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#### **PASTORAL TEAM**

Pastor: Fr. John-Mark Missio In residence: Fr. Joseph Moncada, Fr. Joaper Geraneo



# CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Nativity of the Lord		
Wednesday, December 24	5:00 PM	
	8:00 PM	
	11:00 PM - Carols	
	11:30 PM	
Thursday, December 25	8:30 AM	
	10:00 AM	
	12:00 Noon	
Mary, Mother of God		
Wednesday, December 31	5:00 PM	
Thursday, January 1	8:30 AM	
	10:00 AM	
	12:00 Noon	



Join us in celebrating this cherished Filipino tradition that unites our community in joyful anticipation of Christ's birth. Simbang Gabi, a nine-day series of early morning Masses, offers a meaningful way to prepare spiritually for Christmas allowing the faithful to reflect on the true essence of the season.

Date	Time	Day	Presider	
Sunday, December 21	5:30 AM	6	Fr. Joaper Geraneo	
Monday, December 22	5:30 AM	7	Fr. Egbert Dumali	
Tuesday, December 23	5:30 AM	8	Fr. Egbert Dumali	
Wednesday, December 24	5:30 AM	9	Fr. Egbert Dumali	
Breakfast follows at PB Hall				



Thank you for collectively donating \$85,055.00 to our charity, ShareLife, which represents 96.1% of our prescribed parish goal of \$88,500. Please give generously if you have not, or please give a little bit more, to help the

many in need during these taxing times.

An anonymous donor has offered to match each individual gift to the Archdiocese from now to the end of December so please give as you are able.

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Christmas blessings to all!

May Christ fill everyone's home with all the blessings of Christmas as you celebrate the Lord's Nativity. Just as the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were radiant with God's love, as the stable was filled with the light of the star. and as the shepherds



worshiped and angels filled the heavens with beautiful music, may your home too be filled with the joy of Christmas.

Together, let us bless and thank our Loving God, the Holy Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for giving us life and salvation, and giving us our family and friends to celebrate with. May our Christmas celebrations make us truly grateful for so many blessings which God showers upon us.

#### **2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**



Please pick up your box in the foyer. If you cannot find a new set of envelopes, please contact the parish office by phone or e-mail so that we can ensure a set is provided for you.

Your support for the parish is crucial and your sacrificial giving is our only means of keeping the lights on and the doors open. Thanks to those also giving by Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), which is a convenient way to make your offering. Please consider PAG if you would like this alternative to using envelopes (visit <a href="https://www.preciousblood.ca/pag/">www.preciousblood.ca/pag/</a> for details.)

#### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**



"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did?

If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, December 20 – Saturday, December 27

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025

8:30 am Thanksgiving Mass (Rita and Family)

5:00 pm + Nino Carmine Salines

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

8:30 am Thanksgiving for Ines & Celso Apduhan

10:00 am All Parishioners ("Pro Populo")

12:00 pm + Eduarda Sajulan (Death Anniversary) &

Christopher Manuyag (Death Anniversary)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025

8:00 am Mario Gano

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2025

8:00 am Leovino Esmillo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025

8:00 am + Celine Pinto

5:00 pm All Parishioners ("Pro Populo") 8:00 pm All Parishioners ("Pro Populo") 11:30 pm All Parishioners ("Pro Populo")

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025

8:30 am
All Parishioners ("Pro Populo")
10:00 am
All Parishioners ("Pro Populo")
12:30 pm
All Parishioners ("Pro Populo")

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2025

8:00 am + Mariestella Saverimuthu

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025

8:30 am + Buen Arriola 5:00 pm + Desmond Dias

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) Precious Blood Council invites you to participate in the

### 2026 YOUTH AWARDS CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE CWL TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL.

#### 1)Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry Contest

This contest supports and encourages an awareness and positive attitude towards a broad range of pro-life issues from stages of conception through childhood, adolescence, adulthood and senior years, to the new life stage after death.



#### **Eligibility:**

a. Intermediate Level - Grade 7, 8, & 9 b. Senior Level - Grade 10, 11, & 12

Deadline of application: February 13, 2026

2)Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest (Prepared Speech and Impromptu Speech)

Eligibility: Grade 7 and 8

Deadline of application: February 27, 2026

3) Jean McCann Youth Service Award

Deadline of application: February 13, 2026

Please email Service Chair Lindsay Pawson at <a href="mailto:pawsonl@yahoo.ca">pawsonl@yahoo.ca</a> who should be glad to assist you with your application.

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#### **MEMORIAL PLAQUE**

Remembering a loved one: The name of a beloved family member can be engraved on one of the memorial plaques at the entrance of the church.

Would you like to have this remembrance of someone in your family? Just contact the office.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?...**



The well-known Christmas carol, Silent Night, perhaps one of the most popular around the world, originated in Austria. The lyrics were written in 1816 by Father Mohr, a Roman Catholic

priest. On Christmas Eve of 1818 he handed them over to Franz Xaver Gruber, who composed the beautiful music. The carol was first sung on December 24, 1818, with guitar accompaniment, in St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, Austria. The carol was translated into English in 1859 by Bishop John Freeman Young (Florida).

The words of the carol "Joy to the World" were written by Isaac Watts in 1719. He actually wrote the words to glorify the Second coming of the Lord. The music was adapted in 1839 by Lowell Mason, a leading figure in American church music, from an older melody. Due to some similarities, that melody is believed to have been inspired by Handel's Messiah.

#### CHANGE IN MAILING ADDRESS



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