

The Nativity of the Lord

**Pastor's
Corner**

From the desk of Fr. Liborio

About two thousand years ago, a child was born. But who was this Child?

This child entered the world as all children do.
This child was announced by an Angel.
This child was announced by a Star.
This child took its first breath in the midst of humble settings.
This child was embraced by a loving mother and step-father.
This child held the dreams and hope of a nation.
This child brought joy to the marginalized (i.e. shepherds).
This child existed before existence became a word.
This child became a refugee soon after birth.
This child was perfect in every way.
This child was fully human.

This child IS!

This child is Jesus.
This child is the Christ.
This child is God.

Merry Christmas!!!!

Fr. Liborio

Christmas Wish

On behalf of Fr. Ricardo, Fr. Liborio Tavares, Deacon Henry Vershuren, Deacon John Kennedy and the whole Parish Staff, we would like to wish all of you a

Most Blessed and Holy Christmas

And

a Joyful New Year.

Fr. Liborio Amaral
Pastor



MASS
INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec 26th
St. Stephen

9 AM – Rosa Maria Macri†

Tuesday, Dec 27th
St. John the Apostle

9 AM – Michael Condo†
7 PM – Manuel Pimentel†

Wednesday, Dec 28th
The Holy Innocents

9 AM – Francisco Ho, Franklin Ho
& Frederick Ho †

Thursday, Dec 29th
St. Thomas Becket

9 AM – Rosa Maria Macri†

Friday, Dec 30th
Holy Family

9 AM – Jude & Susanne
Fernandes (25th Wedding
Anniversary)
7 PM – Rapheal & Delfina
D'Sousa†

Saturday, Dec 31st
St. Sylvester I

9 AM – Ruth Gurha†
Shirley Abreu†



THIS WEEK
GET IT AT A GLANCE

Monday, Dec 26th
9:00 AM – Mass

Tuesday, Dec 27th
9:00 AM – Mass
7:00 PM – Mass

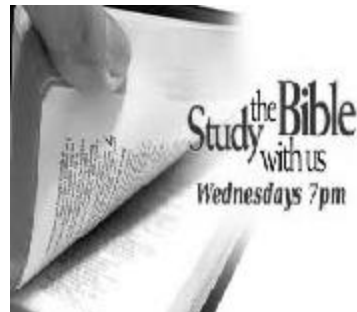
Wednesday, Dec 28th
9:00 AM – Mass
7:00 PM – Legion of Mary

Thursday, Dec 29th
9:00 AM – Mass

Friday, Dec 30th
9:00 AM – Mass
6:00 PM – Holy Hour
7:00 PM – Mass

Saturday, Dec 31st
9:00 AM – Mass
5:00 PM – Mass

Bible Study



Learn the Old Testament roots of the Mass. Learn how the Earliest Christians celebrated Mass and See how the Mass brings heaven down to earth and draws us up to heaven.

Join us for the **THE BIBLE & THE MASS**.
A 6 – part Bible Study from Dr. Scott Hahn & the St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology.

Starting Wednesday January 18th, 2012 at 7:00 – 8:45 PM. Cost \$ 14 for workbook and refreshments. Babysitting will be provided.

For further information or to register, call the parish office.

Parish Office – Closure for Christmas Break

The Church office will be closed from Saturday December 24th to Monday December 26th. The office will reopen Tuesday December 27th.

The office will close again from Saturday December 31st to Monday January 2nd. The office will reopen on Tuesday January 3rd.

We ask for your understanding and patience. We regret any inconvenience this may cause you.



December 25th – December 31st 2011

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Jan 9, 9:30, 2nd Monday Muffin Morning in Sullivan Room \$1

Jan 12, 19, Thurs., 1 to 4 pm, - Duplicate bridge practise in Sullivan Room

Jan 26, 12:15pm - 4pm- Greenway Chartwell Retirement Residence, Ken Willans Dr., invites +55 for complimentary lunch and Contract and Duplicate Bridge. Submit names to Agnes 905 451-7819

Are you an Organ Donor?

"Organ donation is a peculiar form of witness to charity. In a period like ours, often marked by various forms of selfishness, it is ever more urgent to understand how the logic of free giving is vital to a correct conception of life. Indeed, a responsibility of love and charity exist that commits one to make of their own life a gift to others, if one truly wishes to fulfill oneself. As the Lord Jesus has taught us, only whoever gives his own life can save it (cf. Lk 9: 24)."
– Pope Benedict XVI



One organ and tissue donor can save up to 8 lives and enhance the lives of 75 others. Register today at BeADonor.ca. You can also visit www.archtoronto.org/organdonation for additional resources.

The Paulist Ministry Centre Presents

An evening with Mike Glugosh: Dealing with Anxiety and Depression.

Many people feel overwhelmed, afraid and depressed. Mike says that he offers practical, useful and technical skills that will be helpful to anyone. This session will be held on **Tuesday, January 10, 2012** at 7:00 p.m. at the Paulist Centre.

A Christmas Prayer

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen

Robert Louis Stevenson



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

★ **Monday December 26th 2011**

9:00am Mass

The Church will remain open until 10am and then close for the rest of the day.

★ **Feast of Mary, Mother of God – Saturday December 31st, 2011**

9:00am Mass & 5 pm Vigil Mass

★ **Feast of Mary, Mother of God – Sunday January 1st, 2012**

English – 8:30am, 10:00am & 12 noon & 3:00pm (Spanish)

★ **Monday – January 2nd, 2012**

9:00am Mass

The Church will remain open until 10am and then close for the rest of the day.

VOCATION CORNER



We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts.

If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon.

If God is calling you call Fr. Hansoo 416-968-0997 vocations@vocations.ca. Also visit: <http://www.vocatio.ca> /www.vocationstoronto.ca

C.W.L

The C.W.L. General Meeting for January will be held on Wednesday, January 4th at 7:30 P.M. downstairs

LET US PRAY

For the Sick:

Jim Cassidy
Julio D'Souza
Janet O'Reilly
Joy Clarke
Linda Yard
Sophia Di Muccio



For the Deceased:

Donna Hayes
Eleanor Lalonde
Maria Tome
Carmine Mauro
George Tomakjaj
Ruth Asseltine
Silvio Fernandes
Anne Smith

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekend of December 18th

Not known at the time of Publication