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## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



### Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

**4:00** People of the Parish (Church & Gym)

**6:00** People of the Parish

**12:00** People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

**8:00** People of the Parish

**9:30** People of the Parish

**11:30** People of the Parish

**NO EVENING MASS**

### Monday, December 26 St Stephen

**8:00** John & Helen & Dorothy Doyle *req. by the Family*

Nancy & Nick DiPaolo & Agostino & Concetta Panetta *req. by the Fam*

### Tuesday, December 27 St John

**8:00** Carmine De Mizio *req. by Pasqualina De Mizio & Family*

Madeline Rosati *req. by the Grandchildren*

### Wednesday, December 28 The Holy Innocents

**8:00** Cecil Shannon *req. by Charlene Shannon*

Jean Meagher *req. by Betty Fischer*

### Thurs, December 29 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity

**8:00** Oscar Bonaguro *req. by the Family*

Jonny Farrell *req. by Angie & Paul DiMarco*

### Fri, December 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**8:00** Margaret & John Pederi *req. by their Dtr: Margaret*

Dec'd of the Picca & Di Paul Families *req. by the Family*

### Sat, December 31 7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity

**5:00** Peter Creamer *req. by Mary & Family*

John Leo, Sante & Emilia Giacobetti & Angelo & Angela

Leo *req. by Rino & Julie & Family*

### Sun, January 1 Mary, the Holy Mother of God World Day of Prayer

**8:00** Mark & Wanda Solomon *req. by their Family*

Pat Schultz *req. by the DalCin Family*

**9:30** People of the Parish

**11:30** Pacifico & Jenny Sacco *req. by Family*

Rev. Ben Hogan, O.Carm. *req. by John Roberts*

**NO EVENING MASS**

### Children's Sacramental Dates 2017

Confirmation: Saturday, February 25, 2017 @ 5:00 PM.

First Reconciliation: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2017 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

### RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

For the parents of children in St. Patrick parish who do not attend  
St. Patrick or St. Mary Elementary Schools.

If you wish your child to make their Sacraments here, would you give your name and your child's name to the parish office as soon as possible. We want to be able to keep in touch with you, keep you up to date and meet with you and your child to help you prepare for these important sacraments.

### 2017 Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks.



Please continue to bring food items to Mass  
for Project Share! Every item helps!

*"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"*

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The members of the SSVP again seek your generosity in helping to make this Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate in our city. This year we are anticipating a significant increase in those requiring our help and we would appreciate your financial assistance.

**Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group** meets every second & fourth Monday of the month, from 7 - 9pm at Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre. **NOTE:**

**No meeting on December 26th**

For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154

### *Please pray for those who are hospitalized:*

Marcy Mallett, Darlene Wancha, Jean Lundy, Michael Brazeau, Phil Huntington

### *Please pray for those who are ill*

Mary Power, Patsy Power, Carmela Fruci, Melissa Brideau, Emily Hanover, Drago Bicanic, Nancy Weiss, Wendy & John Calder, Jean Lundy, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Pauline Miner, Manfred Hawlitzky, Edna McDonell, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Lucy Rizzo, Guiseppina Paonessa, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gianni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Mary O'Shea, Dr. Andy Fisher, Dorothy Simon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Jill Leronowich, Vince (Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Phyllis Higgins, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Todd Reid, Muriel Pivarnyk, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Michelle Price, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Patricia Desrosiers, Helen Rotella, Darlene Wancha, Brian Smith, Maria Benevento, Jeanne S, Gerry Keenan, Armando Alcaraz

*Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.*

**CWL News...** The next meeting for the St. Patrick Church CWL will be held on **Sunday, January 8 at 10:30am** in the lower Hall.

### Baptism Schedule for 2017

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday,**

**January 22, February 26, NO Baptisms in March or April**

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, January 10 & Monday, February 13 at 7:00 pm.**

### Sacrament of Baptism

*Congratulations on the birth of your child! If you wish to have your child baptized, please register in the parish (if you haven't already done so). One of the parents must come into the parish office, meet with the pastor or his designate, so we can complete the proper forms, and gather all the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a special evening of preparation for parents and Godparents! Many blessings!*

### Use of Parish Facilities

Please note that our Insurance Company (Catholic Mutual Canada) recently completed an extensive Audit of our Parish and Buildings, etc. During this audit, we were notified of a new policy. As you may know, St. Patrick Parish **does not** rent its facilities, nor do we carry a rental insurance. Our parish has never needed this option to survive. Praise God! Our facilities have always been made available for regular parishioners, with a donation. **This will no longer be possible.** Anyone using the Hall, Gym or any Parish Facility for **non-parish events**, must carry an insurance for such an event... and a certificate of insurance must be provided. The cost will vary depending on the nature of the event, the size of the gathering, or the use/non-use of alcohol. This can be done **simply** through contacting your home-owners insurance, for a one-time event, or on-going event. We also have at our disposal, an insurance company provided through the Diocese. For example, a Baby Shower with 25-40 persons, may cost \$30. The parish office can assist you when you inquire about the use of our facilities.







### Dear Friends:

On behalf of our Parish and Staff, I wish you many blessings this Christmas Season! The Gospel for *Christmas Mass During the Day* proclaims, **"And the Word became flesh and lived among us!"** This is



not just a theological doctrine about the Incarnation! This affirms that God **became one of us**, to be close to us, and he can relate to us at any time. The gift of Christmas is the realization that we are never alone. We have within us, **divine life, light and love**. There is absolutely no limit to the

depth of God's love for us. Christmas is a season of great joy. It is a time to open our eyes and our hearts to the Newborn Child! Then, in turn, open our eyes and hearts to those around us. We need to bask in the realization that **God is with us, Emmanuel!** And God will always remain faithful to us!

My prayer is that you will have ...

...a **Joyful Christmas**: one rooted in deep faith, and a joy strong enough to survive the disappointments and sorrows life delivers to our doorstep, and exuberant enough to celebrate life's happiest times. May the birthday of Christ touch you with deep joy...

...a **Peaceful Christmas**: a peace the world cannot give; a peace that broken hearts long for; a peace that is ours to share with one another in forgiveness, kindness and charity. We remember those in torn parts of the world, whose dream is to have peace! May the birthday of Christ sow seeds of peace in your heart...

.... a **Hopeful Christmas**. So much in the world around us drains joy, peace and hope. May the birthday of Christ renew hope in your heart...

I wish you a **Joyful, Peaceful, Hopeful Christmas!** May the New-Born Saviour fill your hearts and homes with love, joy, peace and hope! Merry Christmas! Joyeux Noel! Buon Natale!

Fr. Gerard

Wow, can we relate to that?



While Mary was giving birth  
to the son of God,  
Joseph was having his own problems.

New Year's Eve Mass- Sat 5:00 PM  
New Year's Day- Sun 8:00-9:30-11:30 AM  
(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and  
World Day of Prayer for Peace)  
No 7:00 PM Mass

"Christmas gift suggestions: to your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect."

**Merry Christmas!** Joyeux Noel! Buone Feste Natalizie! Buon Natale! Natale hilare et Annum Faustum! Nollaig Shona Dhuit! Veseloho Vam Rizdva! Kellemes Karacsonyi unnepeket! Fröhliche Weihnachten! Mo'adim Lesimkha. Chena toval! Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia! Feliz Navidad! Geseënde Kersfees! Feliz Natal! Sretan Bozic! Vrolijk Kerstfeest! Nollaig chridheil huihbh! Sawadee Pee Mail! Sung Tan Chuk Ha! Gezuz Krislinjden! Srozhdestvom Kristovym! Nadolig Llawen! Chung Mung Giang Sinh! Giáng sinh vui vẻ! Vesele Bozicne! Screno Novo Leto! Vesele Vianoce! Gun Tso Sun Tan'Gung Haw Sun! Kung His Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan! Sretan Bozic! Shinnen omedeto. Bara Din Mubarrak Ho! Kurisumasu Omedeto! Maligayan Pasko! Noeliniz Ve Yeni Yiliniz Kutlu Olsun! Milad Majeed! Milad Mubarak! Webale Krismasi! Hristos se rodi! Sarbatori vesele! Merry Keshmish! Cestitamo Bozic! Linksmu Kaledu! Mittho Makosi Kesikansi!

### A Child's Grace for Christmas Dinner

Dear God, we thank you for this day.

Bless all that we do and all that we say.

May we each enjoy your blessings great

As Jesus' Birth we celebrate.

And may the love that we share here

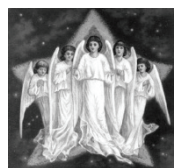
Remain in our family throughout the coming year. Amen!

### Prayer For Those who Grieve at Christmas

Comforting God, while the world is bright and sparkling, my heart feels laden and has an emptiness that cannot be filled. How can I enter into this season of joy? Instead of entering into the **Rejoice** of Christmas, I long for the sorrow of Lent. I beg you Lord, show me how the two are connected. I ponder the name *Emmanuel* and know that it means "God with us." With us. With me in this world, in this sorrow. If I look beyond my pain, I know that you too, suffered so much in this world. I never understood so clearly before that *Emmanuel* is what your nativity is really about. You are in my world, in my pain. Thank you, Lord, for the loved one you blessed my life with. Grant me now in my grief, a peace. Give me a comfort that might not make the tears go away, but that lets me feel your presence as you take up a place deep in my heart, *with* me. Amen.



### Thank You



Many thanks to all of you who donated so generously toward our Christmas Flowers and decorations. May our loved ones, in whose memory our altar is decorated, enjoy the heavenly chorus this Christmas! A Big Thank You to all of you who so generously provided Christmas Gifts

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