

DECEMBER 25, 2019

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Sat 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Sun 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat);
9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

VESPERS Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm
LAUDS Sat: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm



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PRECIOUS IN GOD'S EYES

By Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB

In reflecting on the Christmas gift of God in the person of Jesus, I continue to be drawn to the vulnerable, needy baby in the manger. Who would have thought or imagined that God would come to us in such a humble state in such conditions?! It is difficult to grasp that our God, who created the universe and who could make it all disappear in an instant, chose to be born into this world. Out of an immense love for us, Jesus became part of the human family and accepted the many things he could have easily avoided due to his status as God. It says a great deal about God and how much God values humanity.

Like today, the world into which Jesus was born was a world that had its fair share of darkness. Yet, God chose to enter an imperfect world to bring light into the darkness, to bring life into the midst of death. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9.2). Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, has been born for us! We are invited to rejoice that the Light has come, to invite the Light into the dark recesses of ourselves, and to reflect the Light to others to brighten their lives.

As we reflect on Jesus' birth, perhaps we can reflect on how his coming to dwell among us has affected our lives. Do we allow ourselves to encounter him and allow him to continue to have an impact on the world around us through our love and care of others? While we acknowledge the darkness around us, let us live with the hope that Jesus' coming does make a difference today. Profound transformation still happens when we cooperate with the Spirit of God within us and serve as Jesus' presence in the world, thus reminding others of what his coming told us: that each one of us valued and precious in the eyes of God.

May you and your loved ones experience the blessings of the Prince of Peace. Merry Christmas!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Please note the following Mass schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1, 2020)

- Tuesday 5:00pm (Vigil)
- Wednesday 9:00am, 12:00pm;
NO 10:30am or 4:30pm; **Parish office is Closed**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note in addition to the office closures on December 26, and January 1st, the Parish Offices will only be open from 10:00AM to 1:00PM until our regular weekday schedule resumes on January 6, 2020. The weekend office hours remain unchanged.

REGIS COLLEGE PUBLIC COURSES

Two new Windows on Theology continuous learning courses are now open for registration at Regis College.

Understanding Sacred Space: Exploring Western Religious Architecture (led by architect Roberto Chiotti; Wednesdays from Jan 15 – Feb 19, 6 PM – 8 PM)

Ecological Wisdom: Righting Our Relationships With Each Other and the Earth (led by Dr. Mark Hathaway of the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice; Wednesdays from Feb 26 – April 1, 11 AM to 1 PM)

Courses are six sessions each, and open to all interested members of the public. Registration is \$175 per course, and all sessions are held in the Regis College chapel (100 Wellesley Street West).

To learn more or to register, visit
regiscollege.ca/WOT
Alternatively, call 416.922.5474 or e-mail
regis.communications@utoronto.ca

THANK YOU

Parish staff would like to recognize the contributions of the many groups which volunteer their time during the Christmas season. Thank you to the flower team for preparing the floral arrangements and the wreathes, to the basil brigade for decorating and cleaning the church, to the choirs for providing music in our liturgies, and to our liturgical ministers who lend their gifts serving during the liturgy.

Thank you as well to volunteers in our outreach ministries that worked hard preparing for special meal services for our patrons, and to Chartwell's for proving the food.

A special thank you also to Fr. Chris Grodecki, SJ who has been helping here with Masses and confessions throughout the previous weeks. Fr. Grodecki's last day here will be the 26th of December, as he returns back to his home province for his first assignment.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

As tax season draws near, our Parish Office is looking to ensure that information is properly recorded in our system. If you have moved in 2019, please confirm your new address with the Parish Office so that you will receive the donation receipt at the correct address.

CANDLES

You may have noticed over the last week or two that we are using a new type of candle! We have moved to a newer, more environmentally friendly candle.

Instead of pulling out the spent plastic sleeves and throwing them in the garbage (since they're not recyclable), we will now pull the glass, which is sent to be cleaned and refilled.

SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, December 15, 2019 \$6,219.90



MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 15TH – 21ST

SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am Leonardo Escobar (+)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Myriam and Paolo Scoppio (+,+)
4:30pm Kevin Quinto (+)

MONDAY

7:30am Amparo Lagdameo (+)
12:10pm Sabina Gonsalves (+)

TUESDAY CHRISTMAS EVE

7:30am *Pro Populo*
7:00pm *Pro Populo*
12:00am *Pro Populo*

WEDNESDAY CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00am *Pro Populo*
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm *Pro Populo*

THURSDAY

9:00am *Pro Populo*

FRIDAY ST. JOHN

7:30am *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
12:10pm John McGloin (+)

SATURDAY THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

5:00pm Luigi Ciavarella

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Barbara Boyle, Desmond Brownlee, Anne C., Gemma Ciavarella, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Romulus DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Jose Gaitero, Maryanne Hodges, Roberto Martello, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Neil McCormack, Hilary McCormack, Rosy Menezes, Mary O'Brien, Paul O'Brien, Delaila Salvador, Erin Sullivan, Kham Tang, Betty Veit, and Alexander Wu.

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