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Oh Come Let us Adore Him

25 DECEMBER 2022

SOLEMN FEAST OF OUR LORD'S NATIVITY



MASS INTENTIONS

PLEASE NOTE: The weekday Masses from Monday 26 December until Friday 30 December will be at 9:00am (instead of 8:30am).

MONDAY 26 December 9:00am Open Intention

TUESDAY 27 December 9:00am Open Intention

WEDNESDAY 28 December 9:00am Dorino Infusino

THURSDAY 29 December 9:00am Angela Contestabile

FRIDAY 30 December

9:00am Luigia & Giuseppe Fanutti



New Year's Schedule

NEW YEAR'S EVE Saturday 31 December 2022

9:00am Morning Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 12:00noon ending with the traditional *Te Deum* Prayer

4:00pm Confessions until 5:00pm

5:00pm Vigil Mass

for the Solemn Feast of Mary, Mother of God

NEW YEAR'S DAY Sunday 1 January 2023

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:30am English
10:00am English
11:30am Italian
1:00pm English

AROUND OUR PARISH





New Parish initiatives for 2023



UPDATES TO WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Beginning on Monday 16 January, we will have this schedule of Masses:

Monday 8:30am

Tuesday 8:30am and 7:00pm Wednesday 8:30am and 7:00pm Thursday 8:30am and 7:00pm

Friday 8:30am Saturday 9:00am



ACADEMIC TUTORING FOR STUDENTS

We are going to be offering academic tutoring for our parish school children, whether elementary or high school. We have some talented and educated adults, and will be looking for high school and university students, as well as prospective teachers (who may be looking for a Pastoral Reference Letter from the parish for employment), to help our young people with the demands of learning in our challenging times. Watch the bulletin for details.



EARLY CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE PROGRAMS

We are hoping to offer a program for Early Catholic Family Life, to assist newly married and new parents to come together to learn how to deepen their faith and make the practice of the Faith an everyday, joyful part of your married and family life. Again, watch the bulletin for further details in the new year.



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

We would like to expand our Childrens' Liturgy to all the Masses (currently, we have only enough volunteers for this program for our 1:00 pm Sunday Mass). If you are a parent and would like to help out during the time that *you are already at Mass*, or a prospective teacher who is looking for some experience and a way to demonstrate your commitment to *Catholic* education, please email Msgr Owen or the Parish Office and we can ensure that we are doing everything we can to serve our youth and grow as a parish.

A NOTE ABOUT TEACHER APPLICATIONS AND PASTORAL REFERENCES

Dear prospective teachers / Parents of prospective teachers,

Thank you for your interest in teaching and leading the next generation of students through Catholic education. Your decision to form the minds, hearts and souls of our youth is valued and of utmost importance.

Because our Catholic schools exist not just to impart knowledge but to instill students with wisdom and love, we must do everything we can to ensure the teachers that are hired are as qualified as possible, above all in the matters of the Faith. St Pope Paul VI notes, "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses" (Evangelii Nuntiandi, #41).

To this end, anyone wishing to receive a Pastoral Reference Letter as part of their application for employment in a Catholic school board must be known to the pastor here by their regular attendance at Sunday Mass (*i.e.* weekly). To those who are going away for teacher's college, a letter may be obtained from the pastor of the church where you go to school. If you are the parent of a student away at teachers' college, kindly ensure that your child knows that reference letters can only be given to those who are actively involved in the life of this parish.

Please pray for all involved in the wonderful work of Catholic education



2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new boxes of offertory envelopes (for use in 2023) are now available! Those who are currently using a box (in 2022) may find their

new box in the parish hall. The envelopes are laid out in alphabetical order by last name. Anyone who is not currently using a box may register for one in the sacristy.

PLEASE NOTE: Starting next weekend, please do not use any offertory envelopes labelled with a date in 2022. Please only use envelopes labelled with a 2023 date. Thank you very much for your co-operation.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

http://StPatricksBR.archtoronto.org/sacraments



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATIONS

Families are expected to continue with their regular participation at Sunday Mass. In addition, they are working through the *Making Things Right* book.



CONFIRMATION PREPARATIONS

Families are reminded to fill-out the split Session survey that was sent out to you by e-mail.

ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE



2022 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN: DONATIONS MATCHED UNTIL THE END OF 2022

All contributions to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 Million. Please support our ShareLife Agencies. You may use an envelope found at the back of the church, or give online through our parish website.



Is your marriage going down the right road... or is it a little off track? Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated?

Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. By learning the tools of healthy communication, you can build intimacy and heal. Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths. The next Retouvaille Weekend will be on 13 to 15 January 2023 at Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre in Mississauga. Visit HelpOurMarriage.org for more details.



PALLIATIVE CARE HOPE LINE

The goal of palliative care is to provide comfort and dignity for persons living with the illness as well as the best quality of life

for both the individual and their family. **The Palliative Care HopeLine** is for those who are interested in discovering palliative and end-of-life support services and holistic care for themselves, their caregivers and extended family and friends, by connecting people with services that align with Catholic faith teaching. If you are in search of locating hospice palliative care resources and services in your community, call the **HopeLine** at **416-619-5700** – leave your name, phone number, and the name of the community in which you live. *This is not an emergency or crisis line: in case of an emergency please call 911*.

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