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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Luke 2:15-20:

The shepherds found Mary, Joseph and the baby, and repeated what they had been told about him ... Mary treasured these things in her heart .... on the eighth day, they named him Jesus as the angel had told them to.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

On behalf of all at the Parish Office,
I would like to THANK EVERYONE OF YOU.
Another year has gone by,
and the new one is at the door.
Let us be grateful for the past,
look forward to the future.
We made mistakes in the last year,
let us learn from them.
Let us make the new one better.
And may God be with you all,
every day of your life.
May the Lord Jesus bless you
and keep you company always.

'Consult not your fears,
but your hopes and your dreams.
Think not about your frustrations,
but about your unfulfilled potential.
Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in,
but what it is still possible to do.
Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and failures
and look with confidence to the new day called tomorrow.'
— Pope John XXIII

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.

REMINDER: You may now start using your new envelopes for 2023. For those who have not picked up your Envelope Boxes can find their envelopes in the Church Hall inside entrance following all masses.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE | MASS INTENTIONS | CELEBRATION OF SAINTS

Mon. Jan. 2nd -
St. Basil the Great
9 am – NO MASS

Tues. Jan. 3rd –
9 am – 80th Birthday of Ching Gonzales

Wed. Jan. 4th –
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
9 am – Bette Mesquit†

Thurs. Jan. 5th –
St. John Neumann
9 am – Dominic DeMello†

Fri. Jan. 6th –
St. Andre Besette
9 am – Maria Teresa Fantauzzi†

Sat. Jan. 7th -
Saint Raymond of Peñafort
9 am – Robert Ruzic†
5 pm – Christina Romero

Sun. Jan. 8th , 2023
Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 am – Holy Souls†
10 am – Mary Wallace †
12 pm – Genovefa Lukawska †
2 pm – Audrey Mackesy (Baptism)

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 lramos@archtoronto.org.

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

Prayer Requests:

For those who are sick:

Remy Fresin , Perpetua Fernandes

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.

Marriage Sunday

Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. It also honours those who nurture marriage ministries - marriage preparation, enrichment, etc.

First celebrated in the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2011, His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins designated the weekend prior to the Family Day long weekend in Ontario as "Marriage Sunday".

In 2023, Marriage Sunday weekend will be celebrated on February 11/12, 2023.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, **Bishop Vincent Nguyen** will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples**, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023**. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register at www.archtoronto.org.

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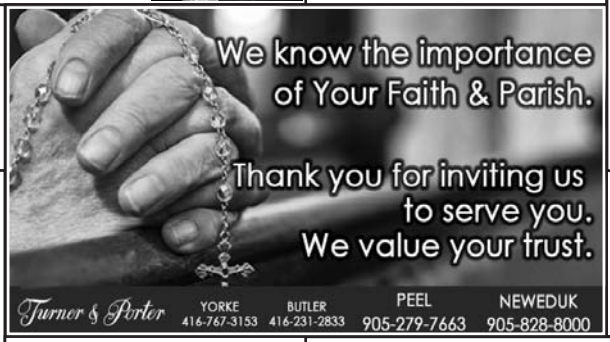

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