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From our Pastor, Fr. Joyson George, O.Carm.

Dear Parishioners,

Recently, I read a brief description of some of the favourite symbols of Christmas. The crib was described as an image of heaven. It radiates peace, love, fulfillment, the lack of tears. The baby is always “sleeping in heavenly peace” in its crib. The manger, a trough where cattle and sheep come to eat, now holding Jesus who comes as food for the life of the world. The tree is seen as with its angel and guiding star on top, joining heaven and earth, a ladder for the incarnation, a way God climbed down to earth. The Christmas lights? These represent the light and warmth of God. These lights, in our northern part of the world, symbolize God bringing heat and light during the darkest and coldest time of the year.



Isn't Christmas wonderful?

That innocent Child, with outstretched arms, is God who loves us so deeply that He becomes one of us! Christmas is God making us holy as He becomes one of us and dwells within and among us.



And He reminds us to love each other in the same warm, wonderful and reassuring way.

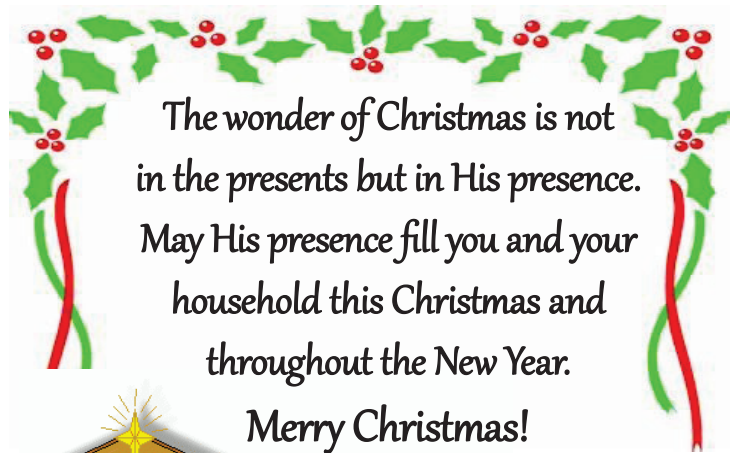
At this time of remembering and celebrating, we wish each and everyone of you, the peace and joy of Christmas.

Merry Christmas!

Father Joyson

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife ... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997.

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ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH PRAYER GROUP

Invites you, your friends, and your family to a transformational evening that includes:

Family Rosary, Holy Mass
Adoration & Benediction
Praise & Worship
Talk and Fellowship



Mark your Calendar!
Friday, January 3rd
6:30-9:30pm, in the church.

All are welcome!

RESERVATIONS

NESSINGER HALL

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| Sat | Dec 28 | Knights of Columbus 8:00-10:00am |
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READINGS OF THE WEEK

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| Mon | Dec 23 | Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6; Luke 1:57-66 |
| Tue | Dec 24 | 2 Samuel 7:1-5; 8-12,16; Luke 1:67-79 |
| Wed | Dec 25 | Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20 |
| Thurs | Dec 26 | Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22 |
| Fri | Dec 27 | 1John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8 |
| Sat | Dec 28 | 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 |
| Sun | Dec 29 | Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15,19-23 |

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Mon | Dec 23 9am | For the living intentions of Maikel Michriky, requested by Maikel Michriky |
| Fri | Dec 27 9am | For the conversion of Cleve Kenny, requested by Anne Kenny |
| Sat | Dec 28 9am | 1. For thanksgiving for Catherine & Dominic Singh's Wedding Anniversary, requested by Andrew and Elizabeth 2. For the living intention of the Harrison Family, requested by Bushra Harrison 3. For thanksgiving of Heather and Yorrick Desouza's 45th Wedding Anniversary, requested by the family 4. For thanksgiving mass from Vincent & Family |
| | 5pm | 1. For the soul of John D'Souza, requested by Ivy Cornelio 2. For the soul of Basil Smith, requested by Margit Smith 3. For the soul of Elvira Longo, requested by Gracie Longo |
| Sun | Dec 29 10am | 1. For thanksgiving for Christian Peters' 30th birthday, requested by the Harris-Peters Family 2. For thanksgiving for His presence in our family and parish community, requested by the Harris Family |
| | 12noon | For the soul of Bernardina Casino, requested by the family |
| | 4pm | For the soul of Neil Dissanaiké, requested by Anthony Dissanaiké |

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Enjoy your Christmas break!

Next EDGE Night: Mon Jan 13th - IGNITED WITHIN: Sacrament of Confirmation

Next LIFE Night: Fri Jan 10th - BELIEVE IT OR NOT: Atheism

Schedule & Registration @ www.jcym.ca

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Parish Office is closed on:

Tuesday, December 24th, from noon
Wednesday, December 25th, Christmas Day
Thursday, December 26th, Boxing Day

PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2019—2020

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: TUESDAY, DEC 24th
4:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM, and 12 MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: WEDNESDAY, DEC 25th
10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
(Note: There will **not be** an 8:00AM or 4:00PM Mass)

FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD
(NEW YEAR'S EVE)
VIGIL MASSES, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31st
5:00 PM and 7:00 PM

FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD
(NEW YEAR'S DAY)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st
10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

BIBLE STUDY: BIBLE TIMELINE

The Bible Timeline study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture.

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Tuesdays, January 7—June 25, 7:00-9:00pm
No cost to participate. Workbook required.
Register in the parish office.

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To give way to others, to hope,
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St. Josemaría Escrivá

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