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prepare the way...

MASS INTENTIONS



This week the Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated:
In Thanksgiving for the graces received
requested by The Cabral family

Monday December 23

12:05 pm In thanksgiving
requested by Letty Denovan

Tuesday December 24

Christmas Eve

5 pm † Delfin Briones in remembrance on her birthday
requested by the Briones & Patacsil families

9:30 pm † Rev. Peter Tammearu
requested by Alice & Brian Warford

Wednesday December 25

The Nativity of the Lord [Christmas]

10 am For the People of the Parish

Thursday December 26

St. Stephen, The First Martyr

12:05 pm † Jeong Seang Gil & Kim Eunyep
requested by Sarah Jeong

Friday December 27

followed by Divine Mercy Devotions

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

12:05 pm † Suffering Souls in Purgatory
requested by Allan Tanaka of F.O.S.S.

Saturday December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9 am † Cristiano Medeiros
requested by Jorgina Medeiros

5 pm † Jose & Celestina Botelito
requested by Jorgina Medeiros

Sunday December 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9 am In thanksgiving
requested by Linda Quial

11 am † Socrates Fernandez
requested by Laurie & Serge Llarenas



Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises God has made to the House of David.

Today's readings remind us that in Christ Jesus, God has been faithful to the promises he made to his Chosen People. Our salvation in Christ is how we are reconciled back to God, who created us and loves us.



MASS SCHEDULE

at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Christmas Eve: 5 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

Christmas Day: 10 a.m.

New Year's Eve: 5 p.m.

New Year's Day: 10 a.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Dec. 22	1:30 – 3:30 & 6 – 8 pm	Church Decorating for Christmas
Thu. Dec. 26	6 – 9 pm	Legion of Mary & Meeting
Fri. Dec. 27	12:30 pm	Divine Mercy Devotions



REGISTRATION

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Registration for the 2020 Sacrament programs has already begun. Registration has been completed at the school this year.

Anyone still interested in registering can pick up a form at the back of the church. All completed forms must be returned to the Parish Office along with a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate and registration fee.

Deadline for registration is January 11, 2020. Any registration submitted after this time cannot be accepted.

MASS ATTENDANCE

December 14th & 15th

5 pm 80

9 am 100

11 am 153

Offertory: \$3,861.20

Thank you for your generous contribution!

Making Room for Jesus

As Christmas fast approaches and Advent is drawing to a close, let us remind ourselves of the importance of this liturgical season. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas as well as His final coming at the end of time. However, the great saints of the church also speak of an intermediary coming, the coming of Christ to our present lives. Let us take a moment to ask ourselves, if the Lord showed up in our life today, would there be room for Him?

As stewards, we often face the temptation to let our works of charity become a life of volunteering instead of a spirituality of service. Our many works may begin to take precedence over our relationship with Christ which should always remain as the source of our stewardship. This Advent, as we are waiting for Christ, Christ is also waiting for us. Jesus says in the Book of Revelation, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you" (Revelation 3:20). He is waiting for us to open the door and let him in.

We can let him into our lives as stewards by realizing it is not ourselves ministering to our neighbour, but the love and presence of Christ within us. St. Teresa of Calcutta says it best when she proclaims that, "it is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at someone and offer them your hand." St. Teresa of Calcutta fully embodies the spirit of stewardship that makes room for Christ to love others through her. Let us strive to let Jesus into our lives as we approach Christmas.

Summary

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~ taken from www.archtoronto.org/stewardship ~



May the joy of Christmas and the peace which the Birth of the Saviour brings into the world be in your hearts forever.

~St. John Paul II~

Wishing you and your family a Blessed Christmas!

Clergy & Staff

St. Stephen

Embodies the True Christmas Spirit

For many of us, the day after Christmas is spent returning gifts, visiting relatives, or taking down our Christmas trees. But liturgically speaking, December 26th has traditionally been seen as the day to go out and live in the spirit of Christ – the Christmas spirit.

That's one of the main reasons, in fact, that we celebrate the feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr, on this day. Just as the feast of Christmas celebrates Jesus' role in God's plan of salvation, the feast of St. Stephen points out how we might respond to the great gift of Emmanuel. It's as if on December 26, we say, "God is with us."

Christmas is not just the story of a child in a manger or a tree covered in lights. It's about the new life of heaven taking root in us and spreading outward.

Like Stephen, we spread this new life by becoming more like Jesus: bringing good news to the poor, loving our enemies, and asking the Father to show his healing power. Living out the Christmas spirit means all of this and more. Let that sink in – and let it overflow to the world.

~ extracted from an article, *Bringing Heaven to Earth*, written by Kathryn Elliot ~



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank you all for the donations throughout the year that have assisted our neighbours and families in need.

If you would like to make a special donation this Christmas, there are labelled envelopes located at the front of the church. If you have any questions, please ask any of the Vincentians or send an email to ihmScarborough.svdP@gmail.com

"He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."

~ Proverbs 19:17 ~



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