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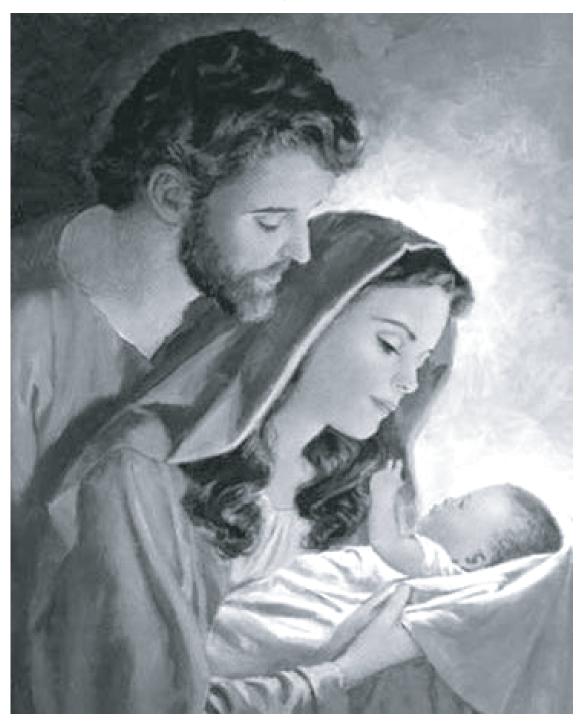
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Intentions 🛆 Week	
MON, DEC 23 9:15 am	Bridgette David †; Annamma Cherian †; Honorato Bettencourt †
7:00 pm	
Tues, Dec 24 5:00 pm	Agnes Gomes †; Lauren & Michelle Bouchard †; Brian McGinnis †; For the health of Michael Sathianathan
8:00 pm	Theresa Marianayagam †
12:00 AM	Ernesto Sandoval †; For the deceased members of the Gonzaga family †; In thanksgiving for the 93rd birthday of Christabel Mahesan †
WED, DEC 25 9:00 am	Evelina Jaen †
10:30 am	Domenic Maida †; Marina Fajardo †; Winifredo, Maria & Hesus Perez †; For the helath of Michael Sathianathan
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †
THUR, DEC 26 7:00 pm	Rosemary Joseph †; In thanksgiving for blessings received - Barco family
FRI, DEC 27 9:15 am	In thanksgiving for the birthday of Natica Rose Francis
SAT, DEC 28 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	Cristabel DeMello †; Felicito Tata Calara †
SUN, DEC 29 9:00 am	
10:30 am	Olga Medeiros †; Esther McCallum †; Ramon Saraza †; Corinne Shook †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Raffaela Cordiano †

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

For the People of the Parish

Monday, December 23th

8:00 pm

10:00 am - Altar Servers practice for Christmas

Tuesday, December 24th

Wednesday, December 25th

Thursday, December 26th

7:30 pm - 1030am Choir practice

Friday, December 27th

Saturday, December 28th

5:00 pm - Vietnamese Legion of Mary

Come, Desire of nations, come, Fix in us Thy humble home; Rise, the woman's conqu'ring Seed, Bruise in us the serpent's head. Now display Thy saving pow'r, Ruined nature now restore; Now in mystic union join Thine to ours, and ours to Thine. Adam's likeness, Lord, efface, Stamp Thine image in its place: Second Adam from above, Reinstate us in Thy love. Let us Thee, though lost, regain, Thee, the Life, the inner man:

4th & 5th stanzas of Hark the Herald Angels Sing, by Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, Composer

It is nearly impossible to find a hymnal in current circulation that includes the cited lyrics to the famed Christmas carol classic. The poetic composition, so rich in theological quality, epitomizes what the prolific author, Charles Wesley, intended. While he is known for being one of the founders of the Methodist movement, his story of growing up in Protestant England sets before us the perennial temptation and danger of laxity that all Christians face. One of 18 children, the son of a pastor, his father wanted the young Charles to follow in his clerical footsteps and arranged for his education at Westminster Abbey and Oxford college. While steeped in the best that the Anglican tradition could offer, the young Charles found it all rather dull. Sent on a mission trip to the burgeoning colony of Atlanta, Georgia, the grueling travel and harsh company of sailors and farmers tilted his thus far delicate constitution and sensitivities. Upon his return to London, while convalescing, he was genuinely impressed with the loving care he received from those who nursed him back to health and saw in their kindness a reflection of God's love for him. It sparked his zeal and he mounted the pulpit ready to preach with a fervor he had previously lacked. To try to persuade a people indifferent and apathetic to religion, he amped up his rhetorical style by confronting the reality of sin in the lives of his listeners. While causing uncomfortable squirm for those in the pew, he balanced his searing style by composing likable hymns to win over his congregations interest. Among some of his more notable songs used in Catholic song books: "Come, O Long Expected Jesus", "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling", "Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise." In the cited 4th & 5th stanzas of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," the scriptural references to Genesis 3's crushing of the serpent's head and 1 Corinthians 15's passage from old Adam to new Adam, Wesley's driving point is that whatever persistent attachment to the evil one that remains within us must be defeated resolutely. That honest introspection is a profound way to get ready to celebrate the Saviour's birth.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What is announced to Mary in today's Gospel is the revelation of all that the prophets had spoken. It is, as Paul declares in today's Epistle, the mystery kept secret since before the foundation of the world.

Prom the Pastor's desk

Mary is the virgin prophesied to bear a son of the house of David. And peoply every word the angel speaks to her

of David. And nearly every word the angel speaks to her today evokes and echoes the long history of salvation recorded in the Bible.

Mary is hailed as the "daughter Jerusalem," called to rejoice that her king, the Lord God, has come into her midst as a mighty savior.

The One whom Mary is to bear will be Son of "the Most High"—an ancient divine title first used to describe the God of the priest-king Melchizedek, who brought out bread and wine to bless Abraham at the dawn of salvation history.

He will fulfill the covenant God makes with His chosen one, David, in today's First Reading. As we sing in today's Psalm, He will reign forever as highest of the kings of the earth, and He will call God "my Father." As Daniel saw the Most High grant everlasting dominion to the Son of Man, His kingdom will have no end.

He is to rule over the house of Jacob—the title God used in making His covenant with Israel at Sinai, and again used in promising that all nations would worship the God of Jacob.

Jesus has been made known, Paul says today, to bring all nations to the obedience of faith. We are called with Mary today to marvel at all that the Lord has done throughout the ages for our salvation. And we too must respond to this annunciation with humble obedience—that His will be done, that our lives be lived according to His word.

fr. Roger

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 2024

2025 PARISH ENVELOPES

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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST



The Knights of Columbus - Council 15612 invites the children of our parish to participate in the annual "Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest." The Theme is: "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS." Age Groups: J. K. - Grade 8 Due Date of Submission: December 31. For further details, kindly pick up a form from the Knights in the Narthex.

STITCHES FROM THE HEART

As the holidays are approaching Stitches from the Heart will be close from December 2, 2024 and resume January 6, 2025. On the behalf of all the women stitches from the heart group we would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a healthy new year. Thank

THE 55+ CLUB

We will be breaking for the Holidays and will resume in the New year on January 7th. Wishing you peace and blessings this Christmas and into the New Year. For more information contact Sandy: sandyrobin22@gmail.com

SMALL GROUP FAITH MINISTRY

"Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." (Matthew 18:20) If you would like to apply what you have learned from Scripture, teachings, and practical personal reflection questions, join the SGM meetings on Wednesdays and Saturdays. For more information, email Olivia Saqui at olivia.saqui@gmail.com



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a charitable Catholic organization, active throughout Canada. The work of the society is to assist those in need who live within our parish boundary. If you are in need of assistance please contact the St. Marguerite d'Youville Conference directly at 647-642-4906 or email: vincentdepaulsmdy@gmail.com

SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or the deaconate, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or www.vocationstoronto.ca

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

This Advent season, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) presents an online weekly video series titled "Journey through Advent."

This year's English reflections will be led by Archbishop Leo. The reflections in French will be offered by the Most Rev. René Guay, Bishop of Chicoutimi. The series is intended to help the faithful prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord by offering meaningful reflections on the Gospel readings during each of the four Sundays of Advent.

"Journey through Advent" will be released weekly and will be available on the <u>CCCB</u> website and on their <u>YouTube channel</u>. The series is also available via our own website at: www.archtoronto.org. We also draw your attention to the National Catholic Broadcasting Council's Advent Retreat series, this year led by Archbishop Emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins. These are short daily reflections that can also be accessed via www.archtoronto.org or the Daily Mass website: www.dailytvmass.com.

May these video reflections be a source of comfort and peace during our Advent journey.



If you are interested in volunteering at the parish, please email Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org with the following information:

1. Your first and last name, phone number and email address. 2. Are you an Adult (18+) or Minor (under 18)

3. Which ministry you are interested in.

ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

ADVENT

Throughout the Advent season, we will be celebrating Mass every evening, Monday to Friday at 7:00 pm in addition to our regular Mass schedule.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

December 15th - 23rd at all Masses

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24th Nativity of our Lord Masses -

5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, & 12:00 Midnight Office open from 9am-12pm & 4pm-8pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25th 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

(**NO 8pm Mass**) OFFICÉ CLOSED

December 26 - 29

Mass times as usual December 26th - OFFICE CLOSED December 27th - Office open 9am-3pm

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Sunday, December 29th

Saturday 5pm; Sunday 9am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 4pm Afro-Caribbean Mass, 8pm Office open 9am-3pm

New Year's Eve Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Tuesday, December 31st

5:00 pm Mass, 10:00 pm Mass; 11:15 pm - 12:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Office open from 9am-12pm

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Wednesday, January 1st, 2025

9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm Mass (**NO 8pm Mass**) OFFICE CLOSED



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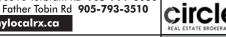
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