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prepare the way...

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, December 23

8:00 AM – For the intentions of the people of St. Anne's

10:00 AM – † Manuel Moreira

12:00 PM – † Eduardo Novo

Monday, December 24

NO MORNING MASS

5:00 PM – **Christmas Eve Mass**

7:00 PM – **Christmas Eve Mass**

9:30 PM – **Christmas Eve Mass**

12:00 AM – **Midnight Mass**

Tuesday, December 25

10:00 AM – **Christmas Day Mass**

12:00 PM – **Christmas Day Mass**

Wednesday, December 26

9:15 AM – † Taryn Granger & Luis Rego

– † All Souls in Purgatory

– † Amelia Buiza

– † Irene Placidus

– † Justina Mary Caldeira

– Rogelio & Herminia Caluste

7:00 PM Mass - CANCELLED

Thursday, December 27

9:15 AM – † Elmiro Brasil

Friday, December 28

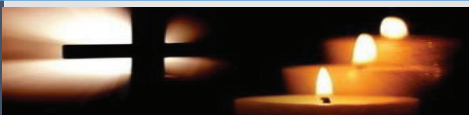
9:15 AM – † Rita Jay

7:00 PM – † Maria Pontes

Saturday, December 29

9:15 AM – † Maria Raposo

LAMP INTENTIONS



SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 1

In memory of Danny Walsh

SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 2

For Rio Family

SACRED HEART LAMP

† Mr. Kennedy's Family

ST. ANNE LAMP

Special intention & healing

DIVINE MERCY LAMP

† Mr. Kennedy's Family

PADRE PIO LAMP

Special Intention

DECEMBER 23, 2018 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Will I give permission?

Now there are only a few days for the "Birth of Jesus". It will happen. Today's Mass will prepare us internally for this great event. In the first reading we hear the promise that a small town in Bethlehem will give birth to the ruler in Israel. This was unexpected at that time but a promise was a promise. It happened. The Gospel will explain how it happens.

In the Gospel we see a special meeting with two pregnant women. Both are bearing their first child. The infant in Elizabeth's womb gave a mighty kick when Mary greeted her, and Elizabeth recognized the baby of Mary's womb as her Lord although she didn't have any microscopic analysis equipment. Surely it is only through faith and the inspiration of the Spirit that she recognizes in her younger cousin the Mother of her Lord.

Mary's "YES" has already started changing the course of human history. The first result was the visitation. It is they (Mother Mary and Jesus) who went to visit them (Elizabeth and John), not the other way around. Even before he is born, Jesus already comes to serve and not to be served. It is through service we will recognize him as Lord. Later on he will tell his disciples, "You call me Master and Lord and you are right and yet I am the one who washes your feet. You go and do the same" (John 13:13-15). If we think very carefully, this looks like Jesus is training Mother Mary to do God's will. Yes, Mother Mary was prepared by God for this mission. After she said YES, "Real Mission Started" and Jesus is training her towards the completion of the mission.

Jesus demands this YES in the second reading.

"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;" (Heb 10:6)

Mary's YES changed the whole human history. Before that, it changes Mary's life. In the very same way our personal YES to Jesus this Christmas will change our lives first. We have to say YES to Jesus first. Jesus Christ will not be born again without our consent. When we say YES from the bottom of our heart, our relationship with God (which was been weaken or destroyed) will be established again. Then we will have true peace and joy in our hearts and it can be given to others as well. Most of the time what we will do is distribute some material things among the less fortunate to make both parties happy. There is nothing wrong in that. Has any record stated that Mother Mary brought any material gifts to Elizabeth? What did be brought? Spiritual Gifts. When we have spiritual gifts in our store, we can give any material gifts very freely because they come secondary to us. Otherwise we will give only from our abundance.

We must experience Peace and Joy of Jesus (Peace is not the absence of War but inner peace, Joy is not the Joy we are experience from a Party but Inner Joy) and spiritual freedom by ourselves first. This can be done through prayer, confession and Eucharist. When you have this you are ready for the visitation. Where should you go? I would guess to meet the poor (spiritually or materially) and lonely. Most of the time listening to a heart values a lot. Most of the time end is Tears of Joy. Some people have everything but no one to talk. Maybe in our own home. Our own elderly Dad, Mom, younger Son, and Daughter because we are busy.

Jesus can do all these things using me. Question is will I permit him to do these things using me?

Prayer: Father, purify the temple of my life this Advent. May I be a worthy and pleasing dwelling place for you.



My Dear Parishioners of St. Anne's,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" (Luke 2:14)."

"May the joy of the season and the peace of Christ brighten your hearts with love and bring you to the loving heart of God, who has chosen to become one of us as Emmanuel — "God with us".

The signs and symbols of Christmas with which we decorate our homes and our church signify God's reality that defies the dark reality of the world we live in. I pray that the Child of Light will be born deep in your hearts and begin the work of miracle, of renewal and transformation, as you ponder the true meaning of the season. We participate in God's reality as we grow closer to the heart of God through our prayers and deeds.

On behalf of our associate pastor, Fr. Jibin Joy and the parish staff, I wish one and all a Merry Christmas.

Fr. Joel B. Pabilona Jr.

Pastor

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PEEL MANOR LONG TERM CARE

The church needs volunteers for Peel Manor to assist residents from their rooms to the service at Peel Manor. As well, Eucharistic ministers are needed to assist and preside over the service one Sunday per month. If you are able to assist, please leave your contact information at the parish office.

EUTHANASIA – SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 – 7:00-9:00PM

St. Mary's Parish Hall – Fatima Room, 66 Main Street S., Brampton

Presenting Blaise Alleyne on the topic of euthanasia.

By asking challenging questions and appealing to cultural common ground on suicide prevention and human rights, we can change hearts and minds on assisted suicide.

Light refreshments will be served. **All Welcome.** RSVP is appreciated for planning purposes. **Phone** or text Jeff: 905-866-7423 or Trish: 416-458-

INFORMATION SESSION TO SUPPORT THE TRANSITION OF CHILDREN WITH DIFFERING ABILITIES INTO SCHOOL 2019

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9 – 7:00PM-8:30PM

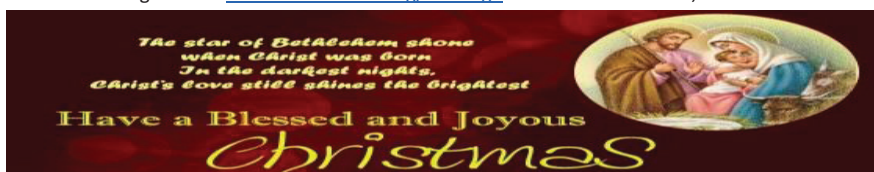
There will be an information and entry planning session for families of children with differing abilities who are transitioning into the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board in September 2019. The information session will be held at the Catholic Education Centre, 40 Matheson Blvd. West, Room 301, on Wednesday, January 9 (7-8:30pm).

Families are asked to contact their local school or visit www.dpcdsb.org for additional information and for a list of required registration documents.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 9/10, 2019

As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 celebrations, on Saturday, February 9th at the 5 PM Mass, St. Anne's will be honouring all couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries, ie. 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th. If you would like to participate, kindly leave your contact information at the parish office.

As well, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. The Mass will take place at 4PM on Sunday, February 10 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Ave., Woodbridge). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend – couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online or by phone to ensure reserved seating. Info at www.archtoronto.org/marriage or call: 416-934-3400, x 523.



This Week	Room Booking
Sunday (Dec. 23 rd)	10:00am – Children's Liturgy (SR) 12:00pm – Children's Liturgy (SR) 10:00pm – RCIA PSR
Monday (Dec. 24 th)	Limited evening office hours only
Tuesday (Dec. 25 th)	Limited evening office hours only
Wednesday (Dec. 26 th)	OFFICE CLOSED
Thursday (Dec. 27 th)	9:30am – Centering Prayer (FR)
Friday (Dec. 28 th)	NO Youth Ministry
Saturday (Dec. 29 th)	8:00am – Confessions 4:00pm – Legion of Mary (FR) 4:00pm – Confessions

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your Generosity!

Thank You for depositing your change in the "Poor Boxes" in the lobby after Mass



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