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Blessed Christmas



*May the perfect Peace, Love and Joy that our Saviour brings into the world,
be yours, this Christmas and always!*



On behalf of myself and the parish staff, I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas.

I hope that this season brings you much hope, peace, joy and love.

I would also like to thank you for your continued presence, prayers, support, and generosity to our community at Our Lady Queen of the World.

This is my prayer for you: May the Prince of Peace be born in your hearts and homes. May He fill our lives with hope, peace, joy and love. May the reign of Christ in our lives bring us peace and prosperity for the new year to come.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Fr. Jojo



We pray for our sick

We pray for all who are sick and are suffering, especially those in our parish family. May God give them peace, strength and healing.



We pray for our departed

We pray for all who have died, especially those from our parish family. May they find rest, peace, and joy in their eternal home.



Mass Intentions

Tue. Dec. 24 - 5:00 pm	Christmas Mass with Children's Pageant
Tue. Dec. 24 - Midnight	Christmas Midnight Mass
Wed. Dec. 25 - 9:00 am	Christmas Mass
Wed. Dec. 25 - 10:30 am	Christmas Mass
Wed. Dec. 25 - 12:00 pm	Christmas Mass
Thurs. Dec. 26 - 8:30 am	+James Lam req. Lam Family
Fri. Dec. 27 - 7:00 pm	+Lidia DiRezze Malfara req. Sam and Daniela DiRezze Campione +Anthony Fernando req. Shevon Gunawardena +Boris Celis req. Lizette Luz & Margaret Santos
Sat. Dec. 28 - 5:00 pm	Feast of the Holy Family (Blessing of Families)
Sun Dec. 29 - 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 pm	Feast of the Holy Family (Blessing of Families)

Weekly Collection

This past week's collection was \$11,530.79 including PAG amount of \$3,594.69. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Jubilee Year 2025



The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This has been a tradition dating back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a "Holy Year". The frequency has changed over time, with a Jubilee year originally celebrated every 100 years, later every 50 years and, more recently, every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father.

The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome and also local initiatives in dioceses around the world. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be "Pilgrims of Hope". In the words of Pope Francis: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." The Holy Father will open the Jubilee Year on December 24, 2024, with the official opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will open the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass taking place on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All are invited to this Mass.

To learn more visit: <http://www.archtoronto.org/jubilee>

CHRISTMAS SEASON - MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve	5:00 pm (with Christmas Pageant)
Wednesday, December 25	Christmas Day	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 noon
Saturday, December 28	Feast of the Holy Family	5:00 pm (Blessing of Families)
Sunday, December 29	Feast of the Holy Family	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 noon (Blessing of Families)
Tuesday, December 31	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	5:00 pm
Wednesday, January 1, 2025	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 noon

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus invite the children of our parish aged 5 to 14 to participate in our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, which runs until December 31. Children are encouraged to create a poster which portrays Jesus as being the true meaning of Christmas. **You must pick up an official entry form in the Narthex after Mass, in order to enter.** If you need more information please ask one of our Knights of Columbus or you may also email: olqwkeepchristinchristmas@gmail.com Prizes will be awarded for three age categories (5 to 7, 8 to 10, and 11 to 14).

Friars Student Writing Contest

January 18 to 25, 2025, marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU). 2025 Theme: **"Do you believe this?"** (John 11:26) - *Jesus' question to Martha before raising Lazarus from the dead.* Friars Student Writing Contest 2025 (Deadline to submit entries: Monday January 13) High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25. Write a 500-word essay exploring the 2025 theme. Great prizes for the top three submissions. Students should consult the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to understand the theme, and address the focus question on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3XCGGgo> and when finished submit their entries at: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.



Christmas Office Hours

Our office will be **CLOSED** on Tues. Dec. 24. We will re-open on Thurs. Jan. 2, 2025.

2025 Envelopes are now available in the Narthex.



Please write your name and address on the first few envelopes you use. If you recently changed your address or if the address on your envelope box is incorrect, please call the office at 905-884-7006 (ext. 0) and let us know. Thank You!

Reflection on today's Gospel

Lessons from our Mother

Mother Mary becomes the focal point of the Gospel on this fourth Sunday of Advent. Our Lady, shortly after discovering that she will conceive the Son of God, goes in haste to assist her cousin Elizabeth. After Jesus, Mary is the perfect model and example of how to live a life of true discipleship. Let us take some time to reflect on this episode and glean insights on how we can better imitate her. Firstly, we can learn a great lesson from how Mary "went with haste" to help Elizabeth. As disciples we should not sit idle by and be half-hearted in our attempts to serve our neighbour. Whenever we see a need in our parish community, let us strive to utilize our gifts to readily offer our help and support. Secondly, we should try to imitate Mary in her role of bringing Jesus to others. It wasn't so much Mary who brought help and comfort to Elizabeth, but rather, it was the presence of Jesus dwelling within her. As disciples, we need to constantly remind ourselves that it is not our own merits that bring about good and conversion in our parish. Rather, we must realize that everything is a result of the grace of God that is working through us. Let us conclude with the beautiful words of St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta who says, "I'm a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world."



— Archdiocese of Toronto - Scripture reflections

Liturgy of The Word with CHILDREN (JK to Grade 4)

Upcoming Liturgies with Children (during the regular weekend Mass)

- December 21/22 - 5:00 pm, 9:00 am, 10:30 am
- December 28/29 - No session - Christmas Break
- January 4/5 - Children's liturgy will resume.

Parents are kindly requested to remain in the church and entrust their children to the care of our leaders and volunteers.



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