –

In loving memory of our beloved son:

† André Gratton

Requested by: The Gratton Family



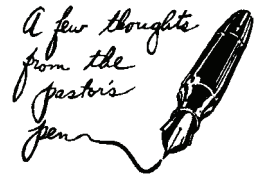
YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



If you're in grades 5 - 8 and love to have fun and learn more about faith, then

EDGE is for you. Here are our upcoming events, from 2-4 PM, followed by Mass at 4:00 p.m. with families: **Tues. Dec. 29: 2-4 P.M.** in our parish hall - **Family Board Game Afternoon** - bring your favourite board games and a snack to share! This event is for the whole family (note: a parent/guardian is required to attend).

Now is the time of year that we thank our many parishioners, who in so many ways bring us to the season of Christmas each year through their dedication, hard work, talent and time. Next we will come together as a parish community in Eucharist. One of the graces about Mass at Christmas is the number of people who feel compelled to



attend Mass and mark the birth of Jesus. In the spirit of this Christmas season, let us remember to welcome one and all to our parish, to be gracious, generous and embrace the hopeful sign that they are with us on this Holy Day to celebrate the wonder of Christ's birth. Wishing you and your families a very blessed Christmas!

Fr. Anthony, Fr. Joseph, Deacon Ron MacLellan, Deacon Del Allan, Mary Perry White, Mickie Oakes, Shannon Barks, Sharon LaPlume, Susan Scarff, Pat Borho, Rita Cyr, Clint Tyler, Susan Dempsey, Dennis Cormier and Cathy O'Connor-Horgan.

BAPTISM PREPARATION



Please note the following revisions to Baptism Preparation:

- **February class is cancelled.**
- **March class will be held on Tuesday, March 8th.**

January class will remain as scheduled, Tuesday, January 5th, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.



OPEN UNTIL NOON

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 29
Wednesday, December 30
Thursday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

CLOSED

Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day
Sunday, December 27
Monday, December 28
Friday, January 1 – New Year's Day

OPEN

Sunday, January 3 (usual hours)
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If you think God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocations Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@vocations.ca.



BIBLE LECTURES ON INFANCY NARRATIVES OF JESUS AND THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



By Rev. Dr. A. Joseph Lazar
(Doctorate in Biblical Theology).
Monday, January 4th to February 8th, 2016 for 6 consecutive evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in our parish hall.

All those who THIRST for the WORD OF GOD are welcome! Registration is available in the foyer or or call 705-728-2985 ext. 116.

***Come and see! Listen and Learn!
Share and Grow! Go and Live!***

CHRISTMAS TREES



The Knights of Columbus are again selling Christmas Trees with all proceeds to charity. Three locations open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Knights of Columbus Hall, 93 Berczy St., and Wal-Mart North. ***Please help us support our charities!***

BIRTHRIGHT

The loving service that Birthright of Barrie offers to women facing unplanned pregnancy is only made possible through the generosity of our donors. Some years ago, we were blessed to receive a large, one-time donation that has underpinned our mission. As we now seek the necessary funds to advertise our service more widely in the city, please prayerfully consider naming Birthright of Barrie (a registered charity) as a beneficiary in your will. Through your generosity, you will bequeath a lasting legacy of love and hope. For more information, call the Birthright office at 705 737 3550 or email barrie@birthright.org.

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