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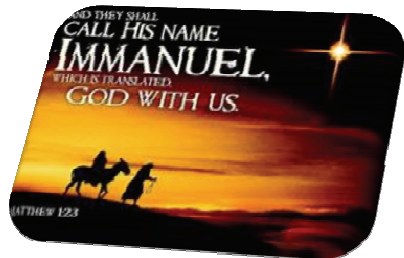
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Some thoughts on today's scripture



It is not easy to pray directly on the genealogy of Jesus, most of the names meaning very little to us today. However, Matthew is telling us that Jesus, through his foster parent Saint Joseph, is descended from

Abraham, the father of all nations. The only knowledge we know of Mary is that Saint Joachim and Saint Anne are traditionally recognised as her parents.

Matthew also gives us here the 'annunciation' to Saint Joseph in a dream, and his acceptance of the message, parallel the acceptance of Mary.

The circumstances of your life can often be a setting in which you might interpret an invitation from God to be drawn more closely to Him and share his work. Ask for the grace to hear and accept and enjoy His company.

Dopo la testimonianza di Giovanni Battista, ecco la testimonianza di Maria, madre di Dio, che ha serbato preziosamente in cuor suo le grandi cose che il Signore aveva fatto per lei. Il concepimento verginale di Cristo, così chiaramente esposto nel vangelo di oggi (Lc 1,34-35), non è un fatto isolato, una grazia a sé.

Ma non ci è presentato nemmeno come il modo più adatto per la nascita del Messia. Ci è dato come sicurezza che il figlio, nato da Maria, " sarà dunque santo e chiamato Figlio di Dio ", perché " lo Spirito Santo scenderà su di te, su te stenderà la sua ombra la potenza dell'Altissimo ".

La nascita di Gesù dalla Vergine Maria non è una verità aggiunta alla verità dell'Incarnazione; è parte integrante di questo stesso mistero. E la divina condiscendenza, per mezzo della quale viene richiesto il consenso di Maria, perché possa realizzarsi il progetto divino, è ciò che san Paolo chiama la " rivelazione del mistero taciuto per secoli eterni, ma rivelato ora... a tutte le genti perché obbediscano alla fede " (Rm 16,25-26).



From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!" ...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling

you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Friars Student Writing Contest 2024 (November 08, 2023, to January 15, 2024)

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27).

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25.

Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Students are to consult the resources at <https://rb.gy/wajo9> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster @ <https://bit.ly/3G0l4zT> and submit their entries at, <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>

Contact: ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.



Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo February 11, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.



As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. 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. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage. For questions, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.

NOTE/NOTA

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L'ufficio sara chuso per giorni festivi

Tuesday December 26, 2023



Saturday December 23

5:00 pm - +Pietro & Irma Gentilini

Sunday December 24

9:00 am - +Jenny Correia

10:30 am - +Antonio Barbuto

+Silvia Barbuto

+Steve & Bernice Santaguida

+Regina & Arduino Mazzoli

+Antonio & Elisa Mazzoli

12:00 pm -

10:00 pm - Vigil Mass

Monday December 25

9:00 am -

10:30 am -

12:00 pm -

Tuesday December 26

7:00 pm -

Wednesday December 27

7:00 pm - +Maria Onorati

Thursday December 28

8:30 am -

Friday December 29

8:30 am -

Saturday December 30

5:00 pm -

Sunday December 31

9:00 am -

10:30 am - +Michael Steffler

12:00 pm -

Monday January 01

9:00 am -

10:30 am -

12:00 pm -

Tuesday January 02

7:00 pm - +Joe Martins

Wednesday January 03

7:00 pm - +Caterina Borghesani

Thursday January 04

8:30 am -

Friday January 05

8:30 am - +Paul McKenzie



**CHRISTMAS &
NEW YEAR
MASS SCHEDULE**

DECEMBER 24 (Sunday)

09:00 pm - Carolling (Inni Natalizi)

10:00 pm - Vigil Mass

DECEMBER 25 (Monday)

09:00 am - Italian

10:30 am - English

12:00 pm - English

JANUARY 01 (Monday)

09:00 am - Italian

10:30 am - English

12:00 pm - English



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