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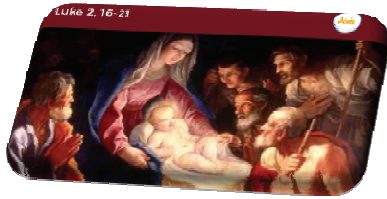
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*May the Blessings of this  
Holy Season be with you Always.*

## Some thoughts on today's scripture



As we begin this new year, we find an amazing piece of Good News waiting to cheer our hearts! God has become human and is no longer

remote or shadowy. We all feel comfortable with a baby, and when it smiles at us, our tired hearts are filled with joy. We can get in on the scene by knocking at the door and are greeted by Mary's smile. Take time to sit with the little family and the shepherds, in silent wonder. Perhaps you forgot to bring a gift, but it doesn't matter: you've brought yourself!

Whenever you see a baby this year, make the connection with what is happening today, and renew your sense of wonder and awe at the delightfulness of God becoming human. This will warm your heart and make you smile more.

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*Il brano del vangelo ci narra un episodio della vita di una famiglia ebrea, ma l'ambientazione è inusuale per una nascita. Si tratta di una famiglia emarginata socialmente. Eppure il bambino è Dio e la giovane donna l'ha concepito e partorito nella verginità. Alcuni pastori si affrettano, in risposta a un messaggio dal cielo, per riconoscerlo e glorificarlo a loro modo.*

*Vi è difficile considerarlo vostro Dio?*

*Volgete il pensiero per un attimo al fascino persistente esercitato da sua madre su uomini e donne di ogni ambiente e classe, su persone che hanno conosciuto successi o fallimenti di ogni tipo, su uomini di genio, su emarginati, su soldati angosciati e destinati a morire sul campo di battaglia, su persone che passano attraverso dure prove spirituali.*

*Il genio artistico si è spesso consacrato alla sua lode: pensate alla "Pietà" di Michelangelo, al gran numero di Madonne medievali e rinascimentali, alle vetrate incantevoli della cattedrale di Chartres e alla più bella di tutte le icone: la Madonna di Vladimir, che aspetta con pazienza, nel Museo Tretiakov di Mosca, giorni migliori. Perché la Madonna ispira tanta umanità?*



Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations,

Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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## Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service

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.

## Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Nguyen - February 12, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

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.

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

Download the poster here:

<https://bit.ly/MarriageSunday-Poster2023>

Download a letter from Cardinal Thomas Collins to married couples: <https://bit.ly/MS2023-LetterToCouples>

For questions, please visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage-faq](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage-faq) or contact [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org).

## New Year Resolutions ~ The Pope Francis List



1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh.'
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord.'
10. Be happy. (The Joy of the Gospel).



FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES COMMENCE  
Saturday January 14  
3:30 pm



CONFIRMATION CLASSES COMMENCE  
Wednesday January 18  
5:30 pm

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



FIRST TUESDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER  
THE 7:00 PM MASS  
(TUESDAY) 03 JAN

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is a monthly devotion for prayer and quiet reflection. It is an opportunity to silently adore Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist.

"Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day."  
- St. Alphonsus Liguori

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN



Just as your home must be maintained and your family cared for, so does your parish need to be maintained and care for.

We encourage you to please sign up for PAG plan, if you think it is more convenient than using weekly Offertory envelopes. PAG forms are available at the church entrances and in the church office.



SECOND COLLECTION FOR  
MAINTENANCE - 07/08 JAN  
2023

Church maintenance refers to the upkeep of all property and equipment that belongs to a church. It encompasses every maintenance task required to keep a church and its entire premises functional, safe, and presentable.

We appreciate your support!



If you are a new parishioner or someone who has been attending St. Norbert's Parish but has never registered we ask that you please register. Forms are located at the main entrances of the church and in the church office.

Once completed you may simply drop the registration form in the collection basket, or bring to the church office.

Registration is very important especially for any future sacramental celebrations. Also, please introduce yourself to the parish priest who would be pleased to meet you personally.

Mass Intentions

Sat/sabato - Dec/dicembre 31  
5:00 pm - +Presentation Nuguit

Sun/domenica - Jan/gennaio 01  
9:00 am -  
10:30 am -  
12:00 pm -

Tue/martedì - Jan/gennaio 03  
7:00 pm -

Wed/mercoledì - Jan/gennaio 04  
7:00 pm - +Lina Pasqualitto

Thu/giovedì - Jan/gennaio 05  
8:30 am -

Fri/venerdì - Jan/gennaio 06  
8:30 am -

Sat/sabato - Jan/gennaio 07  
5:00 pm -

Sun/domenica - Jan/gennaio 08  
9:00 am -

10:30 am - +Angelo Bertossi  
12:00 pm -

Tue/martedì - Jan/gennaio 10  
7:00 pm - +Giuseppina Iozzo

Wed/mercoledì - Jan/gennaio 11  
7:00 pm - +Giorgio Patafio

Thu/giovedì - Jan/gennaio 12  
8:30 am -

Fri/venerdì - Jan/gennaio 13  
8:30 am -

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