

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Please Pray For All The Sick

Augusta D'Souza, Joanne Milligan, Ann MacGillivray, Gregory Kelly, Kenneth Hill, Fred Weber, Miyanna Figueroa, Brian Cabral, Mariana Weglinski, Boguslaw Cop, and Aissa Aro.

And we pray for those whose death anniversaries occur about this time that they may live in glory forever with God and all the Saints.



The Octave of Christmas falls on New Year's Day. Given the fact that the pagans used to celebrate this day through dissolute activities and superstition, the ancient Church helped believers begin the new year with a "new Spirit" through the practice of days of fasting and penance. In 431, during the Council of Ephesus that concluded on 22 June, the dogma of faith regarding "Mary's divine maternity" was declared. Thus, in 1931, on the Council's 15th centenary, Pope Pius XI established the liturgical feast that we already find celebrated in the 7th century. It is a day laden with meaning and contains many messages: the Octave of Christmas recalls the day Jesus was circumcised and given His name, it is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, and it is also the day on which the World Day of Peace is celebrated (established by Pope Saint Paul VI in 1968). There truly are many messages to be received on this first day of the year. We are invited to learn from the Virgin Mary to "keep" the Word in our hearts, and to ask ourselves what the Lord Jesus wants to say to us as the days go by, knowing that God's blessing always accompanies us, as the First Reading from Numbers reminds us.

*We wish you all a Happy & Healthy 2023!
May you be with our good God throughout the New Year;*

*May God Bless you always with
enough happiness to keep you sweet;
enough trials to keep you strong;
enough success to keep you eager;
enough faith to give you courage;
and enough determination to make each day a
good one.*

Father Gijo, Father Shyju, & Deacon Miguel



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL & PARISH OFFICE NEW YEAR'S HOURS

Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be closed from December 31st to January 2nd inclusive.

From December 28th through to January 6th the church and office will close at 4pm. There are no evening hours for Church, Chapel and Office. Regular hours will resume on January 7th, 2023.

New Year's Mass Schedule

Monday, January 2nd, 2023

Morning Mass at 9:00 am – Chapel & Office Closed

Marriage Sunday 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 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.

Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023



Masses For The Week

9:00 am Monday, January 2

For the repose of the souls of Nicholas Leite Pacheco and Tiago Leite;

Requested by the Leite Family

For the repose of the soul of Philip Ferrao;

Requested by Micheline Venner

Special Intentions and Blessings for Norma Crooks;

Requested by the Family

8:30 am Tuesday, January 3

For the repose of the soul of Angel C. Envargo;

Requested by Stephen & Odette de Souza

8:30 am Wednesday, January 4

For the repose of the souls of Ed & Anne Soye;

Requested by the Soye Family

For the repose of the soul of Ruby Macabeo;

Requested by Evelyn Macabeo and Family

8:30 am Thursday, January 5

For the repose of the soul of Wilfredo Gonzalvo;

Requested by the Ong Family

Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Melanie Pickering;

Requested by the Family

8:30 am Friday, January 6

For the repose of the souls of Godfrey Fernandes & Eunice D'Lima;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Aramita Noronha;

Requested by the Mascarenhas Family

9:00 am Saturday, January 7

Special Intentions for the Choo Family;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Wilfredo Gonzalvo;

Requested by Cecilia Mojica

For the repose of the soul of Philip Ferrao;

Requested by the Family

5:00 pm

For the repose of the soul of Martha Fernandes;

Requested by the Lobo Family

For the repose of the soul of Rowena D'Cruz;

Requested by Gonsalves Family

For the repose of the soul of Meliton Auza;

Requested by the Tordecilla Family

8:00 am Sunday, January 8

For the repose of the soul of Crescencia Sylianco;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Danuta Duzyk;

Requested by the Lecki Family

For the repose of the soul of Leanne Bonga;

Requested by Tom & Mima Phelan

10:00 am

For the Intentions of the Parishioners.

12:00 pm - Multiple Intentions



The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides service to the poor and others in need in our community. "We see Christ in anyone who suffers and help in all possible ways." Today, we would like to thank you for your generosity in helping us with our annual Christmas Collection. To date we have raised \$6,169.00 and were able to help 50 needy families in our parish through our Christmas Hamper program. We would like to thank our hard working volunteers for their time and efforts organizing and preparing the hampers for all the families with food, toys and vouchers. Thank you for picking up and organizing the generous donations of food and gifts from our schools, individuals and local businesses. Without our volunteers, donors and our generous parishioners, Christmas and these relief efforts would not be possible in our community

God bless you all!



The Filipino Community invites you to
Fiesta Santo Niño Mass on Saturday, January 7th 2023
at 12:00 noon

Celebrant: Fr. Shyju Jose

Choir: God's Family Choir

Followed by reception in the Carmel Hall.

Please check bulletin board for more details or contact Cecilia Hortillo @ 647-965-1570

A Note from the Parish Office...

2023 Donation Envelope Boxes

As the year quickly comes to an end, we would like to everyone who have picked up their 2023 box. There is still quite a number of boxes which haven't been picked up yet. Please do so or if you are not interested in having your donation box we would like to hear from you as soon as possible, so that we can remove them from your family profile. **As usual practice we recommend the recording of your name, address and phone number on the first three-four envelopes of your new box to make certain we have the correct information in our database.**



**Thank you to everyone who generously donated to
Last week's offering.**

Weekly Total: \$7002.40

Christmas Offering: \$16,697.15