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## **Pastoral Team**

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**Assistants:** Clifford Jumapit, Benjamin Alcantara

**Volunteer Asisstants:** Marina Taguicana, Agnes Lim



**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

## MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (December 31)  
5 PM +Peter & Priscilla D'Souza,  
+Peter & Paul D'Mello, Deceased  
members of the D'Mello Family,  
+Joseph D'Mello, +John & Ann  
Braganza

SUNDAY (January 1)  
7:30 AM For the Parish community  
9:00 AM For the Parish community  
11:00 AM For the Parish community  
12:30 PM For the Parish community

MONDAY (January 2)  
9:00 AM Special Intention of Ana  
Soligo, Norma & George Raine

TUESDAY (January 3)  
7:30 AM +John Rodrigues,  
Thanksgiving of Sircula and Batu  
Norohna

WEDNESDAY (January 4)  
7:00 PM Open

THURSDAY (January 5)  
7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Mila  
Stapells

FRIDAY (January 6)  
7:00 PM Special Intention of Ana  
Soligo, Norma and George Raine

SATURDAY (January 7)  
9:00 AM Special Intention of B.  
Fernandes & C. Rodrigues, +Tony  
Pavao, +Fernando Ramos Careiro

5:00 PM+Elizabeth Contreras  
Cruz, +Ruel & Evelyn  
Macalaguim, +Milagros & Juanito  
Umali

If you wish to offer Holy Mass  
for yourself or for your Loved  
One, please see or call the  
Parish desk, or use the form on  
our parish website. Thank you.

## Mary, Mother of God

The first day of the year is dedicated to Mary, Mother of God. The awesome title we ascribed to her is ultimately in praise of her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is fully human and fully divine. It is our confession of faith that the child laid in a manger is no ordinary child. He is the Redeemer of us all.

The New Year is also a day we continue to pray for World Peace. There are many places in the world that are at war. So many people are killed, hurt, and displaced. Let us remember them as we also beseech God to inspire our World Leaders to always pursue peace through dialogue and other means to resolve conflicts.

As we begin this New Year, we give thanks to God for all blessings received. Let us also entrust all our cares and hopes. May this new year bring joy and peace in all our hearts.

This New Year also offers new challenges as we slowly return to normality after the pandemic. I thank the Lord to see so many of you return to church again. So many new faces too. As we build community, we will need to restore many of the ministries and forms of service that we used to do. We will also create new ones. But in order for us to be able to do it, we need everyone's cooperation. We have our own abilities. Let us lay some of that before the Christ Child laying in the manger just as the three wise men did.

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2

9:00 AM

The Office and Church will be closed for the day. There will be no Evening Mass.

Regular parish schedule will be resume on Tuesday, January 3

SUNDAY MISSALS  
are still available in the Parish Desk  
for \$5 a copy

## FISCAL YEAR END

We will be closing our Parish Financial Book for the year 2022. Please ensure that we have your correct information in case you have changed status and/or address. We would like to issue the Donation Receipts for your Tax declaration as soon as possible. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you intend to top your donation for 2022, please ensure that your cheque or Donation Envelope is dated 2022, so it will be counted towards this year. Otherwise, your donation will be recorded for 2023.

## 2023 BOX OF DONATION ENVELOPES

Your 2023 Box of Donation Envelopes are available for pickup at the narthex. Please ensure that you double check the name because there are many who share the same surname(s) in the parish.

If your name is not among the Donation Envelopes, please see Cliff or Ben, they will gladly assist you. Thank you for your generosity.

**Do you know that the Blessed  
Sacrament is exposed in our Church  
for private prayers**

Monday 6 PM to 7 PM  
Tuesday to Friday 12 noon to 7 PM

Join Fr. Mark for Holy Hour every  
evening from 6 PM

If you are unable to join us physically  
at the church, you can also pray with  
us on our YouTube Channel.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Our Parish would like to jump start the  
Youth Ministry in 2023. We are looking  
for volunteers to assist in this awesome  
outreach to the young people.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we can organize  
a summer youth camp? But in order to do  
this, we need volunteers!

Please pray about it and inform Fr. Mark  
or Susan of your desire to work with young  
people.

**MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY  
AND WELCOME**

We are looking for volunteers for  
ushering, gathering the offerings,  
and making people welcome in  
our place of worship on Sundays.  
We are especially hoping to have  
more volunteers for the 11 AM  
and 12:30 PM Masses. Would you  
consider serving the Lord in this  
way?

**CHOIR MINISTRY**

The 11 AM Sunday Choir is  
looking for more members. The  
choir serves every other Sunday.  
Please see Cristina Sanchez

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE  
WITH BISHOP NGUYEN  
St. Michael's Cathedral  
Sunday, February 12, 2023 02:30 PM**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023  
celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen  
will preside at a special Mass to  
honour married couples, especially  
those celebrating milestone wedding  
anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th,  
60th or 60+) in 2023. The Mass will  
take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday,  
February 12 at St. Michael's Cathedral  
Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto).  
All married couples will have an  
opportunity to renew their vows and  
milestone anniversary celebrants will  
be honoured with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to  
space restrictions those wishing to  
attend are asked to register online.  
Milestone anniversary celebrants  
will be assured of reserved seating.  
All other seating is on a first-come,  
first-served basis. Those who are  
unable to attend at the Cathedral are  
invited to join the celebration via  
livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The  
broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Registration is now ongoing. Please  
visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)  
to register and to access resources for  
parishes and couples.

Have you always wanted to visit the land of  
Jesus and walk in his footsteps?

FR. MARK WILL BE LEADING A  
PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND  
(Egypt and Israel)  
November 6 to 20, 2023  
Flyers are available at the Narthex for more  
information

**PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas  
Collins and a wide representation  
of Christian leaders to pray for the  
restoration  
of full visible unity willed by Jesus  
Christ for the Church at St. Andrew's  
Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St. at  
King St.  
W. in Toronto) on Sunday January 22,  
2023, at 4 p.m. This event is jointly  
organized by the Office for Promoting  
Christian Unity and the Greater  
Toronto Area Council of Christian  
Churches.

**FEAST OF THE BLACK  
NAZARENE**

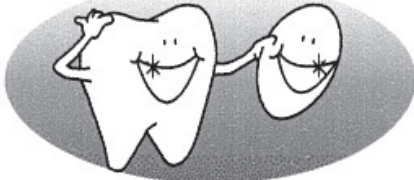
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