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THE YEAR OF JOY

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prepare the way...

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 22, 2019

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF JOY

Mass Intentions

(December 21 – December 25, 2019)

Sunday, December 21: 5:00 p.m.

Intentions of **Tony Farrugia**, *Req.* Agnes Caruana

Sunday, December 22: 6:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving for **Leila Piosca**, *Req.* Leila Piosca

Monday, December 23: 7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving for **Victoria Montifar** *Req.* Vicky Montifar

Christmas Donation to the Poor

The donations from the following items will be given to the poor and needy who come to the Rectory door.

2020 Calendar: \$ 1:00 Missals: \$ 5:00

Christmas Ornaments: \$ 2:00

Thank you for your contributions.

Christmas Flowers

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the purchase of Christmas flowers. Your generosity helped make our liturgical celebration more beautiful and meaningful for Everyone who come to the church.



Year of Joy: 2019 - FAMILY

We begin the celebration of the YEAR OF JOY with the words of Pope Francis: “*The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church.*” (*Amoris Laetitia* 1:1) This month of December, we shall dedicate to all the families and all people of God that Joy of Christ may radiate in our families, Church, Communities and the world. Let this Christmas may be a time for all to share the true joy and peace of Jesus to all.

Children’s Christmas Pageant

Rehearsals for the children’s Christmas Pageant will start the first week in December. We are beginning the Rehearsal this Sunday.



If you have any questions or would like to sign up please feel free to contact Melody or Nancy McMullan or send an email to melody.mcmullan@ryerson.ca

Thank you for your support.

The Feast of St. Brother Andre, CSC

On the First **Saturday, January 4, 2020**, we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Brother Andre, the first Saint of the Congregation of Holy Cross. St. Brother Andre is known as the Miracle Worker of Montreal, as he promoted the devotion of St. Joseph with the healing oils. We will have the



Sacrament of the Sick after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Potluck dinner and fellowship to follow. All are welcome.

St. Ann’s Resettlement Committee

We confirm that our Syrian family has made the final decision to move from Toronto to Laval, Quebec on November 27, 2019.

We wish them all the best in their new home and as they settle down. We would like to thank all the members of the Resettlement committee for your active role in helping the family in their nine months stay in Toronto. Thank you for your generosity, commitment and leadership in helping the family to resettle in Canada.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE - 2019

Tuesday, Dec. 24

7:00 p.m.: Family Mass

11:30 p.m.: Christmas Carols

12:00 a.m.: Midnight Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 25

10:30 a.m.: Christmas Mass

Saturday, Dec. 28

5:00 p.m.: Feast of the Holy Family Mass

6:30 p.m.:

Festival of Families

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019

5:00 p.m.: Family Mass

11:00 p.m.: Midnight mass

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020

10:30 a.m.: Thanksgiving

Merry Christmas

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent we light the last Candle in the Advent Wreath, as we complete the circle of preparation for the birth of our Saviour. We now focus on the Center of the Circle where a *white candle* is ready to be lit on Christmas day – *a symbol of Christ* – The True Light of the world. So let the Light of Christ flow into us and let’s put God at the center of our lives. On behalf of the Parish Community of St. Ann and Native People’s Mission, we would like to wish all of you a Blessed and grace-filled Christmas Celebration.

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CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF JOY

LET THE LORD ENTER; HE IS THE KING OF
GLORY - PSALM 24

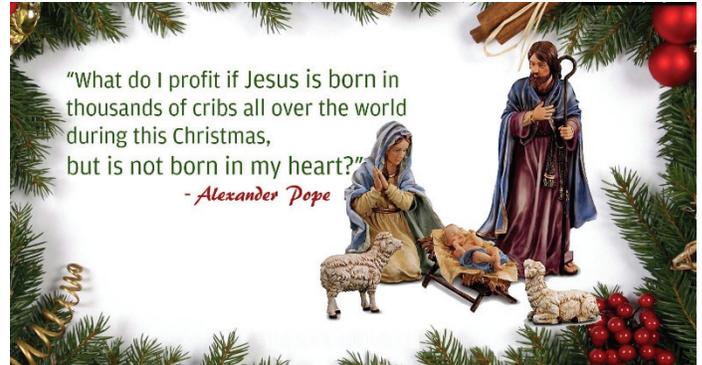


“Christ, the Saviour is born”

By Rev. Wilson Andrade, CSC

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This promise has been foretold by the ancient prophecy of Isaiah who gives the sign of God-with-us (Emmanuel) *“a virgin shall bear a son.”* This is what we celebrate in Jesus Christ born of Blessed Virgin Mary, who for us becomes the means of our Salvation, since it was Jesus through his life, death and resurrection *“saved the people from their sins.”* We celebrate the Birth of Jesus, because he saved us from sin and death, gave us hope of resurrection of life.



Christmas is time to celebrate Jesus Christ. His Birth itself is the great joy, fulfillment of the ancient prophecy, a divine promise, and a human redemption. So the *“Good news and great joy to all the world: Today is born our saviour, Christ the Lord”*. How do we receive this Good News? How do we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour?

This sacred time is not a passing event of a secular culture filling us with temporary joys shining lights on a bogus tree, or empty promises of marketing tags, or expensive gifts without true love. Rather this is the time to celebrate the True Light comes from Christ, Fulfilment of Divine promise of hope and receiving the True Gift from God – **The Birth of Our Saviour and Our Lord.** So Lets Celebrate **Emmanuel** – God-with-us.

O Come Divine Messiah – fill us with your **Light**, your **Joy** and your **Love**. Amen.

FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES – 2019

Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada would like to invite you for a formal Fundraising Event to support our work of promoting family prayer and Rosary Makers. So far we have distributed 49,035 rosaries in 21 mission countries. The Event will be on **Saturday, December 28, 2019.**

The formal reception and dinner will be held in the Hall at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00.



A family that prays together, stays together.

Advent Schedule

Dec. 22, Sunday

5:00 pm: Adoration

Parish Reconciliation Service

6:00 pm – Holy Mass

Dec. 23, Monday

6:00 pm: Adoration 7:00 pm –Mass

Dec. 24, Tuesday

7:00 pm – Holy Mass: Family Mass

12 midnight: Thanksgiving Mass

Dec. 25, Wednesday

10: 30 am: Christmas Mass

Envelopes for 2020

Envelopes for 2020 are now available at the back of the church. If you would like to contribute through PAG, please fill out and submit the respective form. If you have changed your address for 2019, please inform the Parish office. Thank you for your support. The Tax-receipts for 2019 will be issued only for the donations collected before December 31, 2019.



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