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*Oh Come
Let us Adore Him*



Pastor's Christmas Message

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. (Lk 2:10-11)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I bring you good tidings at the celebration of the birth of Our Savior. The above words from the gospel of St Luke were the greetings by the Angel to the Shepherds when he was announcing to them this great event which has far reaching impact on the lives of the whole world.

We are called to celebrate at this time that our world and our society is filled with lots of challenges. Many of us are pushed to the edge by these issues, covid does not seem to be going away any time soon, inflation is not helping us and yet, we are called to celebrate. It is a time to celebrate the love that God has continued to show us. If God can remember the Shepherds, most of whom were sidelined in the society then and sent an Angel to give them the good news that "will cause great joy for all the people", then here is great hope for us brothers and sisters.

Let us thank God for that great gift to humanity. A gift of Love, a gift of himself. Irrespective of whatever challenges we face, let us remind ourselves that they will all eventually pass by. However, God's love for us is eternal. Let us continue to trust in him and strive to celebrate this season in the best possible way. Let us remember, as we make merry that Christ is the reason for the season. Let us strive to share with each other the joys of this season.

May God bless each and every one of you and your families.

Have a wonderful Christmas.

Fr. Emeka

Lector's Schedule

December 31st – January 1st – Solemnity of Mary

5:00 pm	Presider: Fr. Joe Vayalil
	#1 Mary Jean Thompson #2 Dee Simons
8:00 am	Presider: Fr. Joe Vayalil
	#1 Evan Paulson #2 Michel Lavoie
10:30am	Presider: Fr. Joe Vayalil
	#1 Harrison Peiris #2 Janet Snider Belot

*If you are unable to serve as scheduled,
Please ensure that you have found a replacement.*

Mass times for New Year's The Solemnity of Mary



Saturday, Dec. 31st -- 5:00pm

Sunday, Jan. 1st -- 8:00am, 10:30am



The SJA CWL would like to thank everyone who participated in donating and purchasing baked goods at our Christmas Bake Sale, Dec. 10th/11th. The bake sale was extraordinarily successful, raising over \$1350 for our charitable initiatives in our local community. Thank you everyone!

The Purdy Chocolate fundraiser was also successful raising over \$350. The money will be donated to Morrison Food Bank and St. John the Apostle.

*Merry
Christmas!*



CHRISTMAS SMILE

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?

Tinsillitis

What's a child's favourite king at Christmas?

A stoc-king.

What do you get if you cross a Christmas tree with an apple?

A pineapple.

What did the Christmas tree say to the ornament?

Quit hanging around.

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas can either become hidden by the traditions of the festive season, or revealed by them! We all love to see the plays, drawings and the story of the nativity. Why? Because it was the moment that changed everything! Love was about to be transformed by the words and ministry of Jesus, and his subsequent death and resurrection.

- **The trees and wreaths** can remind us of God the creator, breathing new life into the natural world.

- **The candles and lights** reveal the light of hope that burns so brightly in the darkest times.

- **The gifts and cards** can help us to love, encouraging and celebrating the gift of relationships and brotherhood.

- **The rich foods and feasting** remind us of God's provision in our lives, and times of singing carols with others bind us together to focus on our faith.

Christmas is a time to dig our feet deep into God's kingdom, celebrate his goodness and connect with the true nature of unconditional grace.

Take this amazing gift and give it out in every way you can!

Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 24th – 5:00pm

✠ Gregory Kiez by the family.

Sat. Dec. 24th – 8:00pm

✠ Jack Parenteau by Franca and Charles Morrison
✠ Frank Santagati and Lina Mowat by the family.
Living and deceased members of the Weerasooria-Epps family.

Sat. Dec. 24th – 10:00pm

✠ Frances Williams by Jamie Burnett.

Sun. Dec. 25th – 10:00am

For the healing of the family tree of Oleh, Natalia and Vicky by Elsa Matiwas and family.
For Blessings received and protection of the Madhavan and Kumaran families, by the family.

Fri. Dec. 30th – 9:00am

For the intentions of Caanan Lauzon on his birthday by the Prociuk family.

Sun. Jan. 1st – 8:00am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Sun. Jan. 1st – 10:30am

✠ Eleanor Dineen by the family.

✠ indicates deceased

Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them. Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away.



Children's Liturgy



Children's Liturgy runs every Sunday during 10:30am Mass for school-aged children. Parents are welcome to accompany their children. Children's Liturgy will resume **January 8th**.

The Parish Office is closed and will reopen **Tuesday, January 3rd at 9:00am.**





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