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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am | 10:00 am

12:00 pm

1:30 pm Spanish

6:30 pm Chinese

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:00 am

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Wednesday 12 noon

Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

Saturday 9:00 am

Live-stream available

First Friday

Mass at 7:00 pm

No morning Mass on

First Friday

Reconciliation

Saturdays after 9am Mass
or by appointment

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Christmas Office Hours:

Friday, December 22nd: 9:00am – 12Noon

Friday, December 29th: 9:00am – 12Noon

Sat/Sun, December 25 & 26—Office Closed

Monday, January 1, 2024—Office Closed

Merry Christmas!



...on us a Light
has shined...a
Child has been
born for us...and
He is named
Prince of Peace

—Isaiah 9:2.6

Nativity of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 23-30

Saturday, December 23

5:00 pm *Pro Populo*

Sunday, December 24

4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Mass

Pro

10:00 am Mass

Populo

12:00 pm Mass

1:30 pm Mass (Spanish)

†Oscar & Angelica Valery

†Gunter & Martha Nuetzmann

Christmas Eve Masses

4:30 pm English

Pro

6:30 pm Chinese

Populo

8:00 pm Spanish

10:00 pm English

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25

8:30 am English

Pro

10:00 am English

Populo

12:00 pm English

1:30 pm Spanish

6:30 pm Chinese

Tuesday, December 26

7:00 pm Mass

†Epifania Fernandez

Wednesday, December 27

12:00 pm Mass

Thursday, December 28

8:00 am Mass

◆ Lourdes Halifax & Family

Friday, December 29

8:00 am Mass

†Joan & Don McMillan

Saturday, December 30

9:00 am Mass

†Peter, Mary & Josephine Ennamorato

†Rita King



SANCTUARY LAMP
December 25-30

The Community of
St. John Chrysostom Parish

LET US PRAY

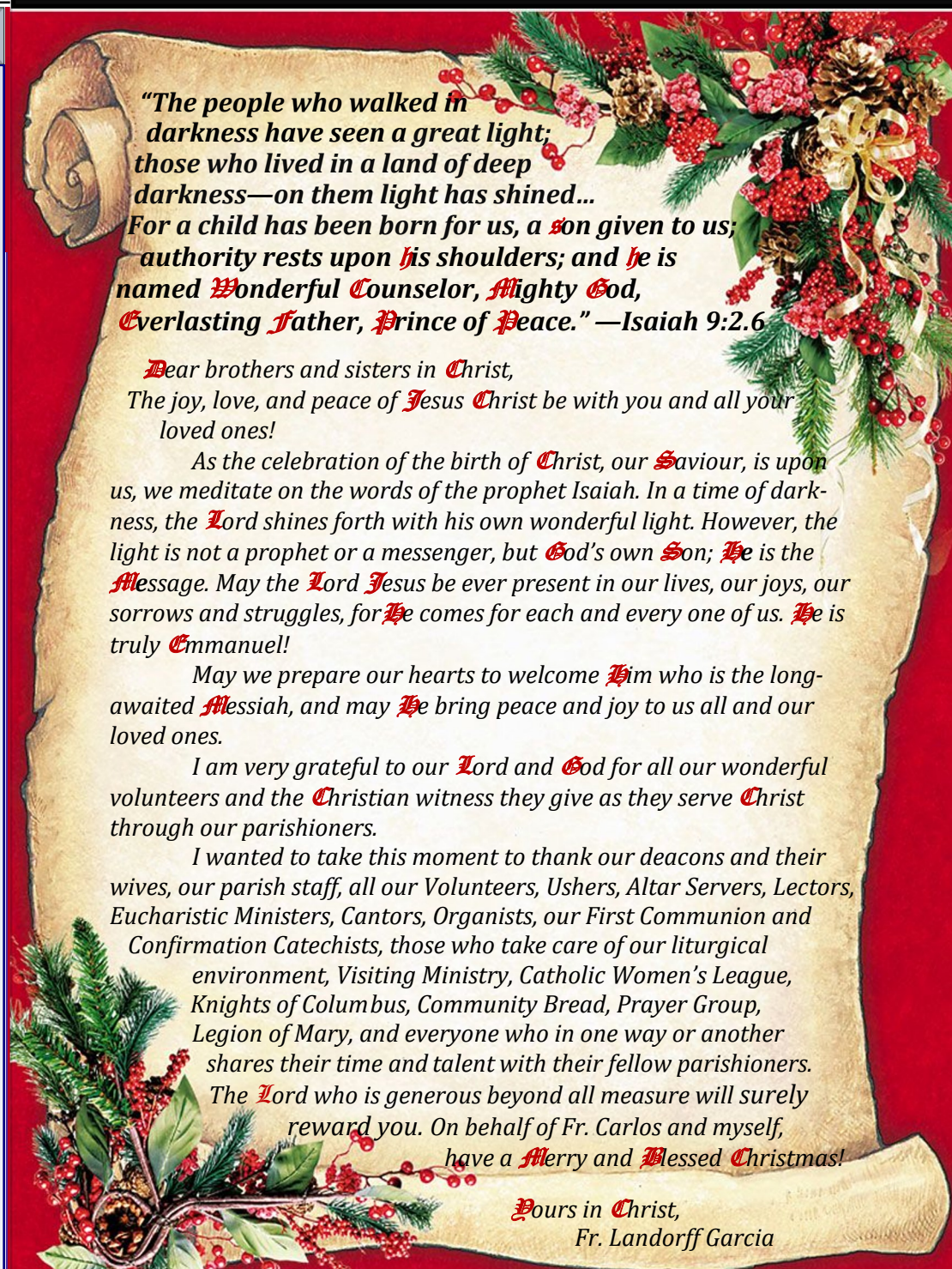
FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Jordana Robinson

AND THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Jahzira Grace Wakelin

St. John Chrysostom,
pray for us



"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." —Isaiah 9:2.6

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, The joy, love, and peace of Jesus Christ be with you and all your loved ones!

As the celebration of the birth of Christ, our Saviour, is upon us, we meditate on the words of the prophet Isaiah. In a time of darkness, the Lord shines forth with his own wonderful light. However, the light is not a prophet or a messenger, but God's own Son; He is the Message. May the Lord Jesus be ever present in our lives, our joys, our sorrows and struggles, for He comes for each and every one of us. He is truly Emmanuel!

May we prepare our hearts to welcome Him who is the long-awaited Messiah, and may He bring peace and joy to us all and our loved ones.

I am very grateful to our Lord and God for all our wonderful volunteers and the Christian witness they give as they serve Christ through our parishioners.

I wanted to take this moment to thank our deacons and their wives, our parish staff, all our Volunteers, Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Cantors, Organists, our First Communion and Confirmation Catechists, those who take care of our liturgical environment, Visiting Ministry, Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, Community Bread, Prayer Group, Legion of Mary, and everyone who in one way or another shares their time and talent with their fellow parishioners.

The Lord who is generous beyond all measure will surely reward you. On behalf of Fr. Carlos and myself, have a Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Pours in Christ,
Fr. Landorff Garcia

MASSES - NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY

MASS OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 31, 2023

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January 1, 2024

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2024 CONFIRMATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

Parents: If you chose **Wednesday Classes**: Your child's **next** lesson is on **Wednesday, January 17th at 5:00pm downstairs in the Parish Hall**

If you chose **Thursday Classes**: Your child's **next** lesson is this **Thursday, January 18th at 5:00pm downstairs in the Parish Hall**



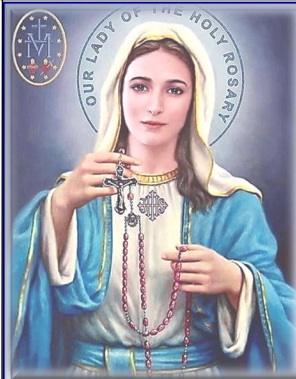
2024 FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

Parents: If you chose **Wednesday Classes**: Your child's **next** lesson is

Wednesday, January 10th at 5:00pm

If you chose **Thursday Classes**: Your child's **next** lesson is

Thursday, January 11th at 5:00pm



Legion of Mary Visitation Program

St. John Chrysostom Parish is offering parishioners the opportunity to respond to the requests made by the Blessed Mother during her apparitions at Fatima. To join the Legion of Mary Visitation Program or for more information visit: LEGIONOFMARYSJC432@GMAIL.COM or call Gary Marston at (905) 967-4698



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Share one hour with our Lord. Adoration is one way you can make prayer and spending time with Jesus a greater priority in your life. Join us every **Friday** from **4pm-7pm** for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. The next **First Friday Mass** will be on **January 5th at 7pm. All are welcome.**

(Morning Mass is cancelled)

VOCATIONS

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon. If God is calling you, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations Archdiocese of Toronto at:

416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Christmas Flowers

We invite our Parishioners to donate toward the cost of flowers this Christmas. Please place your gift in the "Flowers for Christmas" envelope and bring it to the office or place it in the white collection box at the entrance of the church. Using a numbered Offertory envelope? Envelopes are also available at the entrance of the church.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The members of St. Vincent de Paul of St. John Chrysostom/St. Elizabeth Seton wish all their fellow parishioners a very happy, blessed Christmas season with family and friends and a new year filled with peace and thanksgiving.



2024 Friars Student Writing Contest

Deadline: January 15



High school students (ages 13-19) in the Catholic School Boards are invited to participate in this annual event commemorating the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25). Write a 500 word essay that explores the 2024 **Theme**: "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27).

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>

Catholic Women's League

The CWL executive would like to wish all their members and the members of the parish community a blessed Christmas and a joyful



ShareLife

This year, we invite you to make your gifts count in a special way. Consider wrapping your loved ones in the warmth of presents with purpose – and bring love, compassion, and joy to our brothers and sisters in need.

*When you make a gift to ShareLife in honour of a loved one, we will mail them a **card or e-card with your personalized greeting.** If you give **online** by **December 22 at 12 noon** and choose to have your loved one receive a personalized e-card, we will ensure they receive it in time for Christmas. <https://tinyurl.com/np2v9snp>*

Share your love this Christmas

OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection received on Dec 16-17, 2023

\$8,952.

2023 Offertory Envelope user # **468**, please contact the Parish Office

Thank You



*ST. JOHN
CHRYSOSTOM PARISH
CHRISTMAS
MASS SCHEDULE*

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023

4:30 pm English
6:30 pm Chinese
8:00 pm Spanish
10:00 pm English

Christmas Day

December 25, 2023

8:30 am English
10:00 am English
12:00 pm English
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New Year's Eve

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Praised be Jesus Christ.

25, December 2023

My dear brothers and sisters,

I wish to bring warm Christmas greetings to all of you and your families as faithful Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. This is always a very special time of the year, a beautiful season for us to celebrate, reflect and joyfully retell the Greatest Story ever told –the Birth of Our Saviour Jesus in Bethlehem.

I hold a special place in my heart this Christmas for the people of the archdiocese as it is my first with you as your shepherd. It has been a joy getting to know so many of you since my arrival in March and know that all of you, whether we have met or have not yet had the pleasure of doing so, remain close in prayer this Christmas.

Each time we hear the story of the birth of Jesus Christ, it provides for us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on His coming into the world. The long and no doubt difficult journey made by Mother Mary and her spouse, the good St. Joseph from Nazareth; looking desperately for a suitable dwelling and settling on a simple manger. The angels who proclaimed his birth. We reflect on the shepherds and wise men who followed the star and came to worship Our Lord in his innocence and vulnerability as they found him in his Mother’s arms.

I would like to invite you to consider two simple ideas this Christmas as you and your loved ones enjoy this special time of year.

First, God sent us his only begotten son Jesus to be the **Light of the world**. As Christians, we carry the light of Jesus in our hearts. It is a flame that burns eternal. We need to let this light grow inside all of us, especially when we face the many challenges and darkness of the world. Just as Mother Mary did in giving her “yes”, so too must we surrender daily, passionately and wholeheartedly to the holy will of the Lord and allow His Son to enter more deeply, and dwell with his grace in our lives. This way he will enlighten our days and transform our lives.

A second point. Yes, we possess the divine light within each one of our hearts, the light of faith and devotion, of charity and grace; but as we know ever so well, unless we allow it **to shine unto others**, darkness will prevail. Our challenge, at Christmas and throughout the new year, is to radiate this light and share it with others. Like all spiritual gifts, the more we use them and share them with others, the more they grow within us. As we share our faith and love, our care, forgiveness and hope with our sisters and brothers, the more we shall receive.



How **exactly** might we share this light with those who are struggling – at home, in our families and our communities, with our loved ones and the stranger among us? How can this light illuminate lives in our country, bringing hope, meaning, kindness and care to others in messy and complicated situations: The secret is that it is **not our own light but that of Christ** and his light is creative and unlimited, generous and transformative.

When we **share our faith** in Christ with someone who does not know him or knows him poorly, we provide an opportunity for Christ's light to shine in that person. When we **reach out to the needy**, the abandoned, the ill and the vulnerable in the name of Christ, it provides an occasion for Christ himself to shine in their lives. When we **refuse** all violence, vindictiveness, unforgiveness and greed, this allows for his light to enter, enhance and brighten the human spirit. And when we **encounter Christ** in fervent prayer and sacraments, his light in us grows and dispels the dark recesses of our soul.

And so, just as Our Lady and St. Joseph did, let us make that faithful journey to Bethlehem. O Come Let Us Adore Him. Christ the Lord. They came from far and wide to honour and worship him. We proclaim Happy Birthday to Jesus. We thank him for giving us the precious gift of – his saving light in our daily life.

Dear Good people of Toronto – let the brilliance of that light shine brightly in and around you and may the abundance of God's overflowing love be lavished upon you and your loved ones throughout this Christmas Season and the New Year.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis Leo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Rev. Francis Leo
Archbishop of Toronto

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MASS OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

The Legion of Mary Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program



O Mary, Queen of Peace, Restore Harmony in Our Families and the world, through thy powerful intercession with Jesus, the Prince of Peace

The Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program is an aid to help us respond to the requests made by the Blessed Mother during her apparitions at Fatima. The essence of her requests is threefold: Return to God, that is, turn away from sin and obey the Ten Commandments. Pray the Rosary every day for peace. Make reparation for our sins and the sins of others by some form of penance and sacrifice. An offering of the sacrifices required in performing the daily duties of one's state in life is a good starting point. The Pilgrim Virgin Statue is brought to your home by two members of the Legion of Mary (Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary Praesidium- St John Chrysostom

Parish) on a scheduled visit. We will do our best to accommodate your requested schedule. The statue will stay in your home for one week (Saturday to Saturday). Two days prior to the statue's arrival, a Legion member will contact you regarding the arrival time of the statue and to confirm your address. You are asked to set up a little home shrine where the Pilgrim Virgin Statue will be placed. A table covering, candles (or vigil lights), flowers, and other desired sacramentals should be in place. Upon the arrival of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue, all those present will gather at the shrine where the statue is placed and recite the Welcoming Prayers of the Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program. You are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to welcome Mary upon her arrival and have them join you in prayer each day the statue is in your home. During this time, you are encouraged to recite the Rosary each day and offer prayer intentions, petitions, and gratitude to Mary. Two days prior to the statue's departure (the next Saturday), a Legion member will call to discuss the time that the statue will be picked up. Upon the statue's departure, Legion members will join you in reciting the Farewell Prayers of the Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program. If you have any questions regarding the Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program or to sign up to have the statue brought to your home, please contact the Legion of Mary at:

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