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**MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD  
LEAD YOU THROUGH THE NEW YEAR**

**Mass Intentions**

January 1 (Saturday)  
 9:00 AM For the Parish community  
 11:00 AM For the Parish community  
 12:30 PM For the Parish community

January 2 (Sunday)  
 7:30 AM +Feliza & Socorro Singson  
 9:00 AM +Jose & Josefina Villanueva  
 11:00 AM + Jose & Petra Feril  
 12:30 PM +Aquileo Villanueva

January 3 (Monday)  
 7:00 PM +Marjo Gasser & Sally Villanueva

January 4 (Tuesday)  
 7:30 AM +Wolf Villanueva, Octavio & Naty Villanueva

January 5 (Wednesday)  
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Santos Family  
 +Mary and Julian Fernandes

January 6 (Thursday)  
 7:30 AM +Angelo & Belen King

January 7 (Friday)  
 7:00 PM +Ramon & Naty Lim

January 8 (Saturday)  
 9:00 AM +Alex & Flor Rosario

The *St. Vincent de Paul Society* wish to thank all our parishioners who gave gift cards to help and bring cheer to individuals and families during the Christmas Season.

**HAND SANITIZERS** will again be on sale at the Narthex on the weekend of January 8/9 for \$1 a bottle. Please see the Knights of Columbus or the Daughters of Isabella if you are interested.



Join us for Holy Hour  
 from 6 PM to 7 PM  
 Monday to Friday

**Epiphany**

On the feast of the Epiphany in the year 1929, an 18-year-old woman arrived by train in the capital of the Bengal State in British India. She will spend the next 20 years of her life as a Sister of Loreto, teaching high school school girls from wealthy families.

At the age of 38, this same woman felt a call from God to leave the security of her convent and school to spend her life serving the dying and the poorest of the poor. When she sought permission to found a religious order, her bishop scoffed: "Why, she couldn't even light the candles on the altar and now she expects me to give her permission?" Eventually, the bishop relented and agreed.

Since then, Mother Teresa has served thousands of people in many parts of the world and her legacy continues to animate the hearts of many to reach out to their brothers and sisters, especially the poor.

Mother Teresa's vision can be summed up in this way: "Everyone is created by God and deserving of love. It does not matter if the person is male or female, Moslem or Christian or Jew. It does not matter the person's race or nationality. All that matters is that the person is created by God and deserves love. We are here simply to give love."

Her vision is exactly the vision of Epiphany. This feast proclaims exactly that. It is simple and challenging. When we live out this vision, we become God's epiphany for the world. The original gifts were gold, frankincense and myrrh. Today one gift suffices: LOVE without distinction, without qualification, without hesitation.

**Sunday Offering**

Offertory	\$ 5,024.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,630.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 579.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 990.00
Candle Offering	\$ 104.40
Novena	\$ 1,776.60
Flowers	\$ 726.35
Masks	\$ 25.00
Confirmation	\$ 70.00
First Communion	\$ 25.00
Missals	\$ 25.00
Christmas	\$ 750.00
Equipment Fund	\$ 510.00
Total	\$11,626.35

**REMINDERS TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND GUESTS**

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we ask that those who are feeling unwell should not attend Holy Mass at this time. We are blessed as a parish to be able to broadcast LIVE on our YouTube channel all our Masses. It is not the ideal, but you will still feel connected to the parish from the comfort of your isolation.

We also remind everyone for your safety and the safety of your ministers that Holy Communion will be received only on the hand at this time. Pray intensely that this pandemic will soon be over and we can again receive the Eucharist on the tongue or on the hand, whichever way you would like to receive Him.

We also ask that parishioners not congregate in large groups before or after Mass, wherever possible. Please wear your mask and observe basic measures as appropriate to protect yourself.

We are inviting all those who registered for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** to attend the initial meeting at the church on Saturday, January 8, 2022 starting at 11 AM.

Our Grade 2 students and older who have registered for **First Reconciliation and First Communion** are invited to visit the Parish website for instruction on the Preparation requirements. The Dates for the celebration of the Sacraments are also posted.

*In the event of a heavy accumulation of snow on our slope roof and/or a build-up of ice on the ground, the inner courtyards will be closed. Please pass through the Parish Hall to come into the church.*

### **Openness to Christ's Words: A Path of Encounter and Conversion**

Friday, January 28, 2022 to Sunday,  
January 30, 2022  
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre,  
Pickering, Ontario

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for men. During this three-day retreat, we will focus on the Ignatian method of contemplation that suggests the use of our senses (SE 106) to contemplate together some of the significant moments of Jesus' encounter with His audience and the healing and transformative process that followed as a result of these encounters. Fundamental to this is the role of the Holy Spirit that allows people to open their hearts to the Divine Grace which transforms, restores and re-creates. Facilitated by Fr. Jean Francky Guerrier, SJ.

A suggested offering of \$235 per person. Includes two nights' accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. Contact: [registration@manresa.ca](mailto:registration@manresa.ca) or call 905-839-2864

### **Witnessing the Beatitudes Around us**

Friday, February 4, 2022 to February  
6, 2022  
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal  
Centre,  
Pickering, Ontario

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for women. With so much animosity and tension all around us perhaps it would be good to be reminded of the gentle spirit of the Beatitudes – that there are people like this still around us to prayerful learn and gain spiritual strength from. This will be a multisensory retreat looking at the Beatitudes through film, images and imaginative writing. Facilitated by Fr. Trevor Scott, SJ.

A suggested offering of \$235 per person. Includes two nights' accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. Contact: [registration@manresa.ca](mailto:registration@manresa.ca) or call 905-839-2864

### *The Suitcase: A Story about Giving*

A 7 minute video that Parents might want to watch with their kids available on Formed.Org, free access for all parishioners of SJB

Zeal and excitement are a part of every child. This picture book celebrates a young boy's enthusiasm to put into practice the words of Christ: to feed and clothe the poor, help the needy, and love one's neighbor.

As Thomas shows his family the items he has packed into his suitcase after hearing a stirring homily at church, they marvel at his inventiveness and loving heart—he is traveling to the Kingdom of Heaven, and he knows what it takes to get there! Thomas and his family figure out a way, with his suitcase, to accomplish the goal that Thomas is so excited about: to arrive at the Kingdom.

### **SYNOD ON SYNODALITY**

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: [www.arch-toronto.org/synodality](http://www.arch-toronto.org/synodality).

### **Marriage Sunday**

Celebration of Marriage Mass  
Sunday, February 13, 2022  
2:30 PM

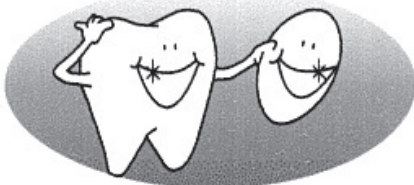
St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto

The Celebration of Marriage Mass will take place on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St, Toronto at 2:30 p.m. Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB will preside over this special Mass and all married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows.

Due to social distancing measures, in-person attendance is limited at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica and only couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ wedding anniversaries and one (1) guest per celebrant couple will be able to register to attend (for a total of a group of 3). Other couples, family, and friends are welcome to participate in the celebration via the Livestream.

For more information and to register visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage). Registration will close on February 4, 2022, or when we reach maximum capacity at the Cathedral.

**Please wear your mask and be safe.**



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