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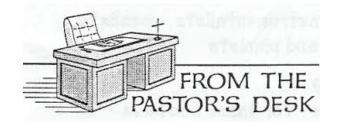
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I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas.

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 elequance 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 20th 5:00 pm Catherine MacIntyre

Elide Buset

Theresa Le Thi Diep

Dino Cabanlit & Deceased Cabanlit Family

Filomena Liberato

Sun 21st 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 22nd 6:30 pm Holy Rosary

7:00 pm Maria Di Bernardo

Tues 23rd 8:00 am Olimpia & Armando Castellucci

Wed 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 pm English Mass 7:00 pm Malayalam Mass 12:00 am Midnight Mass English

Thurs 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 am Italian Mass

10:30 am English Mass

12:00 pm English Mass

Fri 26th 9:00 am Giovanni Monte

Sat 27th 5:00 pm Catherine MacIntyre

Theresa Le Thi Diep

Sun 28th 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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