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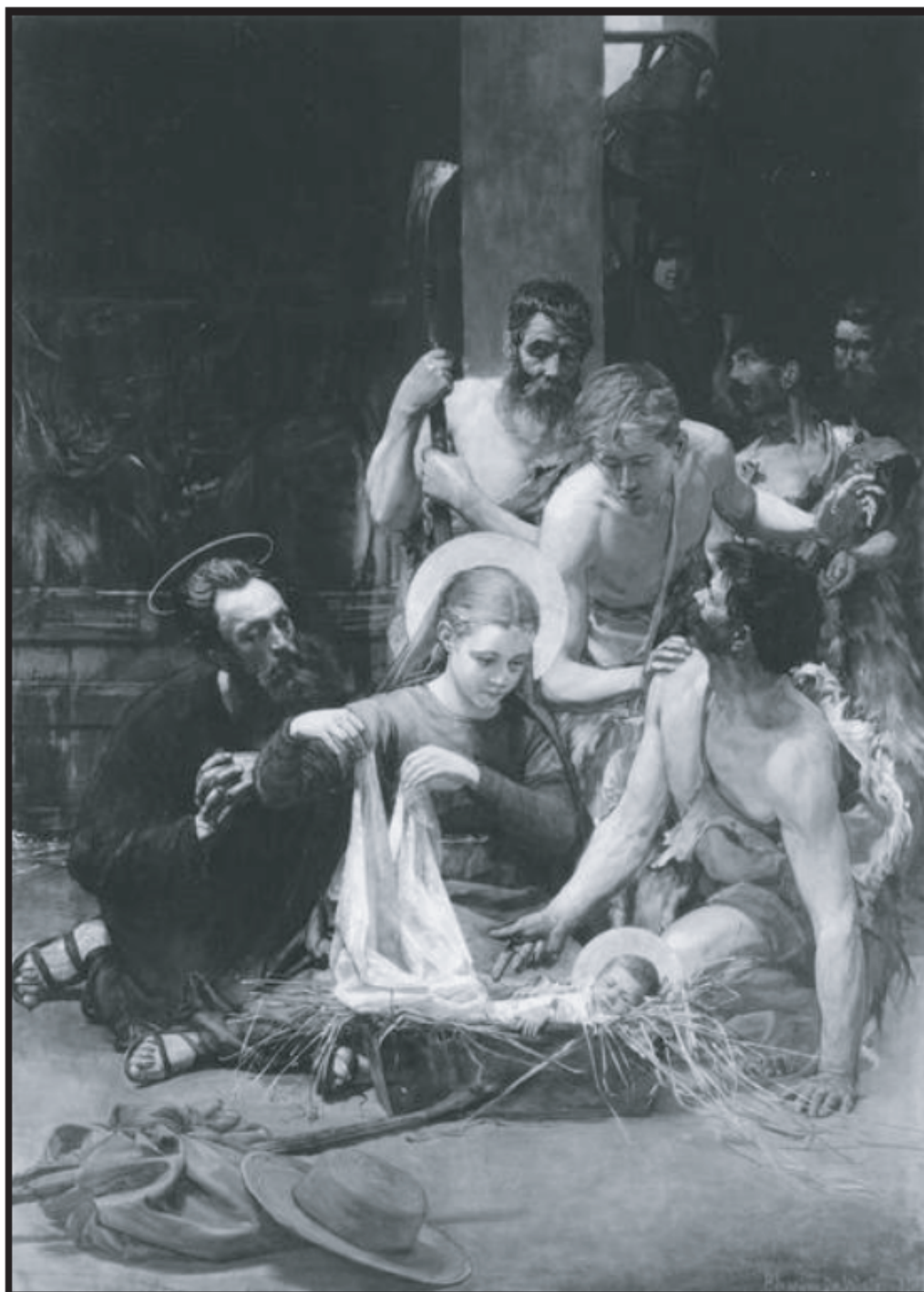
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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 *Feast of The Holy Family,*

Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Second Day within the Octave of The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. NO MASS
9:30 a.m. (L) Za członków Żywego Różańca
11:00 a.m. Pro populo
12:30 p.m. + Władysława Biskup

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27 *Feast of St. John, Apostle*

NO MASS & Evangelist

Third Day within the Octave of The Nativity of the Lord

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28 *Feast of The Holy Innocents,*

Martyrs

Fourth Day within the Octave of The Nativity of the Lord

6:30 p.m. (L) Sandra Allemano (on her Birthday)
(Eng.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29 *Memorial Day*

of St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr

Fifth Day within the Octave of The Nativity of the Lord

6:30 p.m. + Władysława Adamkiewicz
+ Walter Daciuk
+ Maria Kulig (od J. Pawlak)
+ Teresa Lach (od rodziny Laskowskich)
+ + + Zmarli z rodziny Holko (od rodziny Kowanda)
+ + + Dusze czyścowe
(L) O potrzebne łaski i dary Ducha Świętego dla Julii i Victorii
(L) O opiekę NMP i liczne łaski dla Nicole i Olivii z okazji urodzin

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

Sixth Day within the Octave of The Nativity of the Lord

9:00 a.m. + + + All souls in Purgatory
(Eng.) + Luisa Machado
+ Teresa Lach (by Klara & Maja Milijasevic)
6:30 p.m. NO MASS
(Pol. & Eng.)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

Seventh Day within the Octave of The Nativity of the Lord

6:30 pm In thanksgiving for year 2021
(Eng. & Pol.)
7:00 pm *The Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament*

FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 *Solemnity of Mary,*

Mother of God

Eight Day within the Octave of The Nativity of the Lord

9:30 a.m. (L) Za członków Żywego Różańca
(Pol.)
11:00 a.m. Pro populo
(Eng.)
12:30 p.m. + Alfred Kot (od Teresy Kot)
(Pol.)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 *Solemnity of The Epiphany*

of Our Lord Jesus Christ

8:00 a.m. NO MASS
9:30 a.m. (L) Olive Lee-Bun
11:00 a.m. + Maureen Moran (by Amanda King)
12:30 p.m. Pro populo

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2022

Please pick up your envelopes for Sunday donations at the back of the church. Your donations are tax deductible. Please do not use your 2021 envelopes in 2022.

Pre-Authorized Giving is the best and easiest way to continue to support our Parish. It is simple to sign up! Please contact the parish office today to set up your account.

JANUARY

The month of January is dedicated to the *Most Holy Name of Jesus*. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10)



IESOUS HEMETEROS SOTER: Jesus our Savior. Greek title found in early Christian inscriptions.

IESUS HOMINUM SALVATOR: (usual interpretation), Jesus Savior of Men. Really a faulty Latin transliteration of the first three letters of JESUS in Greek (IHS for IHC).

JESUS:

The name *Our Lord*. It is the Latin form of the Greek *Iesous*, whose Hebrew is *Jeshua* or *Joshua*, meaning: Yahweh is Salvation. It is the name through which God the Father is to be invoked and by which the Apostles worked miracles (Acts 3, 6). In standard usage the name "Jesus" is applied to the Son of Mary, who is also the Son of God; as distinct from "Christ," which refers to his Messianic role as the fulfillment of the ancient prophecies.

For bringing the IHS into the center of Catholic devotional life Our Lord employed that great apostle of His Holy Name, St. Bernardine of Siena. Bernardine was a Franciscan priest who, commissioned as a preacher, traveled all over Italy and became famous for his wonderful sermons. At that time in Italy, conflicts among rival families and factions in cities were common. Bernardine employed the IHS symbol as a way to calm sectarian strife, encouraging his listeners to replace the factional symbols on their homes, churches, and buildings with IHS. When he preached, he kept before him a tablet emblazoned with this Christogram, one that had sunrays bursting forth from the holy letters. Bernardine's enemies tried to use his fervent devotion to the Holy Name (and use of the IHS tablets) as material against him. They accused him of encouraging idolatry, which led to a case that was

presented to Pope Martin V. St. Bernardine's disciple and fellow preacher, St. John of Capistrano, was charged with defending him before the Holy Father. The pope then became so convinced of Bernardine's innocence that he asked him to preach in Rome! St. Bernardine's devotion to the Holy Name and his promotion of the IHS Christogram played a major role in reviving the Faith in 15th-century Italy.

SHARE THE WARMTH

This winter the Knights of Columbus are asking for your help from **January 1st to March 21st** to "Share the Warmth". Please consider dropping off new winter, hats, gloves, and socks to St. Gabriel's. The bin will once again be in the Narthex beside the Food Drive Bin. Thank you and God Bless!

ST. GABRIEL'S CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Christmas will be here soon and now is a perfect time to donate to the St. Gabriel's Food Drive. Non-perishable food items will make a difference for those less fortunate during the Christmas season. Do you want to help? You can drop items off anytime the church is open in the bin located in the Narthex. Did you know that Council #10061 have partnered with the St Gabriel's CWL to make a difference in our community?

WE WELCOME ALL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

- Young Adults (18-35) to our Young Adults group. We will meet every second Thursday evenings at 7PM in the Annunciation Room.
- High school youth (Gr. 9-12) We meet on Fridays from 7:15 pm – 9:00 pm

THE BIG BAND CONCERT IS BACK - LIVE & IN PERSON

Sunday, January 30,
2:00 TO 4:30 PM at
the Burlington

Performing Arts Centre

After a long wait, the Knights of Columbus of Burlington are hosting an afternoon of "Big Band Music" at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre featuring the Toronto All-Star Big Band. If you missed the concert last year, now is the time for you to reserve your seats. **The price per ticket is only \$48.00.** You can go on-line to reserve your seat by calling the box office at 905-681-6000 or by going to their website at www.burlingtonpac.ca



PALLIATIVE CARE IN CARPENTER HOSPICE

In case one of the members of your family is transferred to the palliative care facility, Carpenter Hospice, please inform the nurses if you would like a priest to come to perform Last Rites. The Carpenter Hospice staff will contact us to arrange the visit.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023

The 2021 – 2023 Synod of Bishops brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our

communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>



"The word became flesh and dwelt among us" John 1:14

Dear Brothers and Sisters, the very first Christmas in Bethlehem was not the romanticized scenario we see often depicted in religious art or on the front of a Christmas card. Mary and Joseph, a young pregnant Jewish couple were forced to undertake a long and dangerous journey to register for census at the command of the occupying Roman forces. While they were at Bethlehem to register for census, there was no room for them in the local inn and surprisingly, no one would give up their room for a woman about to give birth. Thus, the birth of the Lord took place in an unsanitary and draughty stable surrounded by animals since as the Scriptures tell us "there was no room found at the inn" of Luke 2:7

We could ask ourselves why it had to happen like this. The reason is that God wanted to be able to relate to us and share in human life with all of its positives and negatives. He wanted to set the example of a perfect life despite the struggles of humanity.

The fact that the Christmas scene is considered a story of hope and redemption instead of a story of misery and hardship is a testament to the fact that through the grace of God even the most difficult circumstances can be transformed into something beautiful and eternal. For as the Scriptures tell us "For nothing shall be impossible with God". May the Birth of Christ this Christmas illuminate your hearts and allow you, with the grace of God, to rise above difficulties and human frailty and enjoy His peace and joy during 2022. God bless!

Fr. Paul Patrick, OMI

St. Gabriel Church Elf Challenge

as I go around the Church this Advent and learn about our faith in the process! Comment/like to win me after Christmas!!

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