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## The Nativity of the Lord

## NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### At the manger's side

On this Christmas feast, as a Christian family we gather at the manger, to welcome into our arms, into our lives, into our hearts our newborn Savior.

The great news proclaimed and sung by the angels will be heard today in all the churches: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours".

The announcement that the angels made to the shepherds is the announcement addressed to us today, in our time, in our history. The greatest event in history, the moment that transforms the history of humanity: God who comes to us, God who draws near to us.

Christmas is the feast of drawing near, Christmas is the feast of God's encounter with humanity. Christmas is the feast of closeness; Christmas is the feast of encounter, the feast of God's encounter with humanity. Jesus his Son, the Savior of the world, takes on our human frailty, as a child. This child was born so that we could learn to love. Today we can say: The promise of Hope has been fulfilled!

In the child born to us, God fulfills the promises of hope that Israel and humanity had longed for so long ago. Today is a day of joy and gladness because we can see what so many generations had hoped for. What human beings have always dreamed of and longed for, a life in fullness, hope in the face of despair, light and beauty in the face of darkness, joy and happiness in the face of suffering and sadness, freedom in the face of oppression, justice in the face of abuse, and peace in the face of violence, have become a reality in this child who has been born to us.

In that little body that we venerate and adore today, there is a huge mystery. The mystery of the promise fulfilled, the very hope made flesh. Salvation has come, the glory of God, the fullness of all that exists, the Word of God, has come into the world. God himself has become man out of love to give us hope.

May this feast of hope, closeness, light and peace, allow us to renew our commitment to live as sons and daughters of God. May it make us instruments of bringing God's love and forgiveness to all the places where we live.

From the Parish of St. Catherine of Siena in Mississauga we wish that the Joy and Peace of Christmas will last throughout the New Year.

I want to finish this message with the Solemn blessing of the Nativity of the Lord:

May God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this holy day, drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.

May God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his Gospel.



### Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022 Christmas Vigil

8:00am + Maria Zanatta

4:00pm + Fr. Aldo Uderzo, Trieste & Adele DiMichele,  
Caterina Natale, Eddie Flower

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

8:00pm SOLEMN MASS

### Sunday, Dec. 25 Nativity of the Lord

8:30am Living & deceased of Gaudette & Gauthier Families

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

1:00pm + Danilo, Casimira, Cirilla & Luigi Berdusco,  
Umberto & Maria Giurin & Bortolozzo Family

2:30pm FILIPINO MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

4:00pm + Gloria Lum

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

### Monday, Dec. 26 St. Stephen

8:00am + Gerald & Irene Hendricks

7:00pm + William Eballa

### Tuesday, Dec. 27 St. John

8:00am + Karen, Azzareya & Dominic Abilay

6:30pm + Maria Antonia Cofone

### Wednesday, Dec. 28 Holy Innocents

8:00am + Maggie Conceptio & Vincent Mathias

6:00pm *Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help*

7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

### Thursday, Dec. 29 St. Thomas Becket

8:00am + Paul Anthony Young Madore

7:00pm Thanksgiving from Jude Andrade

8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

### Friday, Dec. 30 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00am Thanksgiving from Marinus & family

7:00pm + Richard Mendis

### Saturday, Dec. 31 St. Sylvester I

8:00am + John, Ruby & Calibin D'Souza

6:00pm + Nicolangelo Cacciaccaro

7:30pm Spanish ADORATION + Mass

### Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:30am Living & deceased of Gaudette & Gauthier  
Families

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

1:00pm + Edmund Flower

4:00pm + Anne & John Liptay, John Hvasta

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

## AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

El Jueves 29 de Diciembre, 2022 (8:30 am a 6:30 pm, Iglesia) estará expuesto el Santísimo Sacramento en la Iglesia. Dedicamos un tiempo para la Adoración Eucarística personal.

El Sábado 31 de Diciembre, 2022 (7:30 pm, Iglesia) participaremos en la Adoración Eucarística de acción de gracias, seguida de la Santa Misa de fin de Año.

Hoy, participaremos en la Santa Misa de Navidad (6:00 pm).

Los siguientes son los enlaces del Internet para aquellos hermanos y hermanas que deseen participar virtualmente en la Santa Misa:

<https://www.facebook.com/parroquiasantacatalina.de.sienna.9>

<https://stcatherine.ca/live-mass/>

## PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND & JORDAN

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**Please register as soon as possible since spaces are limited.**

For further information contact International Heritage Tours at 416-444-6666 or call the parish office at 905-272-1454 ext 0.

**ENVELOPES FOR 2023 CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE**



The Fathers, Deacon, Staff, and Volunteers at St. Catherine of Siena Parish wish all of you

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**BUON NATALE**

**FELIZ NAVIDAD**

**MALIGAYANG PASKO**

**MAIN DOORS** from Monday to Saturday will be open from 7:00am to 9:00am and from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

**From 9:00am to 6:00pm, the doors will be closed. The side entrance will be open 6:30am to 8:00pm.**

## **THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all day **ONLY** on **Thursdays** and **First Fridays**.

**ADULT CATECHISM and RCIA** will resume January 9, 2023.

**BIBLE STUDY** will resume mid January 2023. The 24 lessons will be on the Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom.

## **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2022**

### **Saturday, December 24, 2022** **Christmas Eve**

4:00pm FAMILY MASS  
6:00pm SPANISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
8:00pm SOLEMN English Mass

### **Sunday, December 25, 2022** **Christmas Day**

8:30am English Mass  
10:00am ITALIAN MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
11:30am ENGLISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
1:00pm English Mass  
2:30pm FILIPINO MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
4:00pm English Mass  
6:00pm SPANISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

### **Saturday, December 31, 2022** **New Year's Eve**

8:00am English Mass  
6:00pm English Mass  
7:30pm Adoration + SPANISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

### **Sunday, January 1, 2023** **New Year's Day**

8:30am English Mass  
10:00am ITALIAN MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
11:30am ENGLISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
1:00pm English Mass  
4:00pm English Mass  
6:00pm SPANISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

**MARRIAGE SUNDAY** A special archdiocesan Mass on February 11/12, 2023 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 2:30pm with His Excellency, Bishop Vincent Nguyen. All married couple, in particular those who will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60+ wedding anniversary anytime throughout 2023 are welcome to attend the Mass to honour their fidelity and faithfulness. All those not able to attend in person are encouraged to join the celebration via livestream. For this event, register as soon as possible at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)

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