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*Oh Come
Let us Adore Him*

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
DEC/ JAN	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
26 <i>Mon, 9am</i>	Karin Doumouras – Thanksgiving Birthday	Karin Doumouras
27 <i>Tues, 9am</i>	Suresh Alfred +	Angela Alfred
28 <i>Wed, 9am</i>	Milagros Benedicto – Thanksgiving	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
29 <i>Thurs, 9am</i>	Bill Doumouras +	Karin Doumouras
30 <i>Fri, 9am</i>	Melanio Macarayan +	Teresita Macarayan
31 <i>Sat, 9am</i> 5pm 7pm	No Mass No Mass Vigil Mass – New Year’s Eve All Parishioners of Holy Cross
Jan 1 <i>Sun, 9am</i>	All Parishioners
11 am	Thanksgiving to Blessed Trinity, Holy Family, All Saints & Holy angels for Nicola’s Healing	Lella

Meditate on God’s Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
Gospel: Luke 2:1-14 Reflection –
Good News of Great Joy


The Birth of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Shepherds and the Angels


⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every **Tuesday to Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 10:00 a.m.** in the Church **except on holidays.**



Let us pray for the sick

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the “forgotten members” in our community.

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve Saturday, Dec 31st		New Year's Day Sunday Jan 1 st	
9am	No Mass	9am	Mass
5pm	No Mass	11am	Mass
7pm	Vigil Mass		

HISTORY OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Next Sunday, The 1st day of the New Year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. The Catholic Church observes many important feasts during the Twelve Days of Christmas. This includes the feasts of Saint Stephen, Saint John the Apostle, the Holy Innocents, and the Holy Family. However, none of these feasts are as important as the one observed on the eighth day of Christmas — the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

In the early centuries, Christmas was originally celebrated on January 6, along with the Feast of the Epiphany. After Christmas started to be celebrated with its own day and feast on December 25, the octave or eighth day of Christmas took on a new meaning. Celebrating the feast of the Mother of God, Mary, on January 1, became a common tradition in the East and most of the West. As this holiday was never officially established by the Church in the universal calendar, celebrating the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus Christ took the place of the Solemnity of Mary on January 1.

When the Novus Ordo was introduced, the liturgical calendar was revised, and the Feast of the Circumcision was sidelined in favor of reviving the ancient practice of the Solemnity of Mary. Thus, January 1 was once again dedicated to the Mother of God, and this time as a universally celebrated feast.

The Church has deemed the Solemnity of Mary a holy day of obligation. This day reminds Christians of the role she played as a Blessed Virgin, which eventually led to their salvation. After all, the birth of Christ wouldn't have been possible without Mary.

**Annual GTA Prayer Service
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023**



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 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St. at King St. W. in Toronto) on Sunday January 22, 2023, at 4 p.m. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.



Marriage Sunday 2023 - Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Vincent Nguyen February 12, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. 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 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. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream **Mass** here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.



Office

Dec 23 Fri	9am – 12 noon
Dec 24-27	Office Closed
Dec 28	9-4pm
Dec 29	9-4pm
Dec 30 Fri	9am – 12 noon
Dec 31 Jan 2	Office Closed

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Reminder"**

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