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Oh Come Let us Adore Him



My Dear Brothers and sisters,

Throughout this Christmas season, mediated on the following words from Luke's Gospel. They exemplify the true meaning and glory of Christmas. Remember that it is a season of true Christian Joy. Open the doors of your homes to this joy and allow it to envelop your families.

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the City of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

I urge you to sing Christmas carols, laugh together, pray together, and enjoy a meal. Do these things while acknowledging that the center and only reason for these festivities is the Christ Child that was born in Bethlehem! Many thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners, dedicated volunteers, and parish staff for all you do even through the tough times. It is with humble joy that Fr. Ed and I, give thanks for the honor of serving as your Associate Pastor and Pastor. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

May God bless you this Christmas, may all darkness in our lives be removed by the light of Christ. May your hearts be filled with the Joy of Christ's birth and may you be missionaries of that joy!

Fr. James Cherickal & Fr. Eduardo Lopez

Thou Art a Priest Forever

DECEMBER 26, 2023

Fr. James' 34th Anniversary of His Ordination to the Priesthood

May He Always be Blessed!

On this joyful day let's pray Three Hail Mary's in his name



25th Parish Jubilee Inauguration

All Parishioners are Cordially Invited

The Inauguration of OUR PARISH 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Silver Jubilee Year



Inaugural Mass

January 6, 2024 ♦ 5pm Celebrant and Homilist **Bp. Ivan Camilleri**

New Year's Mass Schedule

<u>December 31st</u> (Sunday Masses)

7:30am ♦ 9am

10:30am ♦ 12pm



New Year's Eve Masses: December 31st

5pm + 10:30pm (Praise & Worship) + 12am

New Year's Day Masses: January 1st

9am ♦ 10:30am ♦ 12pm ♦ 1:30pm

The Catechism Corner



Q: In what way does God reveal that he is love?

A: God reveals himself to Israel as the One who has a stronger love than that of parents for their children or of husbands and wives for their spouses. God in himself "is love" (John 4:8, 16), who gives himself completely and gratuitously, who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:16-17). By sending his Son and the Holy Spirit, God reveals that he himself is an eternal exchange of love CCCB 218-221

Silver Jubilee Logo Design Contest

Parish Celebration of SILVER JUBILEE YEAR in 2024

To Inaugurate the Upcoming Celebrations: there will be a contest to find a logo that will symbolize the uniqueness of the parish!



- ★Theme: A Place of Joy A People of Hope
- ★Logo may be used online, print, social media, merchandise
- **★**No age requirement
- ★Design can be in colour, using the church logo
- **★**incorporate one of the following:

25 years ♦ 1999-2024 ♦ Silver Jubilee Celebration

Submission Deadline: December 30, 2023

More contest details: www.stfrancisxaviermi.archtoronto.org Prize: \$250.00 Gift Card

A Christmas Thank You

Are you a volunteer in one of the Parish Ministries? Your service to our parish community is



Please come by the parish office and accept a Christmas Cake as a sign of gratitude Thank you and God Bless!

A Note from the Parish Office

2024 Offertory Envelopes Available in Parish Lobby for Pickup

Please note the following:

- 1. Verify your correct name and address
- 2. Discard previous unused envelopes
- 3. For accurate posting of your donations, please write your name & address for the first few weeks
- 4. Can't find your envelope?

Leave contact details at the Parish Office

Thank You!

A Christmas Gift to the Parish

Want to donate flowers for this

CHRISTMAS SEASON?



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday December 25, 2023

9am ♦ 1030am ♦ 12pm ♦ 130pm All Holy Masses Offered in Thanksgiving

Tuesday December 26, 2023

8am Special intention Venia & Coco Santiago
7pm Thanksgiving Mallari family

Wednesday December 27, 2023

8am †Romeo Aquino Sr.

7pm Thanksgiving Taiwo & Kenny Alabi Thanksgiving Roger & Myra Dela Cruz Thanksgiving for favours received

Special intention Jose Medeiros and Mother

Special intention Dsouza family

†Coses Noronha

†Daisy Pimentel

†Joseph Yu

†George V. Pinto

†Susan Maricial

†Deceased of Dsouza family

†Necita Estorco

†Lourdes Rivera

†Eligio Siccion

†Kyung Ja Chung

Thursday December 28, 2023

8am Thanksgiving Pat Vegas

7pm †Rosalina Ong

Friday December 29, 2023

8am Thanksgiving Blaise & Anita Prabhu
7pm Thanksgiving Ronald & Nishani Karunakaran

†Reynaldo Garcia

†Manuel Cardoso

†Daisy Pimentel

†Necitas Gagatiga

†Alistair & Floreen Pinto

†Sebasty Gnanamuthu

†Arcangelo John De Martin

†Ivan Nazareth

Saturday December 30, 2023

730am †Cirila Raymundo Jamon 5pm †Teodora & Francisco Jarabo

Sunday December 31, 2023

730am Thanksgiving Miranda family 9am Thanksgiving Ogundele family 1030am Thanksgiving Chit and Romano 12pm Thanksgiving Pasqualina Divizio

New Year's Eve Masses: December 31, 2023

5pm Thanksgiving 1030pm Praise and worship 12am Thanksgiving

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