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# ADVENT



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 18

- 9:00 a.m. +Guelmar & Malou Sulay (I) Thanksgiving
10:30 a.m. +Josephine Lind
12:15 p.m. People of the Parish & Christmas Novena 4

Monday, December 19

- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Novena 5

Tuesday, December 20

- 8:00 a.m. +Alicia Estelong Christmas Novena 6

Wednesday, December 21

- 7:00 p.m. +Jonathan Rosado & Christmas Novena 7

Thursday, December 22

- 8:00 a.m. +Des O'Donaghue
7:00 p.m. Christmas Novena 8

Friday, December 23

- 8:00 a.m. +Anthony Gomes
7:00 pm Final Christmas Novena 9

Saturday, December 24

- 9:00 a.m. No Morning Mass
6:00 p.m. Balallo & Tan Family (I) Thanksgiving
9:00 p.m. +Danny & Agnes Gomes
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass- + Fe Alconaba

4th Sunday of Advent - December 18, 2022

Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him. Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Rev. Fr.



Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997; email vocations@archtoronto.org or call Rev. Fr. Glass at 416-757-2806 or at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org for more information.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The Incarnation: two 'What's, one 'Who'

Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. — Phil. 2:6-8.

Three Days: The Search for the Boy Messiah, by Chris Stepien, is a children's novel based on the biblical account of Jesus being lost in the Temple. The author, though well-intentioned, makes the serious mistake of telling the story from the point of view of Jesus, presenting Jesus' interior thoughts. The huge problem with this is that there is just no way that anyone can imagine what goes on in the mind of Jesus, someone who is both God and man. What does it feel like to have simultaneously two natures — divine and human? None of us can possibly know.

At a particular moment in time, the Second Person of the Trinity took on a human nature in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Without losing anything of his divinity, Jesus assumed the fullness of our humanity, assuming not just a human body, but everything that pertains to being human.

In Jesus, therefore, there are two distinct natures (two 'what's), but there is only one person (one 'who'). As the Catechism states: "Christ's humanity has no other subject than the divine person of the Son of God." So, for example, if we ask, "Did Jesus know how to speak every language?", the answer must make a distinction: "Jesus, in his human nature, knew only what he learned in his human nature; however, in his divine nature, Jesus knew all things, past, present, and future."

Consider an analogy. Luke Skywalker, in Star Wars, can use his muscles to lift things, or he can use 'the force.' At any time both means are available. Similarly, Jesus at any time can act by means of his human nature, or he can act by means of his divine nature. When Jesus falls under the burden of the cross, he is using his human nature. When Jesus turns water into wine, he is using his divine nature.

Even some modern theologians can be confused about this. They interpret St. Paul saying that "Jesus emptied himself" as indicating a kind of divine amnesia. Somehow Jesus forgets that he is God, and only gradually re-discovers the fact. Not only is this theologically incoherent, but it is also un-biblical. When, Jesus heals the paralytic he says "Your sins are forgiven." The by-standers grumble, saying "Who but God can forgive sins?" Exactly!

The Creed, which we profess every Sunday, was formulated to counter two opposite heretical tendencies: the denial Jesus' full divinity, or the denial of his full humanity. As Christians, we hold firmly to both. We profess that Jesus is both fully God and fully man.



**Next Week Readings**

Feast of the Holy Family

A Family built on Stewardship

**1st Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14**

**2nd Reading: Colossians 3.12-21**

**Gospel: Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23**

The Flight to Egypt

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2022-2023**

The Children's Liturgy meetings today is the final meeting *Sunday, December 18.*



*These classes will be on Christmas break until January 03, will resume on Sunday January 08, 2023.* All children – *from 6 to 10 years old* – are welcome. Details

**Confirmation Sessions** will be announce after the holidays. Thank you. Have a safe break to everyone!

**R.C.I.A. Program: Oct. 2022 – Apr. 2023**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program



– a journey of prayer, reflection and instruction for anyone wishing to explore the beauty of the Catholic faith – in our church hall. Next sessions: *Saturdays, January 07, 14, & 21.* If you or anyone you know are interested, contact the parish office, during office hours, pick up a form or phone us on (416) 757-2806. Email: [olfatimasc@archtoronto.org](mailto:olfatimasc@archtoronto.org)

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**Christmas Day 2022 & New Year's 2023 Schedules**

**Saturday, December 24 No Morning Mass**

**Family Mass at 6:00 pm Holy Mass**

**Christmas Eve at 9:00 pm Holy Mass**

**Midnight Mass at 12:00 am Holy Mass**

**Sunday, December 25 at**

**9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:15 pm Holy Mass**

*December 26 Regular Scheduled is followed*

**Monday to Friday, December 30**

*Regular Scheduled is followed.*

**Saturday, December 31 New Year's Eve at**

**9:00 am & 4:30 pm Holy Mass**

**Sunday, January 01 New Year's Day at**

**9:00 am, 10:30 & 12:15 pm Holy Mass**

**The Parish Office is closed on all**

**Statutory holidays!**

*December 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & January 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of*

*Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day*

*falling on the weekend.*

**INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2023**

*The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague Will this year be Celebrated within the evening Mass Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. .*



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