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Oh Come Let us Adore Him



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD-DEC 25, 2022

So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. <u>Luke 2:16–19</u>

Merry Christmas! Our Advent preparations have been completed, and we are now invited by our Lord to enter into the glorious celebration of His birth!

Vigil: Is 62:1-5 • Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 • Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25;

Night: Is 9:1-6 • Ti 2:11-14 • Lk 2:1-14

Day: Is 52:7-10 • Heb 1:1-6 • Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

## Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, December 26 NO MASS SCHEDULED Tuesday, December 27

7:00pm+Kuzmicz Family-, Per.Int- M.Bogucki

Wednesday, December 28

8:00am+Grandchildren of Gordon & Debra Tardif-G/D Tardif

Thursday, December 29

8:00am+ Shawn BARRETT, RIP - T. O'Reilly

Friday, December 30

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)
12:10pm+Gordon & Debra Tardif, Per.Int.-G/D Tardif

Saturday, December 31

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception) 9:00am+Rev. Paul GAUDET, RIP-Arch. Toronto 5:00pm+Brian DURKAN, RIP – E. Durkan

**Sunday January 1** 

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 10:30am+Denis LEMAY, RIP-Lemay Family

#### From the desk of Father Norberto Eyule

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings of peace, hope, love and joy!

Christmas is one of the most special and sacred times of the year. It is really my absolute joy to celebrate with you this year's Christmas for the very first time. Days have gone so fast, and I realize that this is my tenth month as your pastor. Logically speaking, human experience would say that the first year of being a pastor is the most difficult time (although, I am not over that yet!). It is either because the pastor makes it difficult for the people or the people make it difficult for the pastor or both make it difficult for one another.

However, my experience this time is different. It is probably because of you, my dear parishioners, you make it a lot easier for me. Thus, my message this Christmas for you is that of gratitude.

My gratitude goes to God, the Almighty Father for sending his only begotten, the word made flesh, the Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. It is through him, with him and in him that we are gathered together as a community and as people of God. No matter how diverse we are in terms of our views and opinions, we are always united and bounded through Christ, with Christ and in Christ.

My appreciation also goes to all of our parishioners for their untiring commitment to our parish. A special thanks to our devoted members of the various ministries (Choirs, Cantors, Counters, Sacrament preparation teams, Youth, Lectors, Extra Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospitality and Altar Servers of our both Churches – Immaculate Conception and St. Paul). Thank you for giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord. Thanks to all who were involved in decorating our churches and setting up for the different liturgies throughout the liturgical year. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all who worked very hard to make our Christmas celebrations this year truly wonderful. And my heartfelt appreciation to those few who work quietly behind the scenes.

My gratitude also goes to various organizations — Catholic Women's League, the Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, Finance Council, Pastoral Council, Cemetery Board, Squires, Edge and Life Teen and the families or groups that provide hot meals to our less fortunate members of our community.

While we might recall, prior to 2019 B.C. (Before Covid), everything was flourishing and everybody was enjoying their works and ministries. Then all of a sudden with a blink of an eye, during Covid, for more than 2 years, we were thrown into deep darkness. Everything came to a halt. For more than 2 years, we lived in our own bubble. We could not even gather together as a family, much more as a church and a community of faith and people of God. That was the thing of the past when everything was dull and dead. This year, everything seems to have come back to life again. Thanks to our different organizations for making Christ born again but no longer in a manger but in the life of our brothers and sisters and in the life of our parish community. Many of you have been involved in bringing numerous initiatives in making our church alive and vibrant again. I give thanks to all of our parishioners who have given generously in making this parish such an energetic, faith-filled community.

With deep joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes of a Holy and Blessed Christmas. It has been my prayer that each of you would find opportunities to reflect on your own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. I pray that you may be filled with joy and consolation at Christmas and may all that you hope for be fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child.

May the Love, Joy and Peace of Baby Jesus be in your hearts and your homes.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

\*\*Weekly Collections will be published in the New Year. \*\*

#### **HELPING THE HOMELESS**

Our youth will once again be collecting
'Clean Winter Clothing in Good Condition'
for ADULTS ONLY (mainly men's clothing
please) to distribute to the homeless & shelters.
Adult clothing, especially - socks, coats,
shoes, boots, mitts, hats, pants, sweaters,
blankets, sleeping bags, belts, new
underwear and hygiene products, food gift
cards such as Tim Horton's or McDonalds.

(Please no summer wear and no children's clothing, light weight material pants or men's suits, these are not practical on the street in winter).

Our Life Teen (High School teens) will be sorting, bagging on **December 28**<sup>th</sup> and delivering these items to homeless in Barrie on **December 30th**. *See poster for details*.



Youth- Grades 9 - 12

Friday, December 30th

#### ROAD TRIP!

(Bring sandwiches and drinks to hand out as well)

Street Patrol, Food & Clothing Handouts in Barrie

To sign up-email: <u>allistonlifeteen@gmail.com</u> or text Dave-647-237-1348

#### **UPDATING OUR PARISH LIST...**

Before the 2022 tax receipts are issued, we need to update our Parish List. Please add your name and address on the envelop for the coming year so that the tax receipt can be issued.



The offertory boxes from **#400 onwards** have still not arrived. They will be placed in the Narthex as soon as received. In the meantime, if you can use the visitors envelop, writing your original envelope number, name & address on it.

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Our goal this year is \$64,000. To date we have achieved\$57,892. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for helping end hunger by donating generously to ShareLife today.



On behalf of all the Pastoral team, we would like to wish you all a Blessed and Merry Christmas. May you and your family and friends experience the presence of the Emmanuel - 'God is with us' and be touched by His presence and love. Let us pray for the strength and courage to share that love with others especially the needy and vulnerable among us including our youth and children.

May God Bless you.

Fr. Norberto

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