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I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas.

I have found that we often add ideas or themes to an event in our desire to say something about it (or to write a greeting!) You may have noticed every holiday becomes about seeing our family peace being charitable or sharing food. Of course, peace is something we ought to pray for and put into practice in our lives along with charity all year round.

But as my mother once said, "If you need a holiday to come and see me something is wrong" (Personally I think she is quite right.) And everyone knows that I don't need a special reason to eat too much! In all this the Holy days and celebrations risk becoming indistinguishable and devoid of meaning in and of themselves. We risk the manger or the Christmas tree not speaking to us of Christ or the peace of God (which is what the Christmas tree signifies) simply being decorations and not a devotion or a spiritual focus.

Of course, we know the true meaning of Christmas. We celebrate both with pious solemnity and great joy the incarnation of our Saviour Jesus Christ. He the second person of the Blessed Trinity, who existed before all else that was, light from light true God from true God, through whom all was made, took on our human nature and human form and became man, like us in all things but sin. He was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary in humble estate. God the creator entered His own creation, what a profound mystery! He came to be our redeemer out of love for us and in the crib waits for our love in return and He blesses all who come to Him.

I hope and pray that the blessings we receive this season may remain with us throughout the year.

Fr. Boniface

LOVE



Wishing you a blessed 4th Sunday of Advent



*A tutte le famiglie della nostra
Comunita' parrocchiale,
Tanti e tanti auguri*

Per un felicissimo e Santo Natale



2026 Offertory Envelopes

Your 2026 Sunday Donation Envelopes
are available in the Gold Room.

They can be picked up during office hours or ask
the ushers after the Masses.

Thank you for your generous financial support
throughout 2025.

LE BUSTE PER L'OFFERTA DOMENICALE 2026

Vi preghiamo di prelevare il vostro pacchetto
nell'Gold room. Se iniziate quest'anno ad usare le buste,
Chiamate in ufficio per registrare. Grazie a tutti per il
sostegno finanziario che date alla parrocchia.



"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 Mr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations,
Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or
vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



“He was created of a mother whom he created.
He was carried by hands that he formed.
He cried in the manger in wordless infancy.
He the word without whom
all human eloquence is mute.”

St. Augustine



A very heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all the staff and students of St. Bernard School and Chaminade College School who donated boxes of food for our Food Drive and helped to make it a great success.

THANK YOU also to all who generously donated food, household items and gift certificates.

With your donations we were able to help 36 families within our parish community.

Your charity is wonderful to see.

A special **THANK YOU** to all our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers, without your hard work and dedication this could not have been achieved.

May God continue to bless you and your families for your faith and kindness.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul St. Bernard Conference are looking for New Members

Would you like to serve Christ through our neighbors who are in need? Do you want to help and make a difference in people's lives? If this is something you would like to do, Come join us and volunteer. Let's put our faith into action. Our neighbors in need deserve all the help we can provide.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul needs you.

Please contact our Parish office at 416-241-6738.

Weekly Collection

Last week, our collection was \$4,020.20

It takes 5,000.00 to cover weekly expenses.

Thank you to those who continue to support us.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 20th to Sunday, December 28th

Sat 20 th	5:00 pm	Catherine MacIntyre Elide Buset Theresa Le Thi Diep Dino Cabanlit & Deceased Cabanlit Family Filomena Liberato
Sun 21 st	9:00 am	In Onore di Santa Lucia Defunti Famiglia Antonio Di Vona Benito & Maria Bellissimo Iolanda Florio Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi Maria & Luigi Gentile Angela & Umberto Torres Francesca Bianchi
	10:30 am	Adelia Barazza Vinko Jelenic Lucijan Spinoti
	12:00 pm	PRO POPOLO
Mon 22 nd	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
	7:00 pm	Maria Di Bernardo
Tues 23 rd	8:00 am	Olimpia & Armando Castellucci
Wed 24 th	CHRISTMAS EVE	
	5:00 pm	English Mass
	7:00 pm	Malayalam Mass
	12:00 am	Midnight Mass English
Thurs 25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY	
	9:00 am	Italian Mass
	10:30 am	English Mass
	12:00 pm	English Mass
Fri 26 th	9:00 am	Giovanni Monte
Sat 27 th	5:00 pm	Catherine MacIntyre Theresa Le Thi Diep
Sun 28 th	9:00 am	Giovanni & Ascienza Di Vona Francesco Conforti Beniamino & Liberata Alonzi Iolanda Florio Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi Ida, Marisa, Adrianna, Gildo & Fiorella Ricardo, Enzo & Lelio Fulgenzi Gino & Amalia Roscetti Pietro Parrozzani Nazzareno Tari
	10:30 am	PRO POPOLO
	12:00 pm	Nicoletta & Giuseppe Macina
	2:00 pm	Spanish Mass

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