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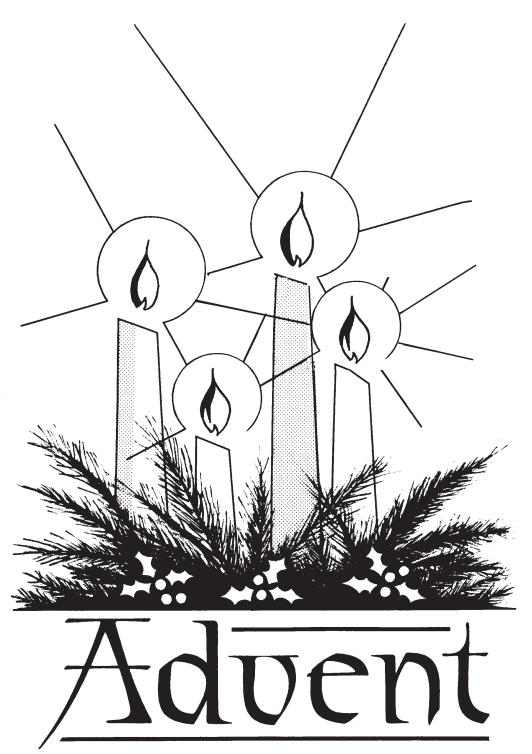
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Our Saviour has been born.....

We are at the most wonderful time of the year as we celebrate the birth of Christ, our Saviour, at Christmas. Jesus Christ, for those who believe, is the very heart of Christmas. So often all the "busyness" and distractions around Christmas obscures that fact. He came into the world to show God's deep and personal love for each one of us. Each one of us is precious and unique in God's eyes, regardless of the many human limitations we each live. In turn Jesus invites each of us to reflect that love in our care, compassion and concern for one another especially for the least in our community and our world. In the name of our parish community I extend a very warm welcome to you all to join with us for Christmas Celebrations.

The birth of Christ has brought salvation to the humanity and saved each of us. The saviour of the world was born in a manger, in a very humble and simple way, to give us the best example to follow. He is the fulfillment of all prophesies, He is the incarnated word of God, He is the light and life of the humanity. May our celebration of Christmas be a proclamation of Christ's birth and of His care and concern for the humanity. As we experience the goodness from our Lord throughout our life, let us wish and pray that our afflicted brothers and sisters all over the world may also experience His joy and peace in their troubled situations. May this Christmas season begin to bring healing where hurt, conflict or a sense of isolation or exclusion exists. There is a warm welcome and a place for everyone in our Parish Community, not only at Christmas, but always.

A big thanks to everyone who makes our parish life more lively by your active participation in various ministries of our parish. I'm receiving tremendous support and help from all of you, and I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to each one of you as we celebrate the wondrous birth of our Lord. Let us continue to be supportive of one another and instrumental in bringing joy and happiness of our Lord to our parish community.

And in the New Year we are starting an hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, on every second Tuesday of the month. I encourage all of you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to pray together for all of us and for the whole world.

Along with the parish staff I wish you all a merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year 2018.

Fr. Prasanth George CMI



Day/Time	Date	Intentions
Sat. 5:00pm	December 23	+ Mary Treacy requested by Rita and Angela & family
Sun. 9:30am	December 24	People of the Parish
Sun. 11:00am	December 24	People of the Parish
Tues. 9:00am	December 26 St. Stephen, The First Martyr	No Mass Intention
Wed. 9:00am	December 27 St. John Apostle and Evangelist	No Mass Intention
Thurs. 9:00am	December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	No Mass Intention
Fri. 9:00am	December 29	+ Joseph Drum Requested by Joan Drum and Family

The Nativity of our Lord - Christmas

Dec. 24, Sunday 5:00pm - Christmas Eve Dec. 24, Sunday 7:00pm - Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

Dec. 25, Monday 11:00am - Christmas Day

The Feast of The Holy Family

Dec. 30, Saturday 5:00pm Dec. 31, Sunday 9.30am Dec. 31, Sunday 11:00am

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Day of Obligation in Canada

Dec. 31, Sunday 5:00pm – New Year's Eve Mass for all the Faithful Departed for 2017 and their families

Jan.01, Monday 11.00 am – New Year's Day



A BIG Thank You to all of you who helped in making our Children's Christmas Party a huge success. Santa came and sang carols with the children, the craft table was

very busy, and so was our food table. It was a joy to hear and see the children happy. It was an event that made our community alive and well.

December 23 and 24, 2017 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sacramental Calendar

<u>Please submit the baptismal forms four weeks before the baptismal date.</u> This will allow the office to gather all information necessary for the baptism.

A Baptismal Preparation Course for parents intending to have their infants get baptized is being offered every first Sunday of each month. Next Baptismal Preparation Course will take place on January 7, Sunday, at 12 noon, at Corpus Christi Parish Hall. If you are not registered, please pick up forms at the Parish Office. Baptism next month (January 2018) will take place on January 21, Sunday, at 12 noon, right after the 11:00 am Mass.

<u>"Eucharistic Adoration is the secret to knowing the love of Jesus Christ"</u> Pope Francis



Our parish is beginning an hour of adoration on every second Tuesday of the month beginning on 9 January 2018, from 7:00 – 8.00pm.

We will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and spend some

time in silent prayer and a benediction to conclude.

We encourage everyone to spend one hour with Jesus and experience a wonderful personal relationship with Him. Come let us Adore Him......

World Day of Migrants and Refugees Sunday – January 14, 2018

The theme announced by his Holiness Pope Francis for the 2018 World Day of Migrants and Refugees is Welcoming Protecting, Promoting and Integrating Migrants and Refugees. In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that "every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age...."

A special mass will be celebrated on Sunday January 14, 2018 at 1.pm at the Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Cathedral, 2 High Meadow Place in North York. Bishop Kirkpatrick will be in the homilist for this liturgy. A reception will follow with a number of dignitaries in attendance.

The Sunday Offertory Collection and PAG are our only viable source of income.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Please consider donating through PAG - Pre - Authorized Giving. You can set-up your PAG donations on a weekly or monthly basis. PAG Cards are available at the vestibule of the church to be used instead of the regular envelopes during the offertory collection.

Also *please seal your donation envelopes.* When some envelopes are not sealed, your donation tends to slip out of the envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Major Relic of St. Francis Xavier to visit the Archdiocese of Toronto, January 12-14 2018

The relic will be hosted by St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Jan. 12, St. Francis Xavier Church, in Mississauga, on Jan. 13 and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on January 14. More information and a full schedule of events can be found at www.cco.ca/relic. The body of St. Francis, which is buried in Goa, India, as well as the relic of his arm are incorrupt — they have not experienced natural decay since his death in 1552.

2018 Envelopes

The Envelopes for 2018 are ready for pick up at the back of the Church from this weekend. If you are picking up envelopes for your relatives, friends, or neighbours, please fill out the sheets provided in the folder next to the boxes.

<u>Pre-Authorised Giving (PAG)</u> is the most viable way to support the parish. At this time of the year, we encourage you to consider changing from the use of envelops to the PAG. The sign-up sheets for PAG are available at the back of the church or you can pick it up from the office during the office hours.

Revised Office Hours

Office will be closed for Christmas on Friday 22, at 12:00pm and will reopen on Wednesday 27 at 9:30. And for New Year we are closing at 12:00pm and will reopen on Tuesday January 2, at 9:30 am.



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