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*Oh Come
Let us Adore Him*



Sunday, Dec 25th
The Nativity of the Lord
 9:30AM – Mass
 11:30AM – Mass

Monday, Dec 26th
St. Stephen,
The First Martyr
NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec 27th
St. John, Apostle,
Evangelist
 7:00PM – Patrick McMahon†

Wednesday, Dec 28th
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 9:15AM – Aloysius & Denis
 Noronha†
 – Phillipa Lawrence†

Thursday, Dec 29th
Octave of Nativity
 7:00PM – Maria Grazia Vasile†

Friday, Dec 30th
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary
& Joseph
 8:00AM – Pantaleone Romano

Saturday, Dec 31st
Octave of Nativity
 5:00PM – Mass



- **SATB Choir Practice**
7:00PM every Monday
- **Folk Choir Practice**
7:30PM every Wednesday



The Nativity of the Lord

REFLECTIONS

Readings:
 Isaiah 52.7-10
 Hebrews 1.1-6
 John 1.1-8

We, who have waited faithfully, patiently, and vigilantly during the season of Advent, must raise our voices and shout for joy, because the Lord our God is now with us. The call of the prophet today is a call to celebrate Emmanuel, God with us. It is a call to be joyful. God has fulfilled the promise he made through the prophet in the past. This is by revealing the hidden mystery of our salvation. Now, we are the favored ones. That is, as many of us as have received the newborn baby into our hearts. Revelation has reached its apogee today and the hidden mystery of the old covenant has been fully revealed in Jesus Christ. Therefore, we need no more public revelation.



The Word which was with the Father as Spirit is now with us both as flesh as well as spirit. Hence, while not losing His divinity, God through Christ his son, has condescended to become like us. What a great love that God has shown to us his people.

Therefore, today we celebrate **Sacrifice**. So, we too must be ready to sacrifice something for the good of our brothers and sisters as Christ did by coming to share in our nature. We celebrate today, **Humility**. So, we must learn to be humble from Christ who in spite of being God, took our nature. We celebrate the reign of **peace**. That is, peace not as the world gives it, but as God promised to offer it to those who believe in him (Jn 14:21). Also, we celebrate the accomplishment of **hope** in Jesus Christ.

Finally, today is a day of **joy**. So, I wish all of you my dear brethren a wonderful and fun filled celebration this joyful season. Therefore, let us: "Sing psalms to the Lord with harps. With the sound of trumpets and the sound of the horn, let us acclaim the King, the Lord" who is with us forever.

**WISHING YOU ALL 'A MERRY CHRISTMAS' &
 'A HAPPY, BLESSED NEW YEAR'!**

**MAY THE BLESSINGS AND JOY OF THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON BE WITH
 YOU THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR 2023 !**

Fr. Terry

THE MAGNIFICAT

The Magnificat – Mary's Song of Praise

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
 the Almighty has done great things for me,
 and holy is His name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
 in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
 He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
 and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
 and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
 the promise he made to our fathers,
 to Abraham and his children for ever.



December 24th – December 31st, 2022
CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2023



Our Confirmation Program is a six-week on-line program designed for candidates and parents to attend together. Please register on-line through our Parish Website <https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org/> under **Sacraments at St. Dominic**.

Parents and Candidates must attend an Information Meeting upstairs in the church on **Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm**.

The cost of the program is \$65 and there is a Paypal link on the registration form. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the Information Meeting or to send a scan to confirmation.stdominic@gmail.com For more information, please contact Beverly O'Grady, Pastoral Associate at 905-278-7762 ext. 4.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes



In the coming year 2023, we have reduced our offertory envelopes from 500 to 400.

Parishioners using envelopes in the **500** series this year, 2022, are requested to come to the office at your earliest convenience and take a new number. Please do not use the new numbers till 2023.

When using a new number for the first time please ensure you write your full name and address so we can verify and update the information in our system.

If you would like to be on Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, please let us know at the office or you could pick up a Pre-Authorized Giving form from the Ministers of Welcome on the weekend.

TAX RECEIPTS 2022

Please make sure you give in your donations for 2022 till the end of the year. Any contributions made after December 31st will go towards 2023 tax receipts.

MINISTRY FAIR DRAW

The winner of the ministry fair draw is Bridie Boyd. She has received a signed book, "Cornerstones of Faith" by Cardinal Thomas Collins.

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NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

New Year's Mass Schedule

- New Year's Eve**
- 5:00PM
- New Year's Day**
- 9:30AM
 - 11:30 AM



OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will remain closed from Thursday Dec 22nd, 2022, to Tuesday Jan 3rd, 2023. The office reopens on Jan 4th, 2023.

Seniors' Group

Our Seniors' Group has started. If you are a Senior 60+

- Love to play Euchre, and
- Engage in lively conversations,

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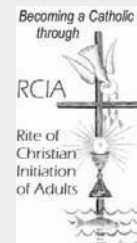
Come and join us on every Tuesday from 1-3pm in the Church Hall Refreshments are provided.



All are welcome!

RCIA

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic or wish to complete your Sacrament, please contact St. Dominic's church office, and leave your name and telephone number. Our Catechist will be in touch and let you know about the program.



ALTAR SERVERS: WELCOME

New altar servers are always welcome. Open to all children that have completed their First Holy Communion. No experience required. Contact the parish office if you are interested and the coordinators will get in touch.

SUNDAY MISSALS 2023

St. Joseph's Sunday Missals for 2023 are available at the parish office for \$5.

LET US PRAY

For the Sick:

We pray for all the sick in our community.



For the Deceased:

Teresa O'Reilly †
George Sliwa †
Joao Anacleto †

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