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December 20, 7:00pm

- +Louis H. Fernandes req by Belinda and Reggie Fernandes
- +Maria & Artur Carneiro req by Maria DoRego

Tuesday December 21, 9:00am Deceased members of Yates Family Wednesday December 22, 7:00pm

- +Giuseppe & Divina Ziccarelli req by Silvana & Family
- +Alvin Penaflor req by Jun Padua
- +Drago Zibert reg by Ludmila Zibert
- +Joe Durvalina & Paul Leonardo req by Dina Leal
- +Maria & Artur Carneiro req by Maggie O'Toole

Thursday December 23, 9:00am

+Dominic Molinaro req by Annna & Paul Colacicco Sp Int for Fr. László & Fr. Ravi and their families



Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24

6:00 pm 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm and 12:00 Midnight (with Incense)

Christmas Day, Sat. December 25

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm (NO evening Mass on Dec 25)

Sunday December 26

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm

New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec 31-5:00pm only

New Year's Day, Sat, Jan. 1 2022

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am (NO evening Mass on Jan 2)

Sunday January 2nd 2022

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm

THE 99 MASTER CLASS

Our Mission: love God, love others, make disciples

We have increased our love of God and our relationship with Him. We have learned how to better love our families, our neighbours, even those who are difficult to love. But how can we make disciples? Especially if we are not sure if we are disciples.

We know Jesus' parable of the lost sheep (Matt 18: 12-14, Luke 15: 3-7), when the Good Shepherd who knows and cares for his sheep so deeply that he leaves the 99 to go in search of the one that is lost. This is the metaphor for an upcoming new movement in our parish to further our understanding of being disciples and making disciples.

Can you think of anything that is worth so much more to you than the mere cost of replacing it that you would stop everything, give anything to get it back? This is how God feels about you, and he will search to bring you closer to Him. We are all called as part of "The 99" to go help Jesus find "the one".

Please watch for more details about "The 99 Master Class" – sessions to start in January to prepare and form the facilitating team; "The 99 Experience" – an immersive retreat experience to take place during Lent; and "The 99 Handbook" – a follow-up book study in late sprint to further build our community of faith. Consider how you can be part of the flock of Jesus to go out to His people.



Are you a young man who has questions about your faith? Do you find it hard to talk about your faith outside of church? Do we have a solution for you!

In the New Year, Holy Family Parish will be starting two Small Groups for our high school men, which will be led by our Youth Ministry's male core leaders. These small groups will provide a safe and comfortable space for discussions, as well as help answer many questions our young men may have about our faith.

If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please email, Stephanie,

at youthministryholyfamilywhitby@gmail.com

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Advantages for You:

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.
- Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish.

Advantages for the Parish:

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand.
- Reduction of paperwork. For information on how to enrol, please contact your parish office or email development@archtoronto.org.

HERE I AM, I COME TO OBEY YOUR WILL, O GOD!"

"Will you please tell me in a word," said a Christian woman to a Minister, "what your idea of 'surrender to God' is?"

Holding out a blank sheet of paper, the Pastor replied, "It is to sign your name at the bottom of this blank sheet, and let God fill it in as He wills."

Christmas is only a few days away. The birth of Jesus is now very close. In a few days' time we will be celebrating the memorable great event in the history of our humanity. Each of the three readings on this Sunday takes up a different aspect of this great mystery to help us in our understanding and in our personal preparation. And they tell us that the mystery of 'incarnation' is contained in – 'Doing God's will' .- Disobedience to the God's will contaminated our lives with sin and kept us away from the paradise. Mary through her obedience conceived our saviour who through his death and resurrection opened the doors of heaven.

In the First Reading of today from the Book of the Prophet Micah, God through the Prophet Micah promises a unique Savior, born in David's town of Bethlehem: a Savior, who will stand and feed his flock and establish peace.

At the time of Micah, the political, social, and economic situation in Israel is awful. Everywhere there are signs of violence, in the courts the judges allow themselves to be corrupted by gifts, the priests and prophets think only of accumulating money, exploitation of the poor people, poorly paid workers so on so forth.

In this complex situation, Micah pronounces his prophecy: from the small, insignificant village of Bethlehem, from the ancient family of Ephrathah is about to be born "the ruler of Israel" (v. 1).

When he does come, he will be the true shepherd of Israel and the servant of God. He will guide people by the standards of heaven rather than by the misguided notions of the bad shepherds before him. Very significantly, "He shall be peace" and deliver God's people. His peace shall bring about total harmony among the nations and the ends of the earth will hear of his wisdom. This was inaugurated at first Christmas and we are waiting for its fulfilment at the end of the age.

In the Gospel Reading of today, the Church gives us the figure of <u>Our Lady</u> to imitate: she was the one who first welcomed Christ at the first Christmas and she can help us welcome Him now.

Mary's "Yes" gave us the Savior - "And the word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." Mary is our model of discipleship and a good example of doing the will of God. Somehow or other, the power of God broke into the life of Mary of Nazareth. And that power of God asked Mary to believe that she would bear within herself a special child. And Mary, in her absolute humility, obedience and as a woman of extraordinary faith, simply said - "Be it done to me as you say." These words are very easy to say when everything is going our way; but they are not so easy to say when things are not going our way, when in fact what is happening to us is the opposite of what we want to happen. During this time of Advent, let us follow Mary in her absolute humility and extraordinary faith surrendering to the will of God. This is how we can become the temple of God's presence and bring it to others.

This is what we also see in the passage from the Letter to the Hebrews, which is proposed today, we find the words: I know, Lord, that you do not delight in the fragrance of incense or in the smoke of the meat of the lambs sacrificed on the altar; so I make you another promise: I will always do your will; this I know is pleasing to you (vv. 5-7).

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews says that Christ fulfilled in himself the words of this Psalm. He did not offer any material sacrifice but said to the Father, "Behold I come to do your will." Thus, he put an end to the ancient offerings in the temple and ushered in the new times (v. 8-10).

Behold, I come—Christ says in this Advent season—not to ask you for songs, prayers, incense, solemn religious ceremonies, but to involve you in my project, to communicate my Spirit that will lead you to do, as I have done, the will of the Father. In this final week of Advent season, the Word of God invites us to discover the true meaning of Christmas contained in the doing will of God.

To conclude - During the American Civil War a lady exclaimed effusively to President Lincoln: "Oh Mr. President, I feel so sure that God is on our side, don't you?" "Ma'am," replied the President, "I am more concerned that we should be on God's side." Yes, oftentimes we pray to God and ask him to do what we want, rather than we doing what He wants us to do, and surrendering to His will. So, trusting in God's faithfulness and love, and full of hope let us come to him today and humbly say - "HERE I AM, I COME TO OBEY YOUR WILL, O GOD!" and this is the Good News of today.



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