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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 27 ST. JOHN, Apostle, Evangelist Special Intention	9:00 am
Tuesday, December 28 HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS Special Intention	9:00 am
Wednesday, December 29 Mr. & Mrs. Portoraro (Special Intention) (59 th Wedding Anniversary)	9:00 am
Thursday, December 30 Francesco Antonio Carino (Deceased) <i>Requested by Phyllis Di Gasbarro</i>	9:00 am
Friday, December 31 Betty Hadley (Deceased) <i>Requested by Mary Lim</i>	9:00 am

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil - Friday, December 24th
Masses: 6:00 pm, 9:00 pm & Midnight

Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25th
Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm
(No 4:30 pm Mass)

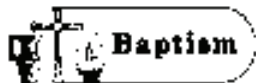
Feast of the Holy Family - Sunday, December 26th
Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm

NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mater Dei
Friday, December 31st (New Years Eve)
Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Saturday, January 1st (New Year's Day)
Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm
(No 4:30 pm Mass)

Holy Day of Obligation We are obligated to attend Mass on all Sundays of the year. We are also obligated in Canada to two Holy days of Obligation, Christmas and New Years Day.



*We welcome to our Parish through the
Sacrament of Baptism*

Michael John Lo Bianco
Maria Kyueun Umana-Sim



Knights of Columbus

Executive Meeting: Monday, January 3rd
at 7:30 pm

General Meeting: Monday, January 17th at 7:30 pm

Membership Drive: The first membership drive in the new year will take place on Sunday, January 23rd after all Masses.



Catholic Women's League

Annual Dinner Dance
"Dancing Under the Stars"

Saturday, January 29, 2011 - Tickets (\$45) are now available. Please call Velma Letterio at 416-226-0590. Mark it on your calendar.

First Executive Meeting for 2011: Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 10:00 am.



Mass for the Unborn Feast of the Holy Innocents

Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Cathedral, 65 Bond Street, Toronto on **Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at 5:30 pm**. Archbishop Collins thanks all those active in the cause of life. All are welcome.

Kolbe Eucharistic Mini-Retreat - On **Saturday, January 8th**, Fr. Henry McErlean O.S.A. will speak on **"Born for Glory"**. This mini-retreat will be held from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm at St. Brigid's Church, 300 Wolverleigh Blvd., Toronto. All are welcome. For more information please go to website www.kolbeapostolate.com.

Vocations – By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you to ministerial service, contact - **Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997**
E-mail vocations@vocations.ca
website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

Christmas is Christ
Bringing love to a lonely world.

Christmas is Christ
Bringing hope to a despairing world.
Christmas is Christ

Bringing forgiveness to a sinful world.
Christmas is Christ

Bringing new life to those who will receive him.

May you know the power, wonder, strength and joy of God's love first made visible in a tiny child cradled in His Mother's arms.

IHS

IHS or JHS
Christogram of
western
Christianity

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Medieval-style
IHS
monogram

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Medieval-style
IHC
monogram

IHS

Intertwined IHS
monogram

A Holy and Blessed
Christmas

“IHS” is sometimes interpreted as meaning *Iesus Hominum Salvator* (“Jesus, Savior of men” in Latin) or connected with *In Hoc Signo*. Such interpretations are known as backronyms. Used in Latin since the seventh century, the first use of *IHS* in an English document dates from the fourteenth century, in *The Vision of William concerning Piers Plowman*. Saint Bernardino of Siena popularized the use of the three letters on the background of a blazing sun to displace both popular pagan symbols and seals of political factions like the Guelphs and Ghibellines in public spaces (see Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus). English-language interpretations of “IHS” have included “I Have Suffered” or “In His Service”, or jocularly and facetiously “Jesus H. Christ”.

One of the oldest Christograms is the **Chi-Rho** or **Labarum**. It consists of the superimposed Greek letters chi (X) and rho (P), which are the first two letters of Christ in Greek. Technically, the word *labarum* is Latin for a type of vexillum, a military standard with a flag hanging from a horizontal crossbar. A Chi-Rho Christogram was added to the flag by Emperor Constantine I in the late Roman period. Therefore Christogram and *labarum* were not originally synonyms.

The most commonly encountered Christogram in English-speaking countries in modern times is the X (or more accurately, Greek letter chi) in the abbreviation *Xmas* (for “Christmas”), which represents the first letter of the word *Christ*.

Christmas Prayer

“Loving Father, all of these Christmas gifts symbolize how much you love us with the supreme gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, born for us this Christmas Day. We give these gifts to one another to express how grateful we are for your unfathomable generosity and to show how eager we are to share that goodness with one another. Bless these tokens of love and caring. Never let us get attached to material things, but rather let the joy flowing from these presents strengthen our bonds of love, deepen our relationships, and move us to be more thankful, selfless, and giving all the days of our life. Thank you for the birth of Jesus, our brother and our Savior.” *Amen*

Composed by Father Peter John Cameron, O.P.



CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

“Christmas is a celebration of the family. But where was the most extraordinary family born, but in a cave in Bethlehem? It is there, with the birth of a baby, that it started. It is there that, for the first time, in the hearts of Mary and Joseph love was released for a third member; the God made man.

The family: it is a word that contains an immense meaning: rich, profound, sublime and simple, and above all real. Either the family exists, or it does not. The atmosphere of a family is an atmosphere of understanding, of calm relaxation, one of unity, mutual love, peace that affects the members in the whole of their being.

A family whose members do not have a heart of stone but a heart of flesh, like Jesus, like Mary, like Joseph.

Are there among you some who are suffering because of spiritual trials? They must be understood as much as and more than a mother would. Bring them the light with a word or by example. Do not let them feel the absence of the family warmth, on the contrary, let them feel it all the more.

Is one of you rejoicing over some success or for any other reason? Rejoice with him or her so that the joy is not spoilt and the soul closed in on itself, but the happiness is shared by all.

Is one of you going away? Do not let him or her leave without a heart filled with a single legacy: the sense of the family, so as to take it with them wherever they go.

So, if I had to leave you, I would let Jesus in me repeat: “Love one another...so that all may be one.”

Chiara Lubich, *Christmas Joy*

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