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For the past seven weeks, from the First Sunday of Advent until today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the seasonal readings have brought us into the life of Jesus in ways that are very familiar to us.

Christ first directs our eyes and our minds to the end times and his return in glory. Then we begin to meet the well-known heralds of God's love, starting with that shaggy desert-dweller, John the Baptist. We witness the dialogue between the young Virgin Mary and her aging cousin Elizabeth. And at Christmas, we meet the honourable and good man, Joseph, as well as the sleepless shepherds, the singing angels and the innkeeper.

Weekly, the life of Jesus unrolls quickly in front of us, from birth through childhood to manhood, bringing us to the River Jordan for his baptism by John. Here, Luke the Evangelist gives us a tangible experience of the Holy Trinity, with the Spirit descending upon the newly baptized Jesus and the voice of the Father being heard.

These wonderful images enrich and empower us as we gather in eucharistic communion with our sisters and brothers in Jesus Christ. We are today's heralds of the Good News of God's love, and our mission is to share the joy of life with the Lord.

(Reflection of Marilyn Sweet, from Living with Christ)



A Prayer Following Christmas

“When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings are back home,
When the Shepherds are once more with their flocks,
When Simeon and Anna have gone to their Master in peace,
Then the work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To release prisoners,
To rebuild nations,
To bring peace to all nations,
To bring peace to all people,
To make music in the Heart.”

(A Shaker Prayer)



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 9th, 2016

4:30 p.m. + Giovanna, Claudio & Francesco Gasparini
+ Angela Vetro

Sunday, January 10th, 2016

8:00 a.m. + Richard McKenna
9:30 a.m. + George vanMierlo
11:00 a.m. + Perlita Tristan

Monday, January 11th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Adalgisa Martire

Tuesday, January 12th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Judy Chen

Wednesday, January 13th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Emmeline Marie Wales

Thursday, January 14th, 2016

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Magdalene Sit

Friday, January 15th, 2016 – Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Lorenzo & Tony Ponzo
+ Sera D'Mario

Welcome, Seminarian Kevin Pettit

Kevin Pettit, a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Toronto, who is in the Spiritual Year of formation at St. Augustine's Seminary, will be residing at St. Edward's Parish, for one month (January 12th – February 5th), as part of his seminary training.

The “Spiritual Year” is the first year of seminary formation. During this year, the seminarians focus on their spiritual and pastoral formation, prior to entering into the full academic program. As part of their formation, each seminarian spends one month in a parish setting, while also focusing on a specific Ministry. Kevin will be assigned Monday – Friday to Northmount Catholic School. He will be more present to the parish on the weekends.

Fr. Pat has accepted to welcome Kevin to the parish and invites all parishioners to keep him in their prayers. Welcome, Kevin!

Family of Faith Campaign

We are pleased to announce that the Family of Faith Campaign has not only surpassed its' goal of \$532,000, but has now reached the \$1,000,000 amount! This is incredible news and speaks to the generosity of the people of St. Edward's Parish.

As you know, the Family of Faith Campaign, held in every parish of the Archdiocese the past few years, supports the Archbishop's Pastoral Plan, in addition to the local pastoral plan of the individual parishes.

St. Edward's parish, as outlined in the earlier brochures, will focus on Youth Ministry, Ministry to Seniors, the re-paving of our parking lot and the upgrading of the interior of the church.

As we move forward in implementing these plans, parishioners will be kept informed on a regular basis. Thank you to all who made a pledge towards the campaign.

New Offertory Envelopes

Those who have not yet picked up the new offertory envelopes for 2016, please do so in order that you can start using them in January; they are arranged numerically. In the event you forgot your envelope number, a listing of last names and numbers is also available at the table. Please verify your number with your name on the label. New parishioners are welcome to sign up for envelopes on a special form which will be provided on the same table.

Multiple Mass Intention Masses

Fr. Pat has received permission from the Archdiocese to have one Mass per week designated as a multi-intentional Mass, and on occasion, a Saturday Mass.

Due to the high demand for Mass intentions, it is hoped this will allow people the opportunity to have a special intention mass offered within a more reasonable time-frame.

In the bulletin, the specific day of the week that is designated a multi-intentional Mass will be clearly indicated.

Good Shepherd

Next Sunday, Christine Slater of Good Shepherd Ministries will speak to us about the ongoing needs of this Ministry. Casserole pans and recipes will be available after the Masses next Sunday; please consider taking a casserole pan and recipe home - for preparation of a casserole for the Refuge. Casseroles are brought to the Church the third weekend of each month.

A big thank you to the many parishioners who prepare casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge every month, and to those parishioners who serve meals so diligently at the Refuge.

Marriage Sunday

Fr. Pat will offer a special "Marriage Blessing" for all married couples on the weekend of February 6/7, at each Mass. Couples celebrating significant anniversaries (25, 50, etc.) are invited to leave their names at the parish office.

Workshop

CWL Workshop – Leadership Course
Saturday, January 30th, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Project Hope

Fr. Pat, and the parish Refugee Committee of St. Edward's Parish, has formally signed the paperwork to receive a refugee family. The Office of Refugees (ORAT) has now processed the application. Fr. Pat wishes to thank parishioners who have donated furniture, clothing and other materials in preparation for their arrival. To date, \$13,000 has also been raised within the parish. Please keep our efforts in your prayers and please pray for the family that will soon join us.

2016 World Day of Migrants & Refugees

Join us for a special Eucharistic celebration by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins and Clergy of Goan, Mangalorean, East Indian and Anglo-Indian descent.

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**Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 2:30 p.m., at
St. Joseph's Church, 5440 Durie Rd., Mississauga**
Reception to follow.