

PASTOR: Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD	ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD
PERMANENT DEACON: Deacon Norman Dumais Deacon Dale Laing	Office Assistant: Rachael Ramaswamy Administrative Assistant: Fe Badajos
BOOKKEEPER: Cindy Kreutzer	HOSPITALITY: Everyone in the Parish!
WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE Monday to Saturday: 9:00am First Friday: 9:00am Adoration: First Friday of the Month 9:30am to Noon Baptisms: An initial appointment with one of the Priests is required before attending a session.	WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm & 5:00pm (Igbo Mass: First Sunday of the Month at 2:00pm) Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office Reconciliation: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: After the morning Mass Saturday: 3:00pm to 3:45pm Society of St. Vincent De Paul: (403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

Please remember St. Thomas More Parish in your Will.
For more information, please visit www.plantingafuture.ca.
There is a booklet on this website to help you with your bequest.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat., Dec. 30, 2023

Anticipated Mass is at 4:00pm
Adoration
5:00pm - 9:00pm

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sun., Dec. 31, 2023

Sunday Masses

8:30am, 10:30am, & 12:30pm
New Year's Eve Mass
5:00pm

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Mon., Jan. 1, 2024 : 9:00am & 11:00am

Multicultural Mass

Sat., Jan. 6, 2024 : 5:00pm
**There will be no 4:00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Parish office hours during the Christmas break:

Mon. - Thu., Dec 25 - 28, 2023 : Closed
Fri. - Sat., Dec. 29 - 30 : Open
Tue. - Wed., Jan. 2 - 3 : Closed
Thu., Jan. 4, 2024 : Open as usual

YEAR END GIVING

Thank you for thinking of us at this Advent/Christmas season. We grow in our Christian faith when we show others the love of Christ to people through building parish communities and offering programs that nurture our faith. We are truly grateful for your support. To contribute before Dec. 31, 2023 visit catholicyyc.ca/give
For more information, visit catholicyyc.ca/yearendgiving

St. Thomas More CWL would like to thank our faith community for their support in our CWL Christmas Festive Basket raffle, it was a success!
We would like to congratulate the winners Brian Strawford (Christmas Festive Basket) and Virginia Seupersad (Wine Basket).

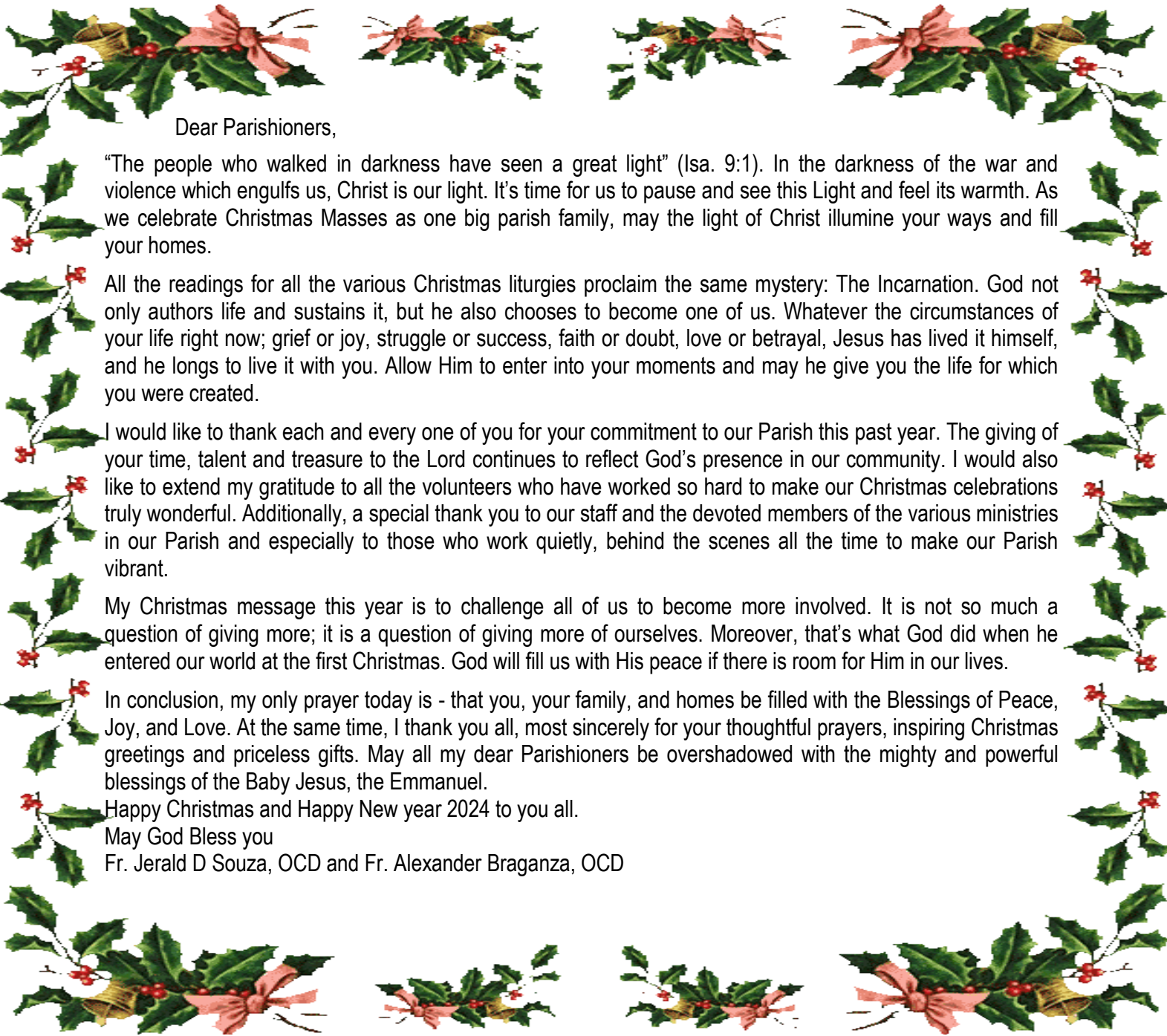
'Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wonderful God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.'

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DECEMBER 24/25, 2023 - CHRISTMAS BULLETIN



Peace on Earth



Dear Parishioners,

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isa. 9:1). In the darkness of the war and violence which engulfs us, Christ is our light. It’s time for us to pause and see this Light and feel its warmth. As we celebrate Christmas Masses as one big parish family, may the light of Christ illumine your ways and fill your homes.

All the readings for all the various Christmas liturgies proclaim the same mystery: The Incarnation. God not only authors life and sustains it, but he also chooses to become one of us. Whatever the circumstances of your life right now; grief or joy, struggle or success, faith or doubt, love or betrayal, Jesus has lived it himself, and he longs to live it with you. Allow Him to enter into your moments and may he give you the life for which you were created.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your commitment to our Parish this past year. The giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord continues to reflect God’s presence in our community. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. Additionally, a special thank you to our staff and the devoted members of the various ministries in our Parish and especially to those who work quietly, behind the scenes all the time to make our Parish vibrant.

My Christmas message this year is to challenge all of us to become more involved. It is not so much a question of giving more; it is a question of giving more of ourselves. Moreover, that’s what God did when he entered our world at the first Christmas. God will fill us with His peace if there is room for Him in our lives.

In conclusion, my only prayer today is - that you, your family, and homes be filled with the Blessings of Peace, Joy, and Love. At the same time, I thank you all, most sincerely for your thoughtful prayers, inspiring Christmas greetings and priceless gifts. May all my dear Parishioners be overshadowed with the mighty and powerful blessings of the Baby Jesus, the Emmanuel.

Happy Christmas and Happy New year 2024 to you all.

May God Bless you

Fr. Jerald D Souza, OCD and Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

**Weekly Mass Intentions:
December 24, 2023 to January 6, 2023**

Sun	24	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm 8:00pm 10:00pm	Jaison Kollanoor (RIP) Fr. R. Robidoux (INT) Thanksgiving to OLPH Kathy Yezik (RIP) Christmas Eve’s Mass: For the people Rosa Edanol (RIP) U. & Chika Ibelo (INT) Mary Jarvis (INT)	Sun	31	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Francis & Robert Lee (INT) Rosy & June Lee (INT) Mario & Margarita Periabras (RIP) Erwin Guevarra (INT) New Year’s Eve Mass: Leti Gedel (INT) & For the people
Mon	25	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Christmas Day Mass: Matt Rodych (INT) Eli Champagne (RIP) Villanueva Fmly (INT) Eustacia Adriano (RIP) For the People (INT)	Mon	1	8:30am 10:30am 12:30pm	New Year’s Day Mass Thanksgiving Mass Nguyen Family Metuh Family (INT)
Tue	26	9:00am	For all Carmelites (INT) Aida Evalle (RIP) Kingsley Iloegbu’s Family (INT)	Tue	2	9:00am	Deacon Norm & Denise (INT) Fortunato Benitez Sr. (RIP)
Wed	27	9:00am	Kyle Velasco (INT) Aida Evalle (RIP) Sloriana Dorazio (RIP)	Wed	3	9:00am	Kingsley Rodrigo (RIP) Gregory Leo (RIP) Alizah Lewis (RIP)
Thu	28	9:00am	For all Carmelites (INT) Aida Evalle (RIP)	Thu	4	9:00am	Joseph Maria Nguyen (RIP) Caesar, Christine & Thomas Blanco (INT)
Fri	29	9:00am	Souls n Purgatory (RIP) V. Cuajunco (RIP) Teresa Noriega (INT)	Fri	5	9:00am	Lyndon Gregorio (RIP) Joseph Anna Tran (RIP)
Sat	30	9:00am 4:00pm	Gloria D. DeLeon (RIP) Mujib Baginda (RIP) Megan Mennier (RIP) Escanlar Family (INT) A.P. Joseph (RIP)	Sat	6	9:00am 4:00pm	Bill & Jacquie Camier (RIP) Francis Pesa (RIP) Teresita Lapina (RIP) Bonny & Kim Coady (RIP)

Christmas Cards

The Diocese has shared Christmas note cards for you to use in conveying care to others with this advent and Christmas. You will find them in the Foyer. Here are some ideas on how to use them: Convey God’s love and care to colleagues at work by leaving these cards at their desk, signed anonymously.

Bible Quiz

Look at each of the following sayings and write “yes” or “no” to indicate if you think it is actually a quote from the Bible.

1. “All hard work brings profit.”
2. “Cleanliness is next to Godliness.”
3. “God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform.”
4. “Better to live in desert than with a quarrelsome and nagging wife.”
5. “The wings of the Ostrich flap joyfully.”
6. “God will not give you more than you can handle.”
7. “God helps those who help themselves.”
8. “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity.”
9. “Hate the sin, love the sinner.”
10. “I have escaped only by the skin of my teeth.”

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS



If you have moved, or are planning to move, please notify the Parish Office at 403-285-3773 with your changes. This is to ensure your 2023 Tax Receipt will be mailed to the correct address.

Together in Action

The TIA 2023 is \$49,139.00

Collection up to date is \$54,677.39.

We thank you for your generosity. All Surplus will go towards renovating the Church’s Front Entrance.

There will be no Bulletin for the weekend of Dec. 30 & 31, 2023.

Let us rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

ANSWERS

1. Yes. Proverbs 14:23
2. No. Probably from a sermon by John Wesley, 1778
3. No. From a song by William Cowper, 1773
4. Yes. Proverbs 21:19
5. Yes. Job 39:13
6. No
7. No. Probably from Aesop’s fable.
8. Yes. Psalm 133:1
9. No. Mahatma Gandhi
10. Yes. Job 19:20