



Dear friends in Christ,

“A child has been born for us, a son given to us, authority rests upon his shoulders. And he is named wonder counsellor, mighty God, everlasting father, prince of peace”. These words of the prophet Isaiah are words written to proclaim the birth of a great King.

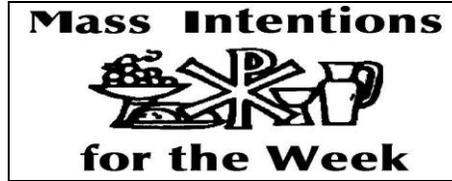
We traditionally put a light in the crib. I don't know the origins of that tradition. At a human level, it makes sense that where people are living, even for a few short days, there should be a light. But when you think that Jesus **is** the light, *then* it seems to me that the little light in our crib is meant to shine **outwards** rather than inwards.

In much the same way, we who are the disciples of Jesus are not called just to gather here once a week and to be comfortable in the light of Christ, we are called to **reflect** that light outwards so that it reaches into all the dark corners of the world. It is our mission to shine the light of compassion, truth and justice into the marketplace, into the board-room, into our schools, our hospitals and into all the places that we go. That is how we give Glory to God in the Highest.

We live our lives in between the birth of Jesus and His coming again at the end of time. The challenge for us, as St Paul says is “to be self-restrained and to live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing that will come”. If, to use the words of Isaiah, “our gladness is greater”, it is not because everything is sorted. It is because the Lord is near. Like the light shining in the darkness, that is what gives us the courage to live from day to day in justice and integrity.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas. I thank you for your support and encouragement all the time. I pray for your family members, especially those who are sick or away from home at this time. God bless you all.

Fr. George Parayil



December 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Monday	9:30	Christmas Eve
Tuesday		Christmas Day
Wednesday	9:30	Josephine Indovina
	7:30 pm	Maria Cianco Lorenz Stachelscheid Iva & Marinko Granic Elizabetta Tarantino Sean Conlon Thanksgiving & Blessing from the Glabla Family (L) Teresa Stpicki (L) Blessed Trinity St. Anne Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	9:30	Charlie Kelly & Family (L)
Friday	9:30	Sebastiao Lima Adelina & Quiteria Oliviera
Saturday	9:30	Rosalba Mendizza
	5:30 pm	Robert & Amelie Lee Chong
Sunday	7:45	Special Blessings for Dick & Corry Van Staveren's 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv. (L)
	9:00	Salvatore Durante Danilo Reffo Vincenzo Fiorillo Simon & Shabo Jama Ipthadg Jama Latifa Bahna (L)
	10:30	Parishioners of Transfiguration & Francis De Souza
	12:00 pm	Sheryl Teskey Cabraja
	7:00 pm	Giuseppe Vannelli

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The 2019 Sunday Missals are available in the parish office at a cost of \$5.00 per book.

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**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. - Family with children  
7:30 p.m.  
12 Midnight

**DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. Italian  
10:30 a.m.  
12 Noon

**NO EVENING 7:00 p.m. MASS**

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**CHAPEL CLOSING**

Our chapel will close at 4:00 p.m. on  
Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
and will re-open on December 27<sup>th</sup>.

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**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The parish office will close at  
12:00 Noon on December 24<sup>th</sup>  
and will re-open on December 27<sup>th</sup>.

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**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>**

5:30 p.m.

**JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Italian  
10:30 a.m.  
12 Noon

**NO EVENING MASS**

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**CHAPEL CLOSING**

Our chapel will close at 4:00 p.m. on  
New Year's Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
and will re-open on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The parish office will close at  
12:00 Noon on December 31<sup>st</sup>  
and will re-open on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**PARISH ENVELOPES**

Envelopes for the year 2019 are  
available in the parish vestibule. They are  
displayed **numerically** so please make sure  
you know your number when you come into  
the vestibule. Please **DO NOT** start using  
your envelopes until the New Year  
and at that time throw away any  
remaining 2018 envelopes.

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**Please remember the following  
people in your prayers:**

Theresa Burns, Pat G., Noemy Pereira,  
Clint Viegas, Samuel Cordeiro,  
Arthur Ruston, Avio Carboni,  
Susan Gonsalves, Charlotte Pazder,  
Bud Radeczy, Raphael Colaco,  
Vittorio Silvestri, Maria Bela,  
Victor Colaco, Jennifer Dean-Khayat

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**RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

After over 36 years of service as a  
Parish Secretary, Lynda Risavy is  
setting her sights on a well-deserved  
retirement. All are welcome to join us  
for refreshments after the 10:30 am  
Mass this weekend in wishing Lynda all  
the best in her retirement.

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**VOCATION SEEDS**

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of  
Mary as a priest or religious or deacon to  
carry the Good News of God's great Love?

If you think God is calling you, **contact  
Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director**

**Call (416)968-0997,**

**email: vocations@archtoronto.org**

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Held bi-weekly on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month.

**Dates:**

- January 18 – The Pursuit of Happiness
- February 1 – The Return
- February 15 – Father vs. Genie
- March 1 – Rules Rules Rules

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Held bi-weekly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month.

**Dates:**

- January 11 – The Elephant on my Chest
- January 25 – Exam Stress Release Activity
- February 8 – Body Language
- February 22 – Holy or Hypocrite

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**SPECTACULAR  
SOUTH AFRICA 2019 TRIP**

*Led under the direction of Fr. George Parayil  
September 25<sup>th</sup> – October 8<sup>th</sup>*

**CAD \$5,350.00 (double occupancy)**

**CAD \$6,200.00 (single occupancy)**

**Places to Visit:** Johannesburg, Mabula, Lesedi, Knysna, Oudtshoorn & Cape Town

**Special Attractions:** Extraordinary encounter with South Africa's bushveld at the Mabula Game Reserve, Cruise the Knysna, Explore the coves, caves & bays of its coastline, See the famous Garden Route, Visit the Ostrich Farm, Wildlife Ranch, Cango Caves, Board cable car to Table Mountain & See the scenic landscapes of South Africa's Cape Peninsula.

**Package Includes:** Accomodation in 4 or 5 star hotels, Daily breakfast, lunch & dinner, All transfers & sightseeing is on private basis in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle, International flight from and back to Toronto, Internal flights (Johannesburg - George), All entrance fees as per itinerary, Game drives in Mabula Game Reserve, Unique experiences of African traditional activities, Services of experienced Intersight Tour Manager & Services of English speaking guide for sightseeing as per itinerary.

**For further information, please contact:**

Fr. George at (416)247-0513 ext. 0 or 1

**Travel arrangements by:**

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(416)623-7389 or (647)989-7568

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