

Saint Bartholomew Parish

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The Nativity of the Lord

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OFFICE HOURS:

Closed on Mondays

Tuesday to Friday - 9:00am-12:30pm &
1:30pm - 4:00pm

Office closed for lunch 12:30pm-1:30pm

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00pm

Sunday 9:30am, 11:15am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri 8:30am

Saturday 9:00am

CONFESSION

Saturday 4pm-4:45pm or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK/SHUT-IN

Call parish office for appointment

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you attend the Mass here, register at the church office and use the Sunday envelopes. Registration forms are available in the parish office and website. Please let the office know if you are moving out of the parish.

MARRIAGE

Contact the parish priest one year in advance. Please do not book the time and place of the wedding and reception before your appointment with the priest.

BAPTISM

(Last Sunday of the month @2:30pm)

Parents must be **REGISTERED PARISHIONERS** and regularly attend the Sacraments. The information package is available at the parish office.

DECEMBER 25, 2022 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)



And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14

First Reading: ISAIAH 52:7-10

God's salvation is announced to the world.

Second Reading: HEBREWS 1:1-6

God now speaks to us through his Son.

Gospel: JOHN 1:1-18 (OR SHORTER FORM, JOHN 1:1-5, 9-14)

John announces that in Jesus, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

FAMILY CONNECTION:

At Christmas we celebrate the great mystery that God became flesh and dwelt among us. We call this mystery the Incarnation (the word means "to take on flesh"), and it changes everything. Today's Gospel reminds us that we can also look upon the Nativity from God's perspective to better appreciate the significance of the Incarnation. The mystery we proclaim at Christmas is that God, the very God who created all things from nothing and who is light itself, took on our humanity in order to transform us. Through his birth among us, we have seen the face of God and have become nothing less than God's own children. At this awesome mystery, we adore.

Gather as a family around your Nativity set. Keep this image before you and talk about how familiar we are with this scene. Invite members of the family to recall the details of Jesus' birth that we hear in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Observe that the Gospel of John invites us to consider Jesus' birth from a different perspective. Read together today's Gospel, John 1:1-14.

John's Gospel reminds us that the image we see in our Nativity set is a most remarkable sight: God made himself at home with us by taking on flesh and becoming a human person. We call this mystery the Incarnation. What are some of the things that John's Gospel says happened for us because Jesus came to dwell among us? (Light overcame darkness; we see God's glory in Jesus; we became children of God.) Together thank God for this mystery of the Incarnation and the salvation that we received because Jesus was born among us. Sing together a Christmas hymn, such as "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "Silent Night."

PASTOR'S PEN

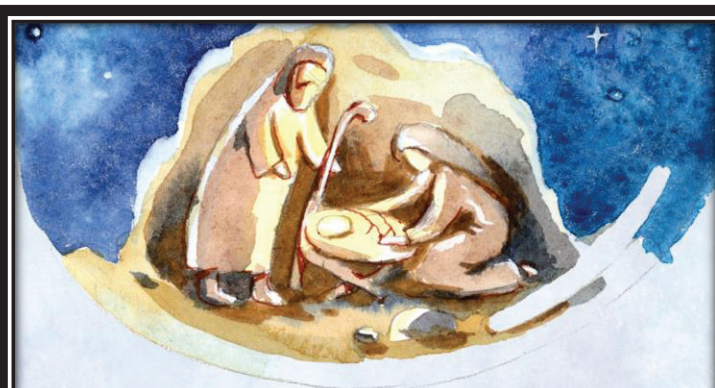
A word from the heart

I wish you all a blessed and grace-filled celebration of the birth of our Saviour. Indeed, it is time to give thanks for the Divine word to dwell among us to bring us salvation.

As we welcome the New Year, our parish community looks forward for its 50th year celebration.

May the love and peace of Christ continue to guide us in our works for the greater glory of God.

Fr. Fernan Serrano



We wish you peace and happiness at this holy time of year, as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, our Light and our Hope in all seasons.

Merry Christmas!

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ATTENTION

Our parish Secretary: Mrs. Alo will be away from December 19, 2022, until January 15, 2023. Let us wish the Alo family a wonderful vacation. All communications will be looked after by volunteers and myself.

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All donations received after December 31, 2022, will be entered in 2023 regardless if its dated 2022 on the envelope.

Tax receipts will be issued 1st week of February 2023.



DATE	DAY	TIME
December 26	Monday	8:30am
December 31	Saturday	5:00pm
January 1, 2023	Sunday	9:30am & 11:15am

OFFICE IS CLOSED ON: December 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, & January 2, 2023



Saturday DECEMBER 24, 2022
5:00 PM & 10:00PM
FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF
ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

Sunday DECEMBER 25, 2022
9:30 AM & 11:15AM
FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF
ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

Monday DECEMBER 26, 2022
WHOLE DAY – PASTOR’S REST DAY

Tuesday DECEMBER 27, 2022
8:30 AM IRENEO NERY (†)

Wednesday DECEMBER 28, 2022
8:30 AM CARMELA CERRUTO (†)

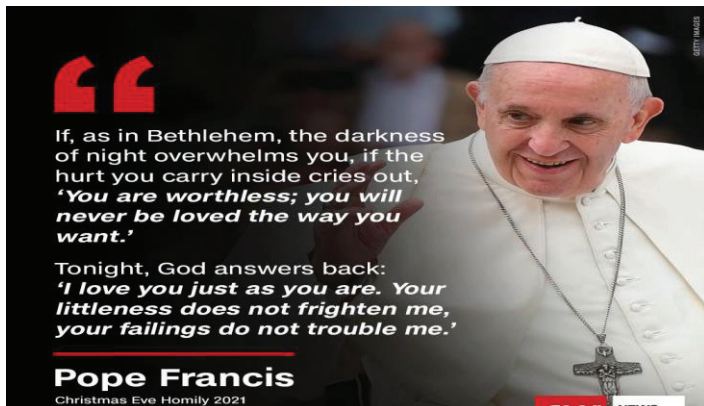
Thursday DECEMBER 29, 2022
8:30 AM CARLITO NISPEROS (†)

Friday DECEMBER 30, 2022
8:30 AM VERBO & HILDA CELINO (†)



TCDSB Kindergarten Registration
Wednesday, January 25, 2022 – 10 a.m. EST
Kindergarten in the Toronto Catholic District School Board provides children with a variety of learning experiences in a caring, faith-based environment. Students develop a positive attitude about themselves and others, become more independent and responsible, develop self-regulation skills and appropriate social skills, and solve problems. TCDSB looks forward to welcoming new students for the 2023-2024 school year. Children born in 2019 are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2023.

REGISTRATION: SOAR.tcdsb.org
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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