

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

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Feast of the Holy Family

Christmas Bulletin 2021

The Christmas Crib
Manger, Nativity Scene or Crèche

What is it?
A depiction of the scene of the birth of Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem.

DID YOU KNOW?
St. Francis of Assisi made the Christmas crib popular and turned it into a familiar part of Christian homes around the world. He presented a Bethlehem scene with live animals on Christmas Eve in 1223 in Greccio, Italy.

"I wish to recall to memory the little child who was born in Bethlehem. I want to set before our bodily eyes the hardship of his infant needs, how he lay in the manger, how with an ox and ass standing by, he lay upon the hay."
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The preparation of the Nativity scene at home is a wonderful opportunity for family prayer!

TIP #1: Include a reading from St. Luke's account of the birth of Christ
Our Saviour is coming
Luke 1:28-33
Bethlehem
Luke 2:1-5
Birth of Jesus
Luke 2:6-7
The Shepherds & Angels
Luke 2:8-20

TIP #2: Sing an Advent hymn or a Christmas carol
*O Come All Ye Faithful
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

TIP #3: Say prayers of petition and praise
Let us praise our Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, who was born for our salvation.
Glory to God in the highest!

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Left: Image courtesy of the Archdiocese of Toronto Facebook Page
Right: Images received from parishioners of their nativity scene in their homes


The Holy Redeemer Knights of Columbus would like to wish all parishioners and their families a joyous and healthy Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the birth of Christ be the centre of your celebrations and may you be blessed throughout the year.




Pickering Santa Claus Parade
"Keep Christ in Christ in Christmas"
float sponsored by St Isaac Jogues and Holy Redeemer"


 The **Lectors of Holy Redeemer Parish** join in wishing you and those dear to you, a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

The members of the **Parish Counting Teams** wish you, your families and those dear to you a Joyous Christmas, followed by a healthy and happy New Year in 2022 

 The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** donated a total of 266 shawls, lap throws, baby and chemo blankets this year. Not only did we donate to parishioners we also donated baby blankets and hats to Rose of Durham for their newborn layettes, blankets for chemo patients at the R.S, McLaughlin Cancer Centre and shawls to Herizon House (women's shelter) for Easter and Christmas. We are also providing shawls and laps this Christmas to seven Long Term Homes and senior residences in Durham. We would like to thank the CWG, Knights of Columbus and Holy Redeemer parishioners for their financial support. *May God bless you, your family and our Holy Redeemer community this Christmas season and always.*


Catholic Women's Guild

The **Catholic Women's Guild** would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year. During these pandemic days, it has been a trial for us all, but with the help of God and Father Colman we are able to see a new beginning of community in the Church. We are very thankful for the church administration that has kept us aware of the changes and allowed us to be safe. Remember: "Jesus is the Reason for the Season" Blessings to all.

Holy Redeemer's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion join in wishing you and your families and loved ones the Joys of celebrating the Birth of the Christ Child, with peace, health and happiness in the New Year that follows. 

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU, THE FAMILY OF GOD AT HOLY REDEEMER PARISH.

We celebrate this special season of God's love, outpoured upon us through the coming of his son into our world and into our lives.

God continues to come to us, not only when things are going well, during the great moments of spiritual energy and excitement.....but even when our hearts are broken by our sinfulness and other disappointments. We have a God who continues to come to clean up our mess so that new growth may come forth, and who strengthens us and affirms when things go well.

It's time to give God praise and thanks, and it's time to share companionship, friendship and love with our neighbors.

Time of giving and receiving gifts.

Time of thanking and adoring.

Time to come together, and

Time to breathe in, the love of God, and the air that brings warmth to our hearts.

This is time when our families become the wellspring of peace, joy, love and acceptance for us, and with our bigger family of faith, stand up together and walk towards the little town of Bethlehem.

We are still going through the threat of COVID 19. It's now almost two years in a row. And there is fear. But Jesus said to his disciples when they were distressed ***"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. JN. 16:33"***

For some in our community, Christmas may become a time of loneliness and pain.

It's winter and cold on both the outside and the inside of their lives. The warmth generated by the nuclear plants into our homes, does not suffice. It will only when the spirit of hope, the hope of Christmas, is given a chance into our hearts.

Think about someone who is on a hospital bed. Think about those who are hurting because of loss of their loved ones and their pain is amplified especially during this time of the year. Think about those around the world who are displaced because of threats of war, because of political/religious affiliation or because the family is going through turbulent storms...

For all our brothers and sisters we reach out to them with the gifts of prayer, that the God who is coming into the world, will pour into their hearts, the mist of his eternal love, growth and comfort.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Fr. Colman Mruma, Pastor

The PARISH OFFICE will be CLOSED on the following days: Dec. 27-Jan. 3



2022 SUNDAY OFFERTORY BOXES

The envelopes for are available in the parish hall. If you do not see your name please contact the office.

MASS SCHEDULE



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

(First Come First In)

9 a.m. & 12 noon and 5 p.m. Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

AT 9 A.M.

FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

(First Come First In)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH AT 9 A.M.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

(First Come First In)

FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

HOLY HOUR 6:30 P.M. | MASS AT 7:30 P.M.

(First Come First In)

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH AT 8:30 A.M.

(First Come First In)

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST AT 8:30 A.M.

(First Come First In)



NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy
Mother of God
(By Registration Only)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST at 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST at 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

No 5:00 p.m. Mass /

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

(First Come First In)

9 a.m. & 12 noon and 5 p.m. Mass



PARISH RESOURCES (SCAN QR CODE TO VISIT)

LIVESTREAM FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS:

Christmas Eve Mass: Friday, Dec. 24th at 8 p.m.

New Year's Eve Mass: Friday, Dec. 31st at 5 p.m.

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