

# BLESSED TRINITY PARISH

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*prepare the way...*

**Mass Intentions & Parish Activities**

**Monday, December 24**

6:00 am - Thanksgiving Mass  
8:00 am - Thanksgiving Mass

**Christmas Eve**

4:00 pm  
8:00 pm  
12:00 Midnight

**Tuesday, December 25 – Nativity of the Lord**

8:30 am  
10:30 am  
12:15 pm  
(No 7:00 pm)

**Wednesday, December 26**

9:00 am Mass † Angela Ferrari  
(No 7:00 pm)

**Thursday, December 27**

8:00 am Mass † Msgr. John Chi

**Friday, December 28**

8:00 am † Paula La Rocca

**Saturday, December 29**

9:00 am Mass † Nelson Ayoung Chee  
4:30 pm Mass † Salvatore Colonna

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
All Day	Set-up for New Years	Parish Hall

**Sunday, December 30**

8:30 am Mass † Marion Fox  
10:30 am Mass † Gregorio Linatoc  
12:15 pm Mass † Cooper Riswick  
7:00 pm Mass † Ika and Antonio MrKic

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**Great News to our Parishioners!**

As Blessed Trinity continues to improve communication with upcoming events, news, and important announcements, we would like to provide these updates by email. If you are interested in

signing up for this communication, please email [blessedtrinitynews@gmail.com](mailto:blessedtrinitynews@gmail.com) to have your email address added to the Blessed Trinity parish correspondence.



*The Thesians of Blessed Trinity would like thank all parishioners who so generously donated toiletries and cosmetics and all those who helped in any way to make our Christmas Luncheon for the ladies of St. Clare Residence a success.*



**Blessed Trinity Family  
New Year's Party**

**December 31st** following the 6:00 pm Mass. Dinner, DJ and dancing, noisemakers, hats, photo wall, cash bar and more. New Year's Count Down at midnight. Tickets at \$35.00, children 5 and below are free. Tickets are available for sale on Saturday and Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Parish Hall. For more information, please call Camila or Jan at 905-763-7670.



Association of Hebrew Catholics Toronto  
The Fellowship of St. Joseph presents

**"I am Joseph, your Brother"  
Tuesday, January 15, 2019 – 7 to 9 p.m.**

Dr. Nathan Gibbard, Ryerson Catholic Chaplaincy: "I am Joseph, your Brother" The shifting understand of the Jewish-Catholic relationship in the last 100 years. For many Catholics, it is almost a given to think of Jews and Catholics as brothers in some sense of the term, and yet this was not always the case. Only within the last 100 years has a fraternal understanding of our relationship of Jews and Catholics as brothers been worked out in any depth, especially through the documents of the Vatican. Yet a fraternal relationship, given the background of Biblical brothers, is not without some tension itself. This talk will present the history of the 'brother' metaphor in understanding Jewish-Catholic Relationship.

**Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, France & Italy**

You are invited to join Fr Ryan Alemão on pilgrimage from April 28 - May 12, 2019 to the Marian shrines in Fatima, Lourdes & Loreto; to the birthplaces of Sts. Francis & Clare of Assisi, and St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio); and to Lanciano, site of the first Eucharistic Miracle. The pilgrimage ends in Rome with a visit to Vatican City, the home of Roman Catholicism and the seat of Pope Francis.

This custom 14-day pilgrimage covers sites that are usually split into separate trips. Come join Fr. Ryan on this amazing pilgrimage that takes in a panoramic view of the 3 "white" pillars of the Catholic faith: the Eucharist, Our Lady, and the Pope. Come see how these pillars form our Catholic identity.

This pilgrimage could be the perfect gift for a member of your family, especially if they have a devotion to Eucharistic Adoration, to Our Lady or to Saints Francis, Clare or Padre Pio. To learn more, please attend the information session to be held in the parish hall on Sunday, January 6 at 2 p.m.

**World Day of Prayer**

Please join us for the World Day of Prayer  
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church  
1585 Yonge St. Toronto, ON M4T 1Z9  
Saturday, January 12, 2019  
9:15 am to 1:30 pm, Registration at 8:45 am  
Contact Kay 416-357-5378

**Parish Bulletin**

**There will be no bulletin next weekend.  
The bulletin resumes the weekend of  
January 5-6, 2019.**

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

Monday Mass            December 24, 2018  
 Simbang Gabi         6:00 am  
 Mass of the Day       8:00 am

Nativity of the Lord – December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve            4:00 pm (Michael, Youth & Jr. Choir)  
                                      8:00 pm (Michael, Clea, Rachel,  
                                      Stephen)  
                                      12:00 midnight (Sr. Choir)

Nativity of the Lord – December 25, 2018 \*\*

Christmas Day            8:30 am (Michael & Laurence)  
                                      10:30 am (Sr. Choir)  
                                      12:15 pm (Clea & Michael)  
                                      *(No 7:00 pm)*

St. Stephen, First Martyr – December 26, 2018

Mass of the day:        **9:00 am**  
                                      *(No 7:00 pm)*

**NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

Octave of Christmas – December 31, 2018

Mass of the day:        8:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
Vigil Mass - December 31, 2018

New Year's Eve            4:30 pm (Michael, Rachel, Clea)  
                                      6:00 pm (Michael & Clea)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God \*\*  
January 1, 2019

New Year's Day            9:00 am (Michael & Laurence)  
                                      11:00 am (Sr. Choir)

**Please Note:**

- ❖ \*\* Christmas Day & the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are Holy Days of obligation.
- ❖ Donations to be included in the 2018 tax year must be received at the parish by 6:00 p.m., December 31, and clearly marked 2018.



Family New Year's Party	December 31, 2018
CWL Executive Meeting	January 8, 2019
Confirmation Registration	January 9, 2019
Theresians Meeting	January 9, 2019
Association of Hebrew Catholics	January 15, 2019
CWL General Meeting	January 22, 2019



**The greatness of our humanity.....**

*Sometimes people expect something extraordinary, or even miraculous to happen at Christmas. But when Christ came on earth, he came clothed, not in the extraordinary, but in the ordinary.*

*He came dressed in the cloak of our weak, fragile, mortal humanity.*

*"They wrapped the baby in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger."*

*Like an acorn that falls to the earth, silently and unheralded, in a remote corner of the forest, and which grows into a great oak tree, so from these lowly origins Jesus grew up to show us the greatness of our humanity.*

*As we draw near to the celebration of Christmas, I encourage each of you to welcome the Christ child into your hearts for...*

*"God's sign is the baby in need of help and in poverty. Exactly the same sign has been given to us...God's sign is simplicity...God's sign is that he makes himself small for us. This is how he reigns. He does not come with power and outward splendour. He comes as a baby, defenseless and in need of our help. He does not want to overwhelm us with his strength. He takes away our fear of his greatness. He asks for our love: so he makes himself a child. He wants nothing other from us than our love, through which we spontaneously learn to enter into his feelings, his thoughts, his will- we learn to live with him and to practice with him that humility of renunciation that belongs to the very essence of love. God made himself small so that we could understand him, welcome him and love him ...Christmas has become the Feast of gifts in imitation of God who has given himself to us. Let us allow our heart, our soul and our mind to be touched by this fact!" - Pope Benedict XVI*

**Merry Christmas to all of you and your families,**

**-Fr. Ed, Fr. Ryan, Fr. Bobby, Fr. Charles,  
 Fr. John and all of the Parish Staff**



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 December 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31  
 and January 1, 2019.**

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