

Doubt and confusion are not unique to us, even in matters essential to our faith. People have long asked for signs from God when they are in turmoil. Joseph's deep question about Mary is the focus of today's Gospel. His moving forward on the strength of answers given in a dream should be a source of deep encouragement for us. Serious questions are not inappropriate; in fact, they can lead to amazing answers and events.



"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home."

---Matthew 1:20

First Reading from Isaiah 7:10-14
God promises a sign if asked.

Second Reading from Romans 1:1-7
Paul preaches Jesus, the son of God.

Gospel from Matthew 1:18-24
A sign is given to Joseph.



THEOLOGY ON TAP WEST: CATHOLIC DATING MONDAY, January 16, 2017 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm Boston

Pizza, 50 Courtneypark Dr E, Mississauga, ON

For an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics! *Munchies provided, cash bar available - come and bring a friend!*
Special guests: **Llorene and Renard Romero.**

Contact Leigh-Anne Best at leighbest@gmail.com and cc: the church at st.barts@sympatico.ca for more information or to RSVP for the events



The Koinonia Prayer Community will be presenting an **Advent Program** featuring the "**O Antiphons**" - a time-honoured tradition of our Faith - on **Wednesday 21 December at 7.30 p.m.** at St. Bartholomew Parish.

ALL ARE INVITED.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	December 17, 2016
5:00 pm	GIUSEPPE MORANA (RIP)
Sunday	December 18, 2016
11:15 am	JONATHAN LORETO (RIP)
1:00 pm	DAVID F. MARTINEZ (RIP)
Tuesday	December 20, 2016
8:30 am	GIOVANNI PRIORIELLO (RIP)
Wednesday	December 21, 2016
8:30 am	ALBERTHA MEYERS (RIP)
Thursday	December 22, 2016
8:30 am	VICKY RUIZ (RIP)
Friday	December 23, 2016
8:30 am	DIMAS MARTINS (RIP)

PLEASE NOTE: Bulletin is submitted a week in advance. To ensure that the name is on the bulletin, the Mass Intention must be booked 2 weeks prior to the date.



If you want your donation to be in the **2016 tax receipt**, the donation or cheques must be in by **December 25**. **Post-dated cheques that were issued after the said date will be on the 2017 tax receipt.** Tax receipts will be available **1st week of February 2017** in the lobby. **IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER, PLEASE LET US KNOW BEFORE THE END OF DECEMBER.**



DECEMBER 10-11, 2016

WEEKLY DONATION:

\$5267 (302 ENVELOPES)

BUILDING FUND:

\$2162.80 (172 ENVELOPES)

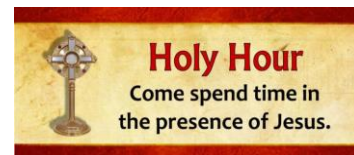
SUNDAY FOOD DONATION SCHEDULE

December 24-25

Last name starting with D, E

December 31-JANUARY 1

Last name starting with F, G



Last session is on Dec 21, 2016 and will resume on January 11, 2017.

Have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works.

— Pope Francis —



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

OFFICE SCHEDULE

December 23	9am-12 noon
December 24, Saturday	12pm-8pm
December 25, Sunday	10:15am-1pm
December 26-27, Monday-Tuesday	OFFICE IS CLOSED
December 28-29 Wednesday-Thursday	9am-5pm (Regular Schedule) Lunch break between 1-2pm
December 30, Friday	9am-12 noon
December 31, Saturday	4:15pm-6:30pm
January 1, Sunday	11:15am-2:30pm
January 2, Monday	OFFICE IS CLOSED

CONFESSION

December 19, Monday	7:30pm-9pm
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MASSES

December 24, Saturday	5pm, 8pm & 11pm (Christmas Pageant 5pm)
December 25, Sunday	9:30am & 11:15am NO 1PM MASS
December 26-27, Monday & Tuesday	NO MASSES
December 28-30, Wednesday - Friday	8:30am (regular schedule)
December 31, Saturday	9:00am & 5:00pm

JANUARY 2017

January 1, Sunday	9:30am, 11:15am & 1:00pm
January 2-3, Monday & Tuesday	NO MASSES

SIMBANG GABI is a Filipino tradition and a devotional nine-day series of Masses. Simbang Gabi is also seen as a way of requesting blessings from the Lord.

DATE	TIME & HOMILIST	LOCATION
December 15-18	8:00-9:00pm <i>Fr. Tony Pablo</i>	St. Bartholomew Parish , 59 Heather Road (Brimley & Sheppard)
December 19	8:00-9:00pm <i>Fr. Jublas Nolasco</i>	St. Theresa' Church, Shrine of the Little Flower 2559 Kingston Road
December 20-23	7:30-8:30pm <i>Fr. Jublas Nolasco</i> <i>Fr. Anthony Pizarro</i> <i>Fr. Bobby Cena</i>	St. Joseph Church 200 Morrish Road (Old Kingston Road)
December 24	9:00-9:30pm 9:30-10:30pm <i>Fr. Jublas Nolasco</i>	St. Joseph Church 200 Morrish Road

For more information, please contact one of the following members: Yoly del Mundo 416-560-5736, Alice Siervo 416-283-7515, Lita Calalang 416-286-7524 and Agnes Alix 416-835-5226

FR. FRED'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



I wish you all Happiness & Peace. From Fr. Fred, Fr. Roger, Fr. Chris & our 2 beloved retired Deacons; Dn. Leo & Dn.Tab, our Pastoral Asst.; Carol and Church secretary; Marichu.

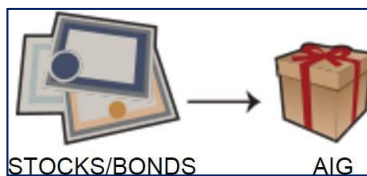
ARE YOU MOVING?

As a courtesy, if you are planning to move could you please let the office know. The envelopes cost money. It would help the parish save if you let us know ahead of time. Thank you.



If you are thinking of separation or divorce, or you are already separated but want to try again, consider Retrouvaille.

If you and your spouse want your marriage to work and are willing to put in a full weekend of hard work and your best effort, then you are invited, even urged, to attend a Retrouvaille Weekend on **January 27-29, 2017** For confidential information please call 416-281-6007 or visit www.torontoretrovaille.com



Consider using your appreciated securities to make your offertory gift for 2016 and avoid paying capital gain tax. The Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto can

assist you with this process. You can also use securities to consolidate all of your other church giving. For example, if you make an annual gift to ShareLife, we will arrange to have your parish credited with your gift.

To learn more or to ask for a donation form, please call the Development Office at 416-934-3411 or visit www.archtoronto.org/development. The deadline for making gifts of securities or mutual bonds is 10 a.m. on **Wednesday, December 21, 2016** to be eligible for a 2016 tax receipt. Donation forms can be sent to development@archtoronto.org or by fax to 416-934-3412. Thank you!

IMPORTANT NOTICE
There will be **NO morning Mass; 8:30am** and the office will be closed on **Dec. 20 (Tuesday)**. No hydro; power outage.