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The Nativity of the Lord

NATIVITY OF THE LORD & MARY MOTHER OF GOD



Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00pm People of the Parish

6:00pm People of the Parish

12:00am People of the Parish

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day The Nativity of the Lord

8:00am People of the Parish

9:30am People of the Parish

11:30am People of the Parish

Monday, December 26 St Stephen

8:00 Fillipo, Fiorentina & Thomas Stranges req. by the Maruca Family

Pietro Guerin req. by Maria & Family

Tuesday, December 27 St John

8:00 Madeline Rosati req. by the Grandchildren

Cecil Shannon req. by Charlene

Wednesday, December 28 The Holy Innocents

8:00 Carmine Demizio req. by Pasqualina DeMizio & Family

Moi Nguyen req. by the Family

Thursday, December 29 St Thomas Becket

8:00 Oscar & Mercedes Bonaguro req. by the Family

Ines Marcon req. by Tullio & Giuliana Milani & Family

Friday, December 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 Antonetta & Vito Picca req. by the Family

Margaret & John Pederi req. by Dr: Margaret Pederi

Saturday, December 31 St Sylvester, New Years Eve

5:00 Anita & Roger Archambault req. by Jeanne Lea & Family

Bruno Gagno req. by Nancy & Randy

Sunday, January 1 World Day of Peace, New Years Day

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8:00 People of the Parish

Mark & Wanda Solomon req. by the Family

9:30 Giacomino Elia req. by Sister Yolanda Mancuso

The Martel Family req. by Jim & Leila Henderson

11:30 Dec'd mem. of the Sacco & Vilella Families req. by the Family

James & Flora Antonio req. by the Antonio Family

Monday, January 2 St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 Joseph & Anna Yen req. by Duy Nguyen Family

Francis Xavier, Jose Francisco Xavier & Antoneta Mascarenhas

req. by Fedy Mascarenhas

Tuesday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau req. by his Family

David Koutts req. by Aileen & Bryce

Wednesday, January 4

8:00 Jeanne Cherubini req. by Aileen & Bryce

Maddalena Iuliano req. by Giuseppina Falco

Thursday, January 5

8:00 Phyllis Collins req. by the Family

Dennis Bowers req. by Mary Lou & Stu Gallardi

Friday, January 6

8:00 Peggy Agnus Dickson req. by Aileen & Bryce

Nodi Caverson req. by Yolanda & Frank Fera

Saturday, January 7 St André Bessette

5:00 Thomas Rondinelli req. by Alba & Ann Marie

Imelda Bickerstaffe req. by Peter & Betty

Sunday, January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 Marie Ange & Clarence Adams req. by Aileen & Bryce

Giuseppina Canali req. by John & Ann Condotta

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 Maria Della Marca req. by the Family

Cecil Amadio req. by Our Lady of Fatima School, St. Catharines

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Marguerite Cormier. May she rest in peace. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Cole Farnham, Robert Power, Tony Laslo, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, David Gallina, Nancy Waters, Leila Khan, Natalie Speth, Cecilia Shugg, Jerry Slak, Mary Hanlon, Jeanne S, John & Laura Giampa, Christine Pritty, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, Toni Brideau, Robert Morningstar, Leon French, Elaine Pampena, Tony Cuiello, Rita Ross, Karen Watt, Ron O'Neill, Maureen Kealey, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Francis Patterson, Justin Vaillancourt, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, William JA De Foe, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Judy, D.D., Estelle Critelli, Bernadette Moore, Andrea Fisher, Sister Prem, Leroy Collee, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Joe Young, Angelina Greco, Maureen Tustin, Betty Crete, Jeannette Fabian, Teresa Hebb, Gaetan Buteau, Rose MacDonald, Edward Brzozowski, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Joe Power, Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, Tom Hilton, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Nancy Weiss, Marney Broderick, Mark Pepple, Anna Hunt, Bob Marshall, Brian Smith, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Pasquale Abrunzo, Samuel Potapczyk, John Calder, Todd Reid, Anna Chayer, Patricia Williams, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Jeanne Lea, Norma Zanus, Nancy Huber, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Nicolina Compare, Denise Colalillo, Carmella Modenti, Donna Bradley, Elizabeth Stachura, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Michelle Price, Vito Fuccillo, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Drago Bicanic, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Evelyn Rose Baker, Francesco Albanese, Gloria Smelko, Conner Hawkswell, Jackie, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Mary Jo O'Kell, Robert & Maria Melchiorre, Mary Brennan, Faith Amadio, Cheryl Granton, Alessia Commisso, Maria Guerin, Trina Washington, Isabell Frost, Jadwiga Wozniak, John O'Leary, Baby Victoria, Patrick Kealey, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Pepper Martin Jr., Cheryl D'Amazio

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

Collections

December 11: \$6,627.95

Carmelite Missions Appeal: \$5,091.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2023

Confirmation: Saturday, February 4, 2023 @ 5:00 PM

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

(If you are a parishioner at St. Patrick Church, and have a child who does not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary Schools, and would like to celebrate their sacraments here, please contact the parish office for the registration forms.)

Little Flower Society Cards

Our parish office has Mass Cards in stock from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society. We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using these cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Vocation Efforts, and our Formation Programs in several countries.

Merry Christmas! Joyeux Noel! Buone Feste Natalizie! Buon Natale! Natale hilare et Annum Faustum! Nollaig Shona Dhuit! Veseloho Vam Rizdva! Kellemes Karacsanyi unnepeket! Fröhliche Weihnachten! Mo'adim Lesimkha. Chena toval! Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia! Feliz Navidad! Geseënde Kersfees! Feliz Natal! Sretan Bozic! Vrolijk Kerstfeest! Nollaig chridheil huibh! Sawadee Pee Mail! Sung Tan Chuk Ha! Gezur Krislinjden! Srozhdestvom Kristovym! Nadolig Llawen! Chung Mung Giang Sinh! Giáng sinh vui vẻ! Vesele Bozicne! Screcno Novo Leto! 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! Mitho Makosi Kesikansi!

CWL News... Please note that your CWL dues of \$40 are now past due for the 2023 calendar year ... as soon as possible please place your money / cheque in an envelope and label it with your name and CWL dues for 2023 and place it in the collection ... or drop it off at the office or contact Maggie Scott at mscott@bhncdsb.ca or 905-246-6212 if you need to deliver it in a different way!! Next event: January 8 at 11:30am Mass with a Social to follow

Weekday Rosary

Every morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church.

Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!



Today's Bulletin is for *Christmas Day* and also for *The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Years)*.

(This material had to be into the Publisher on December 15th!!!)

Christmas 2022

On behalf of myself, Fr. Marc and our staff, we wish you a very blessed and happy Christmas! Today is a joyful day, the *Birth of our Lord and Saviour*. We rejoice again in the opportunity to celebrate His Birthday. There is so much that surrounds the celebration of Christmas, that we can miss the whole meaning. As important as family gatherings, festive meals, parties, gift-exchanges are, may we never forget the fact that Christmas is ultimately about God. It's about God fulfilling his promises, saving his people, coming to us, as one of us, in the person of Jesus. With all the humdrum out there, this truth can be so easily missed!

Christmas is all about Jesus. And if Christ is not in Christmas, then Christmas doesn't mount to very much. May we know and feel the joy that comes from the mystery of Christ's birth among us, and continue to be witnesses of Christ's mercy to one another. My prayer is that we will each do our blessed part to Keep Christ in Christmas... and to keep Christ deeply rooted in our personal lives, and in our families. **May the New-Born Saviour fill your hearts and homes with love, joy and peace! God bless you all. Merry Christmas!**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- New Year's Day 2023

We wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year! It's hard to believe another year is behind us. Always remember, no matter what dates change on our calendars, Christ is the same Yesterday, Today and Forever! At the beginning of this New Year, we invoke God's blessing on us and on our families, with the words of blessing from the Book of Numbers: *"The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"*



Today is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It's beautiful that we begin the New Year with Mary, the Mother of God, and our Mother too. It's comforting to reflect on the tender image of the Baby Jesus, sleeping so peacefully in Mary's arms. We can take refuge in the comfort and protection of her loving embrace. She is the supreme model of love toward God and neighbor. A supreme model of faith and trust. She blazed the trail which we the Church are to follow. May she keep us in her tender care throughout this New Year!

This is also World Day of Prayer for Peace! God knows the world is in desperate need of peace and healing. So much war and violence. The war in Ukraine is heartbreaking. The images across the media break our hearts. We pray that God will send the healing power of the Holy Spirit across our world. We must do our part too, especially in our own families to keep the peace. A great question to ask ourselves: *If my family life was lived out on the world scene, would it be a world at peace or a world at war?* If the latter, what am I going to do about it? May God bless each of us, and may he fill our hearts with love, good health, happiness and much joy in 2023. Mary, pray for us, and draw us ever closer to your Son!



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31, 2022- 5:00 PM (New Year's Eve)

Sunday, January 1, 2023- 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM (New Year's Day)



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

Christmas Gift Campaign

Many thanks to all of you who so generously provided gifts and food for our local needy children and families. The response was overwhelming! By putting joy and happiness in a child's heart we are making God more manifest... making the Kingdom more of a reality... and keeping Christ in Christmas! God bless you for your big hearts!

A Child's Grace for Christmas Dinner

Father, we thank you for this day.

Bless all we do and all we say.

May we each enjoy your blessings great

As Jesus' Birth we celebrate.

And may the love that we share here

Remain 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*.

The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,

But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,

But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead. Amen.

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