

BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED.

Today we celebrate Mary, who believed beyond any type of reasonable truth, that she was going to be the “mother of the Messiah”. Tomorrow we will experience the joy of a new Baby, of a new Life.

Faith is the foundation of the mystery of Incarnation. Elizabeth said very clearly that the reason why promises of ages past were fulfilled is exactly the faith of this young lady of Nazareth. It is because she believed that the Son of God was able to become human and in His humanity save the whole mankind.

Do we believe in this wonderful reality? God has become man and now we can go back and become “like God”. The birthday of Jesus is also our birthday, as children of God, as were supposed to be from before the original sin. And if we are children, we should not have a “servants’ fear” but a “filial love” of our Father.

I am sure that God could have appeared on earth in many different ways! Surely He could have appeared as an angel. He could have appeared as a great monarch or as any great philosopher of the ancient history. He could have appeared as the greatest awesome marvel on earth and probably every human living being would have been conquered by His majesty. No, He appeared as a baby; someone who is in need of everything from His mother; someone who can only emanate love and humility, so everybody can approach Him with joy and love. A fruit of a young lady, who probably did not realize the extreme importance of this event, till the day of His resurrection. BUT SHE BELIEVED, when there was no other proof to believe; when it was very dangerous to believe; when the risk to believe was deadly and did not make any sense at all. BUT SHE BELIEVED!

Do we believe like Mary, when it is difficult (almost impossible) to believe? Only faith is able to create the conditions for the presence of God in our lives and assure our salvation. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK**Saturday, Dec. 22**

8:00am Giuseppe Corrente
6:00pm Jack Williams
7:00pm Spanish Novena
7:30pm Simbang Gabi (Filipino Novena)

Sunday, Dec. 23 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:30am Vivian & Philomena Texeira, Duarte & Ubina D’Souza & Dr. Primo Carneiro
10:00am MESSA CON PIÙ INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm Pantaleone Romano
4:00pm Mumtaz & Fakhira Bourachi
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES
7:30pm Simbang Gabi (Filipino Novena)

Monday, Dec. 24 **Christmas Vigil**

8:00am Antonio Pelaccia & Nicola Pagliarella
4:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
7:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES
10:00pm SOLEMN MASS

Tuesday, Dec. 25 **Nativity of the Lord**

8:30am Deceased of Gaudette & Gauthier Families
10:00am MESSA CON PIÙ INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm Danilo, Cirilla & Luigi Berdusco, Giurin & Bortolozzo Families
2:30pm FILIPINO MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Wednesday, Dec. 26 **St. Stephen**

8:00am Deceased of Abilay & Geozon Families
6:30pm (*Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help*)
7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Thursday, Dec. 27 **St. John, Apostle**

8:00am Thanksgiving from Bibet Basnet & family
7:00pm Rosaria Bartucci

Friday, Dec. 28 **Holy Innocents**

8:00am In thanksgiving from Lazaro Family
7:00pm Maggie Conceptio Mathias

Saturday, Dec. 29 **St. Thomas Becket**

8:00am Thanksgiving from Andrew & Maureen Leow
6:00pm Luciano Checchia

Sunday, Dec. 30 **Holy Family**

8:30am Thanksgiving from Menezes Family
10:00am MESSA CON PIÙ INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm Anna Sborgia
4:00pm Sandra Valentini
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for ALPHA JUNIOR

All Youth ages 9-13 are invited on second Friday of the month from 6:30pm-9:30pm in Scalabrini Hall.

NOTIZIE IN ITALIANO

GRUPPO DI PREGHIERA CARISMATICO

riprenderá in Gennaio

CATECHESI reprenderá in Gennaio.

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

Hoy (6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, en el Templo) es el último día de la Novena y Posadas de Navidad 2018, cuyo lema es “**Caminemos juntos hacia Belén con José y María**”. Al finalizar bajaremos al Zanon Hall para tener un pequeño compartir.

Santa Misa de Navidad

Lunes, Diciembre 24, 2018 (7:00 pm – 8:00 pm)

Santa Misa de Fin de Año

Lunes, Diciembre 31, 2018 (4:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

Les deseamos una Feliz Navidad y un Próspero Año Nuevo.

El programa completo de la "Navidad Latinoamericana 2018", lo pueden ver en los afiches colocados en las carteleras parroquiales, en el website de la parroquia (<https://stcatherine.ca/>), en el semanario "EL CENTRO", y en el portal de Internet Toronto Hispano (<https://toronto.hispanocity.com/publicacion/hispanos-en-mississauga-se-preparan-para-la-celebracion-de-las-fiestas-navidenas/>).

The Fathers, the Deacon, the Volunteers and all at St. Catherine of Siena Parish wish you all, Parishioners, Friends & Benefactors

MERRY CHRISTMAS

BUON NATALE

FELIZ NAVIDAD

MALIGAYANG PASKO

SCALABRINI MISSIONS collection at Christmas. The Lord will reward all that help in the expansion of His Kingdom in the world.

CLOSING OF THE YEAR Let us be thankful for 2018. Join us in ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, December 31st after the 7:00pm Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES will start in January. Families who have registered their children will be contacted by the Catechism team to confirm the day their child will start classes. If you have not registered your child, please do so as soon as possible.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY would like to thank everyone who donated during the Christmas Giving Tree campaign, Loonie/Toonie Sunday and the collection.

MAIN FRONT DOORS will be locked during the weekdays, Monday to Friday, in the winter months. Please use the side entrance.

2019 ENVELOPES can be picked up at the main entrance of the Church.

2019 SUNDAY MISSALS You may purchase your own missal for \$5.00 at the office.

