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*Oh Come
Let us Adore Him*

NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Luke 2:15-20: *The shepherds went to Bethlehem, and found Mary and Jesus in the manger.*



Christmas Caring and Sharing

Caring & Sharing is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with those less fortunate in our community. More and more families are suffering from food insecurity and are turning to food banks such as "The Compass", our outreach partner, for assistance.

St. Christopher's has a long history of generously supporting those in need and hope to do so again this year.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Donation of Gift cards (Walmart, PC or Metro/Food Basics). Please place the gift cards in the collection baskets at all masses.
2. Support 'The Compass' "Spread the Joy" campaign and donate ONLINE (thecompass.ca) or by cheque to The Compass.

Our heartfelt Thanks on behalf of the families who will benefit from your Caring & Sharing this Christmas,

Prayer Requests:

For those who are sick:

Remy Fresin

For those who have died:

Ann Onyschuk Ross Biancale Umberto Spagnolo
Patricia Morgan Martina Agnes DeSouza
May their souls rest in peace.

If you or a family member is sick or deceased and would like to be prayed for, please contact stchristophersmi@archtoronto.org.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE | MASS INTENTIONS | CELEBRATION OF SAINTS

Mon. Dec. 26th -

***St. Stephen the First Martyr
Boxing Day***

10 am – Fr. Joseph Rodrigues & Family

Tues. Dec. 27th –

St. John the Evangelist

9 am – Zbigniew Kurowski†

Wed. Dec. 28th –

The Holy Innocents

9 am – Annamaria Carnevale†

Thurs. Dec. 29th –

9 am – Torres & Lopez Families

Fri. Dec. 30th –

Feast of the Holy Family

9 am – Merritt Henderson†

Sat. Dec. 31st -

9 am – No Mass

5 pm – People of the Parish

Sun. Jan. 1st, 2023

***Mary, the Holy Mother of God
New Year's Day***

8:30 am – Ermelina Lawson†

10 am - Jeanette Samman†

12 pm – Sandra Pereira†

Youth Ministry

To all First Communion, Confirmation candidates and all their families, have a safe and Merry Christmas. We can't wait to see you all again in the new year!

JR Edge (Grade 3 – 5) Thurs. Jan. 12th at 6pm

EDGE (Grade 6 – 8) Thurs. Jan. 19th at 6pm

Lifeteen (Grade 9 -12) Fri. Jan. 14th at 5pm

On behalf of the youth volunteers & adult volunteers, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! – Levy Anne

VOLUNTEER HOURS AVAILABLE!

Need volunteer hours? Reach out to Levy at lrados@archtoronto.org.

Giving Tuesday and the 2022 ShareLife \$1 Million Matching Gift Program

Until December 31, all contributions to the Parish Campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million. We hope this initiative will encourage those who have not given yet, as well as those who have given reduced amounts this year, to make a year-end gift to support the vulnerable members of our community.

To participate, parishioners can give at sharelife.org/donate or at the parish by using the ShareLife envelopes.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2023

**Jan-22-2023 09:00 PM | St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73
Simcoe St., Toronto, ON, M5J 1W9)**

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Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church.

This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto's Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

CONTACT FOR FURTHER DETAILS:

Interreligious Department, Interreligious@archtoronto.org

Praying with the Life of Sr. Faustina Kowalska,

Monday, January 30, 2023

09:00 AM - 03:00 PM

Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A day of reflection open to men and women. While most Catholics are familiar with the Icon of the Divine Mercy which is found in most parishes, less known is the life of Sr. Faustina, an obscure Polish nun, whom Jesus used to proclaim God's infinite mercy for all who desire to receive it. Facilitated by Fr. Henk van Meijel, SJ. A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes break, lunch and mass along with program.

REGISTER: manresa-canada.ca

CONTACT: registration@manresa.ca

PHONE: 905-839-2864

St. Christopher ShareLife Update:

Jan 2022 until Dec 13 2022 is
\$ 127,756.59. Thank you to everyone who has continued to contribute to this amazing charity that supports many organizations in our parishes and throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Prayer for a Blessing on the New Year

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us.

Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat.

May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.

On behalf of our pastor – Fr. Joseph and the parish staff, we would like to wish you and your families Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. May God bless you with joy, peace and love during this blessed season and throughout the 2023 year.

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