



Our Lady of the Airways Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE ~ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24th

5:00pm - Children's Vigil Mass 9:00pm - Tamil Mass
12:00 Midnight - English Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY ~ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25th (Office Closed)

9:00am - English Mass 10:30am - Italian Mass
12:00pm - English Mass
NO TAMIL MASS

BOXING DAY ~ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26th (Office Closed)

8:30am - BILINGUAL MASS

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28th

5:00pm - English Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th

9:00am - English Mass 10:30am - Italian Mass
12:00pm - English Mass 7:00pm - Tamil Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE ~ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31st

5:00 pm - English Vigil Mass
10:00pm - Tamil Holy Hour ~ 11:00 pm - Tamil Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY ~ WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st (Office Closed)

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00am - English Mass 10:30am - Italian Mass
12:00pm - English Mass
NO TAMIL MASS



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday: December 23rd

8:00am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday: December 24th

5:00pm - For the People of Our Parish
9:00pm - For the People of Our Parish
12:00am - For the People of Our Parish

Wednesday: December 25th

9:00am - For the People of Our Parish
10:30am - For the People of Our Parish
12:00pm - For the People of Our Parish

Thursday: December 26th

8:30am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday: December 27th

8:00am - In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received ~ Pinto Family
7:00pm - †Sr. Paschaline

Saturday: December 28th

8:30am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00pm - †John Francis Mendonca

Sunday: December 29th

9:00am - Reparation for Sins and Moral Renewal of Canada
10:30am - †Antonio and Ika Mrkic
12:00pm - For the People of Our Parish

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends in Christ,

For some people, Christmas is often a very difficult time of year. While many people gather to be with their family, friends, and loved ones to share a meal and exchange gifts with one another, others experience certain difficulties during this season. Some might be dealing with certain illnesses or health issues, while others might be coping with the painful reality of the passing of a loved one, loneliness, certain sins, or personal struggles. All these things can cast a dark pall over what should be a festive time of year for us.

Although these experiences are painfully real, as Christians, we should never forget the main reason why we celebrate Christmas. Our Faith reminds us that Christmas is above all about the manifestation of God's love for all humanity - as it is personified in the infant child, Jesus. St. Leo I once beautifully remarked on this point when he wrote: *"Our Saviour, dearly-beloved, was born today: let us be glad. For there is no proper place for sadness, when we keep the birthday of the Life, which destroys the fear of mortality and brings to us the joy of promised eternity. No one is kept from sharing in this happiness. There is for all one common measure of joy, because as our Lord the destroyer of sin and death finds none free from charge, so He comes to free us all. Let the saint exult in that he draws near to victory. Let the sinner be glad in that he is invited to pardon. Let the gentile take courage in that he is called to life. For the Son of God in the fullness of time which the inscrutable depth of the Divine counsel has determined, has taken on him the nature of man, thereby to reconcile it to its Author: in order that the inventor of death, the devil, might be conquered through that (nature) which he had conquered."* In light of such beautiful words, I encourage everyone not to let anything take away or diminish from the joyfulness of this Christmas Season. We are never alone because Christ came into this world so that He might journey with us as we walk in this valley of tears.

On behalf of the entire pastoral team at Our Lady of the Airways Parish - Fr. Canisius Raj, Enza Lamberti and Johnathann Rajanayagam - I wish each of you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas. May the peace, love and tenderness of the Infant Child, Jesus, be upon you this Christmas Season and the coming New Year!

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Imagine what it must have been like for Joseph to hear Mary's extraordinary tale of her mysterious pregnancy. Joseph was "a righteous man." He believed in, *longed* for, the coming of the promised Messiah of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. Then to be asked to accept that God was about to fulfill that promise in such an unforeseen and scandalous way? And yet Joseph, awakening from a dream, welcomed the unexpected into his life.

Fast forward thirty years and we see the child born to Mary and Joseph spending much of his time doing the unexpected and the scandalous. Whether sitting at a table with sinners and prostitutes or embracing lepers and tax collectors, Jesus would challenge people's ideas of what God was like.

Today's readings confirm that God comes to us in ways that can confuse or challenge us. At this time of year, we might expect to encounter God in cozy family gatherings and beautiful liturgical celebrations. We might not recognize him in the shivering street person or the cranky relative everyone wants to avoid.

Our celebration of Christ's coming at Christmas is an invitation to open ourselves to new possibilities and new ways of seeing God. May we, like Joseph, welcome him with open and generous hearts... in whatever guise he appears. ~Teresa Whalen Lux, *Living With Christ*

Il Vangelo secondo san Matteo comincia con la "genealogia di Gesù Cristo" (Mt 1,1-17). L'evangelista sottolinea così che la storia che Dio ha cominciato con Abramo ha ora raggiunto il suo obiettivo in Gesù Cristo. L'obiettivo non è la fine della storia, poiché essa continua, ma in modo nuovo. Ci mostra fino a che punto questa storia sia nuova il brano del vangelo di oggi che parla della "nascita di Gesù Cristo". San Matteo usa qui questa parola, che può significare tutto: genesi, origine, fonte, esistenza, divenire. Il rinnovamento completo si prepara già al versetto 16, in cui si dice: "Giuseppe, lo sposo di Maria, dalla quale è nato Gesù". È dunque chiaro che san Matteo vuol dire che Giuseppe non era che il padre adottivo di Gesù.

Ma chi è il vero padre di Gesù? È una domanda che si pone anche Giuseppe nel nostro testo di oggi. E la risposta è assolutamente chiara: è "per opera dello Spirito Santo" che Maria aspetta un bambino. Ma il testo esprime senza dubbio ancora qualcosa di più. Non è perché è stato generato in questo modo straordinario che Gesù è l'obiettivo della storia di Israele e il fondamento di una nuova comunità; si tratta piuttosto di capire che in Gesù Dio si è unito con noi uomini, come rimedio estremo e per sempre. E ciò per liberarci dalla fatalità della colpa del peccato. Ecco perché il figlio di Maria deve portare il nome di Gesù, cioè: "Il Signore salva", ed ecco perché noi possiamo anche chiamare Gesù Emanuele, che si traduce "Dio è con noi". È il messaggio con il quale Matteo inizia il suo Vangelo.



Vocations Corner... "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 you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocations Director at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org Web: www.vocationstoronto.ca

Offering Envelopes



2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK-UP!

Parishioners are asked to pick up their 2020 Offertory Envelopes in the chapel. It is important that you discard all previous envelopes when the New Year commences. Please enter your full name and address on the first few 2020 envelopes so that we may allocate donations correctly for income tax purposes.

If you do not have offertory envelopes and would like a box, please fill out a request form found in the church foyer or in the parish office.

Retrouvaille Weekend: Jan 24 - 26, 2020 Help for Troubled Marriages



This program will give you the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will also give you the opportunity to rediscover one another and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

Please call 416-281-6007 for information.

Email: info@torontoretrovaille.com

Web: www.torontoretrovaille.com



Campus Ministry

For students in university and college, Campus Ministry is waiting for you. Grow in your faith, experience fellowship and use your gifts to serve others. Find your Catholic home on campus! Visit www.chaplaincyconnect.ca.



Are you in grade 5, 6, 7, or 8?

All students in **grade 5 - 8** are welcome to our next EDGE Night on **Friday, January 10th**, from 7pm - 9pm.

EDGE Registration Fee: \$25

September 2019 to June 2020 Session
(EDGE t-shirt included with registration)

Registration forms available in the church foyer.

For registration info, please contact 905-677-4615 or email: OLAyouthministry@hotmail.com

Calling all "OLA Teens" in grades 9 - 12!

Are you looking for service hour opportunities?

Teens in need of volunteer hours for High School graduation are asked to email OLAyouthministry@hotmail.com to get on the list for **Parish Service Projects and Youth Events** which will require volunteers.

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OLA Young Adults

Programs and Events for ages 19 - 39.

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