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*Oh Come
Let us Adore Him*

Christmas Message from our Pastor

My dear parishioners,

The wonder of God becoming man to be with us will always be a marvelous feat to ponder. Jesus takes human flesh, God lives with us, the Word became flesh, Emmanuel!

The consequences are so enormous: we are not alone, we do not carry our burdens alone, we do not have a God who is far away from us, he is one of the brethren. He shares our life. As the evangelist John tells us, the Word “which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched”(1 John 1:1) is the one we celebrate at Christmas.

As we celebrate remember Jesus is the reason for the season. It is because of his birth that our story changes for good. In him we live and move and have our being. So celebrate him, give him your hearts, make him part of the family, proclaim him to the world. Get committed to your faith more than ever; be committed even more to your beloved community – the body of Christ at St. Joseph the Worker, Thornhill.

May he dwell in your heart and fill you, family and friends with so much joy. As we begin our year-long 40th anniversary this Christmas, may St. Joseph intercede continually for us. May Mary cover us with her maternal mantle.

And may Christ Jesus, the Lord of all nations, reign majestically in our lives.

Merry Christmas and a happy 2023 ahead!

Fr. Victor Amole

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 62.11-12

Second Reading: Titus 3.4-7

Gospel: Luke 2.15-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 25 December

Christmas- The Nativity of the Lord

9:00 AM (Italian) PRO POPULO

10:30 AM For all Parishioners

12:00 PM For all Parishioners

Tuesday 27 December, 9:00 AM

Thanksgiving for Argveza Family

Wednesday 28 December, 7:00 PM

+ Antonio Franco (1 year)

Thursday 29 December, 9:00 AM

+ Gesue Carere & Giuseppe Magnoli

Friday 30 December, 7:00 PM

+ Deceased member of Pacificador Family

+ Christian Gabriel Calaunan

+ Antonette Breatrice Vettivelu

Intentions for Xavier Family

Baby Jesus

Saturday 31 December

New Year's Eve Masses

5:00 PM For all Parishioners

10:00 PM For all Parishioners



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

“For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.”

- Lk 2:11

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Please note that the Office will be CLOSED from Saturday, December 24, 2022 to Tuesday, December 27, 2022 and we will open again on Wednesday, December 28, 2022.

There will be **NO MASS** on Monday, December 26, 2022.

New Year's Eve

Virgil of the Mary the Mother of God

Mass Time

Saturday, December 31, 2022

No 9:00 AM Mass

No 3:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM — English

10:00 PM — English

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Mass Time

Sunday, January 1, 2023

9:00 AM — Italian

10:30 AM — English

12:00 PM — English

Please note that the Office will be CLOSED from Saturday, December 31, 2022 to Tuesday, January 3, 2023 and we will open again on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

There will be NO MASS on Monday January 2, 2023

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion classes begin Saturday January 14, 2023, at 10 a.m.
All classes will be held in the hall located in the basement of the church. Attendance to all classes is mandatory.

Class #1	January 14	10-11:30 a.m.
Class #2	January 21	10-11:30 a.m.
Class #3	January 28	10-11:30 a.m.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Parents' Meeting #1:

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 from 7 to 8 p.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes begin Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 3p.m.
All classes will be held in the hall located in the basement of the church. Attendance to all classes is mandatory.

Class #1	January 14	3– 5 p.m.
Class #2	January 21	3– 5 p.m.
Class #3	January 28	3– 5 p.m.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS & SPONSORS

Parent/Sponsor's Meeting #1

Tuesday 15 February at 7:30 p.m.

STUDY OF CATHOLICISM

There will not be any more Catholicism meetings for the duration of December. Meetings will resume on Thursday

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES

The 40th anniversary of our Parish is next year and we are celebrating in a grand way! The celebration will include diverse events and it will also be a means to do the necessary maintenance and repairs of our entire parish edifice.

Please save the dates for the following celebrations of our Parish's 40th anniversary:

- Parish Feast Day Mass, celebrated by Bishop John Boissonneau: May 1 2023, 7:00 PM
- First Holy Communion Masses: May 13 & 14, 20 & 21, 2023 (5:00/12:00 PM)
- Confirmation Masses: May 27/28, 2023 (10:00 AM/3:00 PM)
- Cultural Day—Mass, food, & the celebration of different cultures: June 11 2023
- 40th Anniversary Grand Mass celebrated by Cardinal Collins: September 24 2023, 12:00 PM
- 40th Anniversary Gala: September 29 2023

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