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December 17 - 23, 2018

#### Monday, December 24

6:00 pm - Community of Prince of Peace 9:00 pm - Community of Prince of Peace 12:00 midnight - Community of Prince of Peace

#### Tuesday, December 25

9:00 am - Community of Prince of Peace 10:30 am - Community of Prince of Peace 12:00pm—Community of Prince of Peace

#### Wednesday, December 26 7:00 pm + Sabeena Stanley

<u>Thursday, December 27</u> 7:00 pm + Noel Fernando

### Friday, December 28

9:15 am + Ivana Kumprey

#### Saturday, December 29

9:00 am - Thanksgiving Mass 5:00 pm + Thomas Joseph

#### Sunday, December 30

8:30 am - Physical & Spiritual healing Maria Pardilla

10:00 am - Community of Prince of Peace 11:30 am + 15th death anniversary Rosalyn Ver

1:00 pm + Bastiampillai Vinoward & Ida Rose Jeyarajan



### VOTIVE LAMPS IN-TENTIONS

1. In loving memory of Robert & Amy Franco. Offered by their children, Victor & family; Stanley & family; Annie & family.

In loving memory of Mrs. Helen Ong. Prayers offered by her loving family.

- In loving memory of Yole Loreto Baldassini. Parents La Posta family, Parents Baldassini family, Parents Cianfarani family. Offered by Concetta Baldassini.
- 4. In loving memory of Vinoward Jeyarajan. Offered by their loving family.



# Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.

#### THE PERFECT GIFT ON THIS CHRISTMAS....



One thing that is associated with the celebration of Christmas everywhere is giving. Christmas is the feast of giving. Christmas is the one time in the year when everyone is sure to give and receive a present, even if be only a Christmas card. People spent a lot of time and money shopping for the perfect Christmas gift. We put up Christmas trees to surprise family members with our gifts and to be surprised with theirs. Christmas is a feast of giving even from God's point of view. For at Christmas we celebrate the mystery that "God so

loved the world that he *gave* his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16). God gives, and the people of God give, and that is Christmas.

If Christmas is the feast of giving, then the question of what to give and how to give becomes very important. After all what is worth doing is worth doing well. How can we improve on the quality of our giving? How can we improve on the quality of our Christmas celebration?

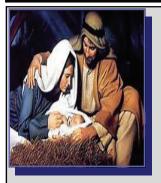
The beautiful story we read during the Advent season is the story of Mary visiting with Elizabeth. What gift did Mary bring to Elizabeth? We are not told that she brought foodstuff, although she might as well have brought some. We are told she brought just one thing: herself. She gave Elizabeth the **gift of her very presence**. And, dear friends, this is the **best and the hardest gift of all**. It is easy to send flowers, it is easy to send a parcel, chocolates, but to give the gift of ourselves, to make out the time to be with somebody, that is the gift that many people long for but do not receive at Christmas. Following Mary's example, we must, in addition to the flowers and parcels, give of ourselves, our presence, our time. We must find the time to visit and be with people. This is the greatest gift because its value cannot be calculated in terms of money.

Another point we can make out of Mary's gift to Elizabeth is that one should give not according to one's convenience but according to the needs of the receiver. It was not convenient for Mary to travel the lonely, dangerous road from Galilee to the hills of Judea. So Mary, as soon as she learned that Elizabeth was six months pregnant went with haste and stayed with her for about three months, meaning, until she gave birth. Mary gave to Elizabeth what she needed when she needed it. That is the perfect gift.

Do you know one thing everybody needs today? Everybody needs encouragement. Everybody needs the interior peace and joy that comes from the Holy Spirit. This is what Mary's visit did for Elizabeth. Mary's visit was an inspiration to Elizabeth.



When we visit people this Christmas, let us try to bring some inspiration into their lives, let us seek to bring them closer to God, and let us try to share with them the Spirit of God in us, the Spirit of consolation, of courage, of peace and joy, just as Mary did.



# A Prayer for Christmas Morning

Henry Van Dyke

The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will.

Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wisemen.

Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world...

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

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# VOCATION CORNER

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or feligious or deacon to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact

Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997. email: vocations@ archtoronto.org.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!!!

FROM: Fr. Lorenzo, Fr. Michael, Deacon Terence,
Deacon Thomas and staff.



#### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 24th, 2018

6:00pm; 9:00 pm & 12 midnight

Carols 1/2 hour before all Masses

**No Morning Mass** 

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25th, 2018

9:00 am / 10:30 am / 12:00 noon (No 1:00pm Mass)

### **Boxing Day**

Wednesday, December 26, 2018 9:00am—Mass

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## NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE

Monday, December 31st, 2018 9:15am- Mass 5:00 pm—Mass

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tuesday, January 1st, 2019

9:00 am /10:30 am / 12:00 noon (No 1:00pm Mass)

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