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CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MINISTRY

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 24, 2017
CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MINISTRY**

“Christ, the Saviour is born”



By: Wilson Andrade, CSC

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent we light the last Candle in the Advent Wreath as we complete the circle of preparation for the birth of our Saviour. As we complete the circle we now focus on the Center of the Circle where a *white candle* is ready to be lit on the Christmas day – *a symbol of Christ* – The True Light of the world. The True Light of Christ comes from the Center to the four corners of the world. So let’s put God at the center of our lives, let the Light of Christ flow into us and dispel the darkness of our lives.

This promise has been foretold by the ancient prophecy of Isaiah who gives the sign of God-with-us (Emmanuel) *“a virgin shall bear a son.”* This is what we celebrate in Jesus Christ born of Blessed Virgin Mary, who for us becomes the means of our Salvation, since it was Jesus through his life, death and resurrection *“saved the people from their sins.”* We celebrate the Birth of Jesus, because he saved us from sin and death, gave us hope of resurrection of life.

Christmas is time to celebrate Jesus Christ. His Birth itself is the great joy, fulfillment of the ancient prophecy, a divine promise, and a human redemption. So the *“Good news and great joy to all the world: Today is born our saviour, Christ the Lord”*. How do we receive this Good News? How do we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour? *This sacred time* is not a passing event of a secular culture filling us with temporary joys shining lights on a bogus tree, or empty promises of marketing tags, or expensive gifts without true love. Rather this is the time to celebrate the True Light comes from Christ, Fulfilment of Divine promise of hope and receiving the True Gift from God – *The Birth of Our Saviour and Our Lord*. So Lets Celebrate *Emmanuel* – God-with-us.

O Come Divine Messiah – fill us with your **Light**, your **Joy** and your **Love**. Amen

ADVENT SEASON MASS SCHEDULE - 2017

Sunday, Dec. 24

10:30 a.m.: Advent Mass
12:30 p.m.: Native Mass
2:30 p.m.: Bridgepoint Mass
3:30 p.m.: Hospital Carols
7:00 p.m.: Family Mass
9:00 p.m.: Native Senior
11:30 p.m.: Christmas carols
12:00 a.m.: Midnight mass

Monday, Dec. 25

10:30 a.m.: Christmas Mass

6:00 p.m.: NO Mass

Saturday, Dec. 30

5:00 p.m.: Feast of the Holy Family Mass
6:00 p.m.: Family Potluck Fellowship

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017

10:30 a.m.: Feast of the Holy Family Mass
12:30 p.m.: Native Mass
6:00 p.m.: Family Mass
11:00 p.m.: Midnight mass

Monday, Jan. 1, 2018

10:30 a.m.: Thanksgiving Mass

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Mass Intentions

(December 22 – December 30, 2017)

Thursday, December 28: *The Holy Innocents*

8:00 a.m.: +Barney Kearns

Saturday, December 30:

5:00 p.m.: +Barney Kearns

Holy Family Feast Potluck Dinner



The Holy Family Prayer Group invites you on **Saturday, December 30** to celebrate with us the Feats of the Holy Family. You are welcome to bring a favourite dish to share, after the 5:00 p.m. mass.

Merry Christmas

During the Vigil Mass for the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we complete the circle of preparation for the birth of our Saviour. We now focus on the Center of the Circle where a *white candle* is ready to be lit on Christmas day – *a symbol of Christ* – The True Light of the world. So let the Light of Christ flow into us and let's put God at the center of our lives.

On behalf of the Parish Community of St. Ann and Native People's Mission, we would like to wish all of you a Blessed and grace-filled Christmas Celebration. As we celebrate the Year of Ministry, we pray and ask God's light shine upon us who involved in different ministries, to bless and to bring faith, hope and love to everyone we ministered to.

May the birth of Christ help us to deepen our love, strengthen our faith and reassure our hope in God, bringing peace and joy to the world.

Major Fundraiser Activity

After the consultation with the Finance Council, we will begin our Major Fundraiser Activity and will be distributing Donation envelopes to the members of the parish. There is a letter of Request for Donation and pledge card. Please do take one. You are welcome to give it to those whom you think could be potential donors to support our Fund Raising Activities.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

A special Mass will be celebrated on January 14, 2018 at Good Shepherd Chaldean Cathedral, 2 High Meadow Place, North York at 1 p.m. A reception will follow immediately afterwards. His Excellency, Bishop Bawai Soro, the new Eparchial Bishop of the Mar Addai Chaldean Eparchy of Canada will celebrate the Mass, and Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto will be the homilist. Please join our community and other members of the Catholic community throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto on this important occasion.

Envelopes for 2018

Envelopes for 2018 are now available at the back of the church. If you would like an envelope box, or to contribute through P.A.G., please fill out and submit the respective form. Those who have given the form for Envelopes, can now receive them at the entrance.

Christmas Donations to the poor

There are a number of items that are displayed at the entrance of the Church. Donations made from these items will be used to help the poor with food and clothing during the winter season.

- ♥ 2018 Calendars: \$1.00
- ♥ New Missals: \$ 5.00
- ♥ Family Prayer Book: \$ 5.00
- ♥ Christmas Ornaments: \$ 2.00



Envelopes will be distributed to buy the flowers and liturgical items to make a beautiful Christmas Crib and decorate the Altar.

Children's Christmas pageant

Thanks to everyone that participated and contributed to this year's Christmas Play. Particular commendation goes out to Nancy and Melody McMullan for their faithful tending of the children who took part in the Christmas pageant. After the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve mass, we will gather at the Hall for fellowship. **You are welcome to bring refreshments and goodies to share with everyone.**





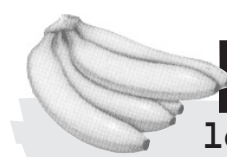
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