

Natale del Signore - 25 dicembre, 2022



Messe della Settimana

Mass Intentions

Lunedì - Monday, December 26

Saint Stephen

10:00 a.m. - Santa Messa

Martedì - Tuesday, December 27

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:00 p.m.—Santa Messa

+Saverio & Teresa Tari

+Rino & Renzo Pillon

Mercoledì - Wednesday, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:00 p.m.—Santa Messa

+Gisella & Nadia Lijoi

+Amanda Bertolone

Giovedì - Thursday, December 29

9:00 a.m. - Santa Messa

+Divina & Francesco D'Andrea

Venerdì - Friday, December 30

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:00 p.m. - Santa Messa

Sabato - Saturday, December 31

5:00 p.m. - Santa Messa

+Pro Populo

Domenica - Sunday, January 01

Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God

9:00 a.m. - Santa Messa

+Pro Populo

11:00 a.m. - Holy Mass

+Pro Populo

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the

family of our loved ones who

passed away this week:

Giuseppe Morriello

May he rest in peace. Amen



New Year's Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 31, 2022

5:00 p.m. – Mass (English)

Sunday, January 1st, 2022

9:00a.m- Mass (Italian)

11:00.a.m. – Mass (English)

Caregiver/housekeeper

If you are looking for a caregiver/housekeeper (part time or full time) please let us know. We have a parishioner who is looking for a job.

Sunday Offertory:

December 18, 2022: \$8,221.70

Thank you for your support!

Thank you to our anonymous donors:
\$4,080.00



Gospel Reflection

St John says in the Gospel that we read today: “In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it....

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world” (1:4-5, 9). Men speak much of light, but they often prefer the deceptive tranquility of darkness. We speak a lot about peace, but we often turn to war or choose the complicity of silence, or do nothing concrete to build peace. The heart of man may reject the light and prefer the shadows, because light lays bare his evil deeds.

(An extract from the Homily of Pope Francis)



Il Vangelo di Domenica

Nel Vangelo che abbiamo letto oggi San Giovanni dice: “In lui era la vita e la vita era la luce degli uomini; la luce splende nelle tenebre e le tenebre non l’hanno vinta ... Veniva nel mondo la luce vera, quella che illumina ogni uomo” (1,4-5.9). Gli uomini parlano tanto della luce, ma spesso preferiscono la tranquillità ingannatrice del buio. Noi parliamo tanto della pace, ma spesso ricorriamo alla guerra o scegliamo il silenzio complice, oppure non facciamo nulla di concreto per costruire la pace. Il cuore dell’uomo può rifiutare la luce e preferire le tenebre, perché la luce mette a nudo le sue opere malvagi.

A Prayer for Christmas

Merciful God, who made that first Christmas night so beautiful and bright, we ask You to bless us once again with Your gentle yet powerful Presence.



As we experience the cold nights and bitter winds of this world, remind us that You have not left us alone, but have promised to be our Emmanuel, God-with-us.

You once slept in a stable in Bethlehem, while shepherds and Magi visited You. Now, You dwell in glory in the Holy Eucharist, waiting once again for us to adore You.

Please fill us with Your gift of heavenly peace, and open our eyes to Your Presence in our midst.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed:

Christmas - starting December 24th and will reopen on Dec. 28th.

New Year - starting December 31st and will reopen January 3rd, 2022.

If you need a priest, please leave a voice message.

CHIUSURA DEL'UFFICIO

L'Ufficio sarà chiuso:

Natale - a partire dal 24 dicembre e riaprirà il 28 dicembre.

Anno Nuovo - a partire dicembre 31 e riaprirà il 3 di gennaio

Se avete bisogno del sacerdote, lasciate un messaggio.

The Nativity of the Lord - December 25, 2022

PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

I wish you a Holy and Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. May the Love, Joy and Peace of Baby Jesus be in your hearts and your homes.

During Christmas time we once again realize how blessed we are.

We are preparing ourselves to celebrate the physical entrance of God in human history.

What a great mystery: “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (Jn: 1,14).

December is a time to reflect on the past year. God did not get tired of reminding us in different ways that He was with us all the time, in times of joy and times of sadness.

Christmas reminds us that we are important in the eyes of God and that He also counts on us to make the world a better place to live. We know that there is room for improvement, don't we? To do so we only have to follow His example by being men and women who go about doing good to others.

May our God of Love bless you and your families in a special way this Christmas, filling you with joy, hope and love.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year! Fr. Lijo Jose



Mani D'oro Sale Updates

Through the generous contributions of our parishioners, we have raised \$1,247.75. All the money raised will be used to purchase gift cards for those in need. There's no better way to celebrate Christmas than to spread the love of Jesus.

Thank you for your generosity.

Website Announcement

Over the past couple of weeks our parish IT

team has been working hard to update our parish

website - <https://stfidelisto.archtoronto.org>

Starting from January 1, our old website (<https://stfidelis.ca/>) will cease functioning. Please check out our updated website for weekly parish bulletins, Mass and Confession schedule, Mass live streaming, sacramental updates, upcoming events and much more.



St. Fidelis Annual Christmas Carol Sing-along



Thank you to St. Fidelis Golden Age Club, Children's Choir & all those who participated in the Annual Carol Sing-along.

A very special thanks goes to **Tony Rossi** for organizing this memorable event. Thank you to all parishioners for coming out in big numbers.

What a wonderful addition to the joy of the season!!!

End of Year Prayer

At the end of this year we give thanks to God: For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced. For the burdens that have been lifted, for the hurts that have been healed, for the respect and care that have been given. We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown: For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles. For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days, And for the love that has kept us going. We give thanks for the community. We ask you Lord—bless our families as we begin a new year, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish. Amen.

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



All remaining Offertory envelopes for 2023 have been dispatched thanks to the time and hard work of the volunteers. If you haven't received a box of envelopes or if you are new in the parish and you wish to use envelopes, please advise the parish office either in person, by email or by phone. **On the first few 2023 envelopes, please write your name and complete address so that the office can ensure your correct information** when sending out tax receipts. Please note: All donations for 2022 must be received in the Parish Office by Saturday, December 31st, 2022 to be included in your 2022 Tax Receipt.

Christmas Decoration & Donations

Our church was decorated for Christmas on December 19 and December 22 by many volunteers who shared their time and talents. Thank you for your support. A very special thanks goes to those who donated towards the purchase of flowers and other decorative materials.

