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**Dec 25, 2022**

## Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

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### Daily Mass Schedule

**Monday to Saturday** 9:00am

**Fridays** 9:00am

**Holy Hour** 6:00pm

**Mass** 7:00pm

### Adoration Chapel

**Monday to Friday** 9:30am to 8:00pm

**Saturdays** 9:30am to 4:00pm

### Sunday Eucharist

**Saturdays** 5:00pm

**Sundays** 8:00am, 9:30am,

11:00am, 12:30pm and

2:00pm - *Spanish Mass*

### Reconciliation

**Fridays** 6:00pm - 7:00pm

**Saturdays** 4:00pm - 4:45pm

*May the Christmas Star shine  
into your heart and burn in your  
spirit bright, may baby Jesus'  
peace bless you and bring  
you true joy.*

*Merry Christmas!*

### Parish Schools

St. Mary 905-451-1020

St. Francis Xavier 905-459-0646

St. Kevin 905-450-0571

Bishop F. Allen 905-457-4677

Cardinal Leger S.S. 905-453-2232

### Office Hours:

**Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**

9:30am to 5:00pm

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

9:30am to 8:00pm

**Note:** Office is closed for lunch  
from 1:00pm to 2:00pm

### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Monday to Friday**

9:30am to 8:00pm

**Saturdays**

9:30am to 4:00pm

# MASS Intentions

Dec 26<sup>th</sup> - Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

## Monday - Dec 26<sup>th</sup>

St. Stephen

9:00 am - Mass

## Tuesday - Dec 27<sup>th</sup>

St. John the Apostle

9:00 am - Mass

## Wednesday - Dec 28<sup>th</sup>

Feast of the Holy Innocents

9:00 am - Mass

## Thursday - Dec 29<sup>th</sup>

St. Thomas Becket

9:00 am - Mass

## Friday - Dec 30<sup>th</sup>

Feast of the Holy Family

9:00 am - Mass

7:00 pm - Mass

## Saturday - Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

Vigil: Feast Day of Mary Mother of God

9:00 am - Mass

Christmas Eve Masses

5:00 pm, 7:00 pm & 9:00 pm  
(Spanish)

## Sunday - Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

Feast Day of Mary Mother of God



Let us Pray

For the Sick in our Community

- Alice Howell

For the Recently Deceased

- Teresa Benevento
- Reginaldo Condo

## Parish Life

Dear sisters and brothers in the Lord,

### ***Merry Christmas!***

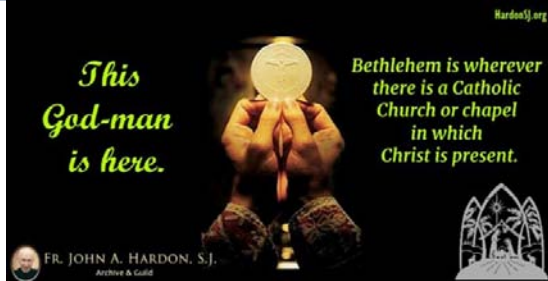
May the Christ Child give to you all of the gifts you require to enter Heaven one day!

The last couple of weeks I have been sharing with you my intention to introduce a series of Sermons which will focus on the Eucharist. During this series of Sermons, I hope to speak to the importance of "WHAT" and "WHY" we celebrate the Sunday Eucharist.

Please keep praying for me as I prepare for these Sermons that I can hear the Holy Spirit and what He asks of me to preach to you all.

We have many Catholics who have stopped attending Sunday Mass on a regular bases, because they have forgotten (or sadly, never learned) the gift that the Eucharist is to us and the World. If you have family members who have stopped going to mass on a regular basis, you might want to let them know about this series of Sermons I will be introducing in mid-January. Invite them to join us at the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Lord for those weeks, so that they may come to know the beauty and importance of the Eucharist. If you are parents or grandparents of children who have stopped going to mass, you might want to tell them that your gift for Christmas from them, would be that they come to mass and participate in these series of Sermons I will be presenting. Just a thought for you to consider.

Blessings,  
Fr. Liborio



### Family Christmas Project

#### ***Helping Those Who Needed a Helping Hand During Christmas***

We would like to thank all parishioners for supporting the St. Mary's Family Christmas Project this year by donating Walmart gift cards. With your generosity, we were able to support over 40 families and counting. Because of your "gift" of sharing, we have been able to extend a helping hand to many, so that their Christmas and New Year can be filled with a little more JOY in their life.



May God bless you a hundred fold for your kindness and generosity

### Christmas Flower Donations



Thank you to all our parishioners who donated Poinsettias or potted flowers for our Christmas Celebration Masses. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. God Bless you and your families! Have a Holy & Blessed Christmas & A Happy New Year 2023!

– The Liturgical Decoration Team"

### 2023 Sunday Envelopes

#### **Commence using your 2023 envelopes January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**



The 2023 Envelopes are available for pick up. Boxes will not have your name on them; rather, on the first three envelopes you use, **print your full name, mailing address and phone number clearly** and you will be assigned the number on the box.

**2022 tax receipts will be issued for donations given for the 2022 calendar year, January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**



## St. Mary's Christmas Schedule 2022-2023



Date	Feast	Time
<b>Saturday</b> Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	5:00 pm, 7:00 pm & 9:00 pm (Spanish) <b>Note: There is NO Midnight Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b> Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm (Spanish)
<b>Monday</b> Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>Office Closed</i>	St. Stephen	9:00 am <b>Note: Church will be close after mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> Dec. 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>Office Closed</i>	St. John	9:00 am Mass Church open for private prayer from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b> Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>Office Open from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm</i>	The Holy Innocents	9:00 am Mass Church open for private prayer from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b> Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>Office Open from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm</i>	St. Thomas Becket	9:00 am Mass Church open for private prayer from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
<b>Friday</b> Dec. 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>Office Open from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm</i>	Feast of the Holy Family	9:00 am Mass Church open for private prayer from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b> Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>Vigil: Feast Day of Mary the Mother of God</b>	9:00 am Mass <b>Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b> Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2022 <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>Feast day of Mary the Mother of God</b>	8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm (Spanish)
<b>Monday</b> Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2022 <i>Office Closed</i>	Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Narianzen	9:00 am Mass Church open for private prayer from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
<b>Tuesday Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>,</b> <i>Office Opened from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm</i>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b>	9:00 am Mass

The Christmas season ends with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope you are able to fill your heart with Hope, Love, Joy and Peace; gifts which only the King of Kings can give. Remember it is not only during this time we can encounter Jesus. We may do so daily in the Blessed Sacrament present always in the tabernacle and in Our Adoration Chapel.



# Around our Church and our Community



## *A Celebration of Marriage* in the Archdiocese of Toronto

**MASS WITH BISHOP VINCENT NGUYEN**

Sunday, February 12, 2023  
2:30 p.m. Mass

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica  
65 Bond Street, Toronto

### **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Special recognition for married couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ anniversaries in 2023.

Everyone is required to register as seating is limited.  
Designated seating available for milestone anniversary couples only.

Visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) for more information and registration.



Archdiocese  
of Toronto

## **Support Your Parish With A Gift Of Securities**

As Christmas approaches, it is a good time to call to mind some of the blessings we've experienced thus far. Thank you for your support throughout the year!

While you are planning your seasonal giving benefiting the parish and the community, consider making a gift of securities. It is one of the most financially sound ways to make a difference. When you donate stocks, bonds or mutual funds, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full value of your securities. It means a great tax break for you and greater support to the parish.

To learn more about gifting securities and how you can make an impact for the 2022 tax year, contact the **Development Office at 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519**. To donate listed securities, you can obtain the information sheet and Letter of Direction by visiting this link:

<https://bit.ly/ArchTOGiftsofSecurities>



**On the Road to Union with God**  
**Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> to**  
**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**from 7:00pm to 1:00pm**

**Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre 2325  
Liverpool Rd., Pickering**

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for men. Generally, there are three broad recognizable stages as we grow closer to God: the Purgative stage, the Illuminative stage, and the Unitive stage. We will explore this journey with the help of the life of the saint who were persons like you and me who had to get in touch with their own human frailty along their own unique life-journey. The hope is that the retreatant comes to a higher understanding of self in relation to our infinite loving and merciful God in the context of their own earthly life-journey.

Facilitated by Fr. Henk van Meijel, SJ.

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## **Spirituality of the 12 Step for Men**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00pm**  
**January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 1:00pm**



**MEN 12 STEP** – Join a journey that will take you through the 12 Steps of recovery (AA) allowing you to strengthen a deeper spirituality within yourself. This retreat tends to be ecumenical with many non-Catholics in attendance. This is truly a spiritual approach for everyone.

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# Religious Education and Faith Formation



## The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

*The Creator robes Himself in flesh,  
and mission impossible  
Begins*

Since the dawn of time the pages of pagan mythology filled men's imaginations to the brim with wondrous stories. Educated men who could read and write Latin and Greek, broad-minded men trained in philosophy, believed that the forests were thick with fairies, that the god of war launched thunderbolts across the sky, that a wise man carried the moon and the stars in a box, and that ravens prophesied. Some ancients wore a leather pouch around their necks stuffed with crystals to ward off evil spirits. Others bowed to the morning sun to thank that great ball of fire for rising. And then...it all ended. A tired world retreated as man's true story swept like fire over the earth. In 380 A.D. an imperial decree established the faith preached by the Apostle Peter to the Romans as the religion of the empire. Grass grew high in the Roman Forum. Weeds pushed through the cracked marble slabs of the ancient temples. Cows grazed where senators in white togas once offered incense to the god of this or the god of that. The priests walked away. Pagan altars crumbled. The vestal virgins found husbands. No one cared. Gorgeous marble was removed from abandoned temples and reused to clad Christian Basilicas in glory. Candles now burned before a new God-man hanging on a cross. Slowly, imperceptibly, God the Father's hands were molding and forming and shaping a new Christian culture—our culture.

[Click Here to Read More](#)

## Do I Have to Go to Mass? Sunday Obligation Explained

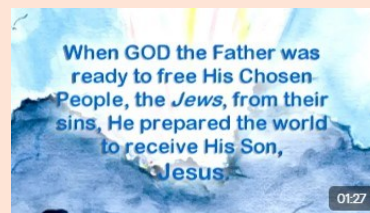


Why do we go to Mass every Sunday? Is it because of what we “get out of it”? Is it the way it makes us feel? Is it out of love for God? Or something even deeper and more profound?

Today, Fr. Mike explains the Church's teaching on Sunday Mass obligation, and why this is the way that God has asked us to worship him.

[Watch Video](#)

## God, Who is the Messiah?



The Annunciation, The Visitation of Elizabeth, and the Birth of Jesus and His baptism by John who begins telling the story of the Messiah.

[Formed for Kids](#)

## The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas



The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. The Story of the Nativity also includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, from Fra Angelico to Rembrandt, and footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus's miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas.

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