

# Parish Week

Sunday, 29 December 2019

## Saturday, 28 Dec. / Holy Innocents

- 8.00 am Mass: † Freddie Wallace  
10.00 am Memorial Mass: † Gabriel Micah Zapanta  
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit (Rebello family)

## SUNDAY, 29 DEC. / HOLY FAMILY

- Deacon Ramon Villardo  
■ 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance  
9.00 am Mass: Int. Michael Solomon (sister)  
10.30 am Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)  
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Fr. Elias Chachati (friend)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Monday 30 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Dana Mazaré & family (Bella Comeau)  
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving and special intention (Dominic and Anita Dias)

## Tuesday, 31 December

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Bella Comeau (Dana)

## NEW YEAR EVE, 2019

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati  
■ Collection: New Year  
5.00 pm Mass: † All the Faithful Departed of 2019  
11.00 pm Holy Hour  
12.00 am Mass: † Dennis Morgan (Angelina)

## NEW YEAR DAY, 2020

## Wednesday, 1 Jan. / Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- 9.00 am Mass: † Theodore Vilmores (family)  
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)  
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Melchora Mulla, birthday (Willie & family)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Felicidad Santos (Carol Molina)

## Thursday, 2 Jan. / Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors

- 8.00 am Mass: † Derek Caldeira (Caldeira, Das & family)

## Friday, 3 Jan.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Carol Morra (Dana)  
6.00 pm Holy Hour  
7.00 pm Mass: † Souls in Purgatory

## Saturday, 4 Jan.

- 8.00 am Mass: Thanksgiving Mass (Audrey Caza)  
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Mario Francis on his birthday (family)

## SUNDAY, 5 JAN. / EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo  
9.00 am Mass: † Louis Francis (family)  
10.30 am Mass: Int. Children & Grandchildren (Tina and Jerry)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Aloysius Bastiampillai (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

# Focus on the Word

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sirach 3.2-14; Colossians 3.12-21; Matthew 2.13-23

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Amen.

## NEW YEAR EVE Holy Hour

11.00 pm, 31 Dec. 2019

Bring in the New Year in a truly spiritual way: come to our *New Year Eve Holy Hour*: from 11.00 pm to Midnight, right before our New Year Midnight Mass. What a splendid way to thank God for the blessings of the past year, and to ask for His graces in the year to come.



## New Year Collections

### 28/ 29 December: Offertory & Maintenance

On 30/31 December, the collection taken by the Greeters at the Preparation of the Gifts will be for the *Regular Sunday Offertory*. The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection taken by the Greeters (after Communion) will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

### 31 December / 1 January: New Year

At our New Year's Eve and Day Masses, 31 December & 1 January, the collection taken by the Greeters during the Preparation of the Gifts will be for the *New Year Collection*.

## COMING UP

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- 6 Jan. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)  
12 Jan. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)  
15 Jan. St. Albert School 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
Family Information Night (7:30 pm)  
20 Jan. St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
Family Information Night #1 (7:30 pm)  
21 Jan. St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
Family Information Night #2 (7:30 pm)  
23 Jan. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)  
26 Jan. - Catholic Cemeteries Presentation (All Masses);  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance  
3 Feb. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)  
4 Feb. ► St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am)  
6 Feb. St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation (8:45 am);  
- St. Albert School 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation (7:00 pm)  
9 Feb. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)

## Website [stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org](http://stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org)

For the names of the *Faithful Departed of 2018*, see pages 3 and 4 in the bulletin on our website.

# The Warrimoo, 1899



The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix & brought the master, Captain John Phillips, the result. The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0.31' N and LON 179.30' W. The date was 31 December 1899.

“Know what this means?” First Mate Payton said, “We’re a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line.” Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime. He called his navigators to the bridge to check and double check the ship’s position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed. The calm weather and clear night worked in his favor. At midnight the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line! The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

The forward part (bow) of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere and in the middle of summer. The rear (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere and in the middle of winter.

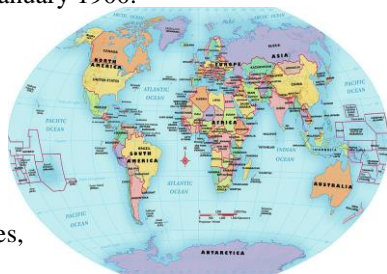
The date in the rear part of the ship was 31 December 1899.

In the forward part it was 1 January 1900.

This ship was therefore in:

- two different Hemispheres
- two different seasons
- two different days,
- two different months,
- two different years,
- two different centuries,

all at the same time.



## Prayer for Families

God our Father, we thank You for the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It was at home with his parents that Jesus grew in wisdom, in age and in Your grace. There he learned to know the Law and the Prophets, and to do right and to love goodness. Bless with strength, patience and good humour all who would make such homes today. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

## Sunday School *Christmas / New Year break*

The last *Sunday School for Kids* before Christmas: at the 10.30 Mass on **15 December 2019**.

The Sunday School will resume: at the 10.30 Mass on **5 January 2020**.

## Mass for the Faithful Departed of 2019

At the 5 pm Mass on New Year Eve, 31 December 2019, we will pray for all the *Faithful Departed of 2019*. Those whose names were included in our Sunday intercessions (up to publication time) are noted on pages 3 & 4 in our website bulletin. Below is a poetic reflection submitted by a parishioner.

## Christmas Flowers

Many thanks to all Parishioners who sponsored this year’s display of CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS in our Sanctuary.

Due to publication deadlines during the holidays, the list of *dedications* will be published in the first edition of the bulletin after the New Year. As it stood at Christmas, it has been posted on the Parish Information Board in the Vestibule.

Many thanks also to our friends who contributed to the flower display without specific dedications. We appreciate your consideration in helping to make our Church a blooming place.

## Stewardship *2020 Sunday Envelopes*

Parishioners may pick up their *2017 Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Vestibule after Mass. They are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the area and have not yet registered, *welcome!* Go to the Office window, and fill a *registration form*.

Make sure you have your own box: *the number on the label and on the envelopes must be the same.*

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship! This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.



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## The Faithful Departed of 2019

**December** 2018 (30) Victoria Oler, Adam Psocka, Maria Valle, The 18 victims of the flooding in Venice.

**January** 2019 (6) Albert Adams, Thelma Busch, Deacon Desmond Carroll, Otto Joseph Mischian, Hernani Trinidad, The 85 victims of the wild fires in California; (13) Elsie Barss, Bishop Attila Mikloshazy, The 5 victims of the shooting at the Christmas Market in Strasbourg; (20) Dason Fernando, Fr. Jozef Furman, Crispina Gorre, Vic Roldan, The 430 victims of the December tsunami in Indonesia; (27) Alex Fraser, The 69 victims of the Taliban attacks in Afghanistan.

**February** (3) Louis Gabriel Donnelly, The 3 fatalities in the bus accident in Ottawa, (10) Amber Coben, Antonio Cartujano, Ismella Mathurin, Mike Morra, Andy Vodopija, The 20 victims of the attack on Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Jolo, Mindanao; (17) Patricia Baksh, Brenda Voisin, The 134 victims of the dam burst in Brazil; (24) Harry Baily, Maria Rizzuti, Helen Simpson, Margit

Toth, The 40 victims of the terrorist attack in Syria.

**March** (3) Edward Blaker, Philomena Fernando, Esther Gaghadar, Charles Yang, The 46 victims of the terrorist attacks in Burkina Faso; (10) Lolita Barboza, Irena Gogolewska, Michael Gonsalves, Iris Reddy, Bruno Santi, Labib Zidan, The 134 victims of the oil pipeline tragedy in Mexico; (17) Gener Castro, Dr. Barrie deVeber, Leo Joseph Doucette, Antonio Esporas Sr., Cardinal Fernando Sebastian Aguilar of Pamplona, Spain, Bishop Armando Bortolaso of Aleppo, Syria; The 37 victims of the terrorist attack in Mali; (24) Pacita Dilla, Dirma Gonzalez, Rosita Ibanez, Laura Krajewski; (31) Magda Gatchalian, A.B. Thomas, Fr. Keith Hardless, of Guyana; Cardinal Godfried Danneels, of Belgium; The 157 Victims of the airline tragedy in Ethiopia.

**April** (7) Mark James O'Connell, Rosey Rebello, Janet Triunfo Woo, The 50 victims of the Mosque shooting in New Zealand; (14) Linda Brett, Karen Labrador, Calvin Smith, Ajith Maduranayagam, The 126 victims of the recent suicide bombing in Maidas Shar, Afghanistan; (21) Mamerto Linatoc, Meliton

Maddara, Fr. Peter Tammearu, Dr. Ellen van der Hoeven, The 24 victims of the mine disaster in Zimbabwe; (28) Rita Leonore Moore, Donato Sinoben, Robert Michael Smith, The 142 victims of the massacre by Muslim herdsmen in Nigeria.

**May** (5) Beatriz Cenizal, Emellieta Tomulto Gabiota, Fr. Brian Hennessey, Ardyne Lee, Maureen McGowan, Giuseppe Morra, Ligaya Poblacion, Fr. Paul Tang, The 259 victims of the terrorist bombings in Sri Lanka; (12) Evangelina Gutierrez, Eugenie Simpson-Reid, Fr. Philip Jones, of St. Dominic Church, Mississauga; The 126 victims of the suicide attacks in Moghadishu, Somalia; (19) John Genuis, Leonard Patrick Red Kelly, Michael Lafferriere, Estrella Rodriguez, Lidwina Surara, Jean Vanier, The 20 Syrian soldiers killed by Islamic State militants; (26) John Andrew, Chatram Horila, Victoria Suarez, Deacon Joseph Yan, The 60 victims of the Boko Haram attack in Rann, Nigeria

**June** (2) Rosalia Almo, Maria Ditzend, Faustino L. Lanzaderas, The 29 victims of the suicide attack in Mogadishu, Somalia; (9) Fr. John Cunningham, Deacon Paul McDonald, Stephen Ludovick Mruma, The 41 victims of the airplane crash near

Moscow, Russia; (16) Victorino Federigan, Herby Godin, Joseph Paul Levesque, Donato Napoleone, Martin Rupp, Vicente Santa Ana, Shirley Westlake, Elizabeth Wilson, The 13 victims of the air plane crash in Ocampo, Mexico; (23) Amanda Abuan, Florence Bollo, Rosalita Prospero, Gordon Henry Von Groenigen Persaud, The 20 victims of the suicide bombing in Bogota, Colombia; (30) Anthony Chapman, The 29 victims of the recent prison riots in Venezeula;

**July** (7) Pamela Gomes, The 21 victims of the shooting in Virginia Beach; (14) Carol Florendo, The 60 victims of the recent prison riots in Manaus, Brazil; (21) Rajwanti Balgobin, Socorro Fajardo, Anita Gouveia, Katharina Sax, Edward Sodoski, The 38 victims of the recent Tornados in the US South; (28) Julieta Aguila, Teresita Armendi, Celine Donald, The 90 victims of Cyclone Fani in India & Bangladesh.

**August** (4) Mary Doreen Arnesen, Violet Helena La Rose, Sister Maria Helena Straub, Norah Marie Verity, The 60 victims of the recent heavy rains in South Africa; (11) Mina Kapadia, Leticia Maga, Sister Rosalie Siegler, Deacon Leo

Vanderkooy, The 7 victims of the tragic crash between members of a motorcycle club and a truck driver in New Hampshire; (18) Joseph Austria, Fr. Mark Owen Lee, Sister Margaret Myatt, James McDonald, Marieliese Tisseverasinghe, The 14 victims of the Russian submarine fire; (25) Vicente Santa Ana, The 80 victims of the Boko Haram attack in Northern Cameroon.

**September** (1) Marivic Alcantara, Antonio Alejandrino, Mary Genuis, Esterlita Hernandez, Maximo Migue, Jean Francis McConvey, Emelda Uy, The 35 victims of the Jihadi Militia attack in Sobane-Kon in Central Mali; (8) Benita De Celis, Jo-Anne Donovan, Daniel Duggan, Singarayar Jesuthasan, Eustacia Ramos, John William Slaght, The 22 victims of the shooting in El Paso, Texas; (15) Lolita Mones De Asis, Suzanna Brito, Matilda Majdic, Rosalie Michalik, Beatriz Remedios, Marlene Santilli, Fr. Stephen Douglas McCarthy, The 95 victims of the August bombing in Kabul, Afghanistan; (22) Br. John Coates, Rita Veronica Lawrence, Francisco Massarda, James Selvanayagam, Bishop John Sherlock, Fr. Dominic Yun Kwan Kong, The 10 victims of the shooting in Dayton, Ohio; (29) Esterlita Hernandez, Donald & Her-

minio Reyes, Issa Sabat, Pastor Jarrid Wilson, The 101 victims of the Jihadist attack in Hama, Syria.

**October** (6) Juanita Furigay, Elmer Guanzon Sr., Delores & Ron Moore, Margaret Reynolds, Eileen Marie Power, The 120 victims of the attack on the Tajoura refugee camp in Tripoli, Libya; (13) Delphine Fernandes, Peter Giovanou, Maria-Ann Melville, Justice J. Bryan Shaughnessy, Brian Wilson, The 34 victims of the boat fire in California; (20) Edeltrudes Alegria, Manolo Catalan, Fr. Lawrence Jacob Kroker, Mary Tierney, The 53 victims of Hurricane Dorian in Bahamas & area; (27) Christyantou Anthonypillai, Fr. John Patrick Walsh, The 21 victims of the recent car bombing in Azaz, Northern Syria.

**November** (3) Paul Duggan Jr., Nikil Fernandes, Bertha Caroline Fitzmorris, Fr. Christopher Thomas Rupert, The 86 victims of the Al Qaeda attacks in Northern Burkina Faso; (10) Ryan Chung, Maria Borces Ferreras, Nonita Polintan, The 84 victims of the Railway disaster in Pakistan, (17) Melecio Guzman, Sister Mary Nixon, Jerry Sherlock, Louise Steel, Bernardo Villaron, Sister Margaret Hyatt, Mario Raafat Ibrahim, The 30 victims of the Boko Haram attack in

Borno State, Nigeria; (24) Elda May Ambridge, Maura Bautista, Antonio De Palma, Leonida Delrosario, Frank Deneault, Loveday Jones, Jude Mari Mira, The 29 victims of the Islamist attack in Burkina Faso.

**December** (1) Victoria Calanglang, Una Cambridge, Muriel Oschefski, Rosa Salem, Angeline Voo, The 87 victims of the terror attacks in Charikar, Kabul & Qalati, Afghanistan; (8) Ruby Beck, Jose Adriano Furtado, Rosanna Ghorbel, Jesudas-an Santhan, Mary Ruby Pereira, The 118 unarmed protesters killed by paramilitary forces in Khartoum, Egypt; (15) Marianito Alviso, Peter Manuelpillai, Francisca Obona Omo, Erlinda Parrenas, Matthew Robert Jamieson, The 7 victims of the airplane crash near Kingston, Ontario; (22) Lydia Marquez, Alberto Alcantara, Peter Bogner, Margarita Copia, Antonio Abdallah, Fr. Guenter Petricek, Rudolph Rampersaud, The 15 victims of the earthquake in Albania; (29) Nadia Townshend, Arnel & Arturo Schon, Mike Gracias, Emma Santi, Francisco Fontanilla, The 13 policemen ambushed by drug gangs in Aguililla, Mexico; (31) Fr. Pier Giorgio Di Cicco, Jeff Moon, Cameron Newlands, The 73 victims of the Haska Meyna mosque bombing in Afghanistan.

## Other Friends

Minnia Ammar, Janorris Armogan, Samuel Garbreaba, Indradevi Kalaimathian, Lucille LaFrance, Juan Lalicon, Lelisa Opiniano, Geraldo Ordinario Jr., John Patterson, Robert Joseph Saptel, Jesse Serrano.

REQUIEM AETERNAM

dona eis, Domine,  
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Requiescant in pace. Amen.

ETERNAL REST grant to them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



## MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN

I see the countless Christmas trees  
around the world below  
With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars,  
reflecting on the snow.  
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear;  
For I am spending Christmas  
with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear many Christmas songs that people hold so dear.  
But the sounds of music can't compare  
with the Christmas choir up here.  
I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring;  
For it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me,  
I feel the pain in your heart.  
But I am not so far away; we really aren't apart. So,  
be happy for me, dear ones, You know I hold you dear.  
And just be glad I'm spending Christmas  
with Jesus Christ this year.

I sent you each a special gift,  
from my heavenly home above.  
I sent you each a memory of my undying love.  
After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold.  
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.  
Please care for one another, as my Father said to do.  
I can't count the blessings and the love He has for you.  
So have a Merry Christmas, and wipe away that tear.  
Remember, I am spending Christmas  
with Jesus Christ this year.