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## Capuchin Franciscan

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In every birth the mother becomes the centre. No wonder in today's Gospel Mary becomes the centre. What was Mary's foremost concern? To do God's will. God's promises are always fulfilled through different people. In today's First Reading it is fulfilled in King David and in the Gospel in Mother Mary and finally in Jesus. Did Mary fear when she heard the greeting of the angel Gabriel? She did. What made her to overcome that fear? The assurances from God through that angel. We could also be in fear when facing the unknown. Let us also hear the words of assurances from that same God.

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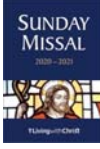
In ogni nascita la madre è la persona più importante. Nessuna sorpresa quindi che Maria sia al centro del Vangelo di oggi. Di cosa si è preoccupata Maria? Di fare la volontà di Dio. Molte persone hanno sempre rispettato la volontà di Dio: nella prima lettura di oggi è il re Davide, nel Vangelo è Maria e infine Gesù a compierla. Si è spaventata Maria al saluto dell' arcangelo Gabriele? Certo. Come ha superato la sua paura? Con le promesse di Dio date dall'angelo. Anche noi possiamo avere paura di fronte all'ignoto. Ascoltiamo allora anche noi le promesse che vengono dallo stesso Dio.

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En cada nacimiento, la madre se convierte en el centro. No es de extrañar que en el Evangelio de hoy María se convierta en el centro. ¿Cuál era la principal preocupación de María? Hacer la voluntad de Dios. Las promesas de Dios siempre se cumplen a través de diferentes personas. En la Primera Lectura de hoy se cumple en el Rey David y en el Evangelio en la Madre María y finalmente en Jesús. ¿María temió al escuchar el saludo del ángel Gabriel? Si, temió. ¿Qué la hizo superar ese miedo? Las seguridades de Dios a través de ese ángel. También podríamos tener miedo al enfrentarnos a lo desconocido. Escuchemos también las palabras de seguridad de ese mismo Dios.

Due to Covid-19, the church is closed for public Masses. When you come visit the Blessed Sacrament for private prayer, please sign in our guest book . Please remember to follow the Medical Official's mandate to wear masks & keep "safe physical distancing" at all times. You can watch the Masses by following livestream: [stphilipneri.ca](http://stphilipneri.ca)  
The revised VIRTUAL MASS times until further notice: Daily: 7:00a in Italiano & 8:00a in English  
Sat. Vigil: 5:00p English & 7:00p Spanish  
Sunday: 9:00a in Italiano; 11:00a in English, 1:00p en Español & NO 8:00p Mass.  
Virtual Adoration: Fridays only 9:00a-12:00p  
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"Relation is a bond between persons who may not be equal in qualification, talent, money or age. But equal in their commitment to understand each other."  
A physician once said, "the best medicine for humans is love."  
The patient: "What if it doesn't work?"  
Physician smilingly said, "Increase the dose."  
~Anonymous

 Br. Joseph Lourdusamy, OFM Cap., Pastor

## ST. PHILIP NERI ROOF FUND

Thank you Donors! We've raised: \$139,210.00 with anonymous donations. God bless your generosity! Please continue to help us pay down this parish debt through your gracious gifts. Please pray for our parish. Thank you!

### MASS SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS 2020 & NEW YEAR 2021

2020 Dec. 24, Thursday: 5p-English, 7p-Italiano;  
 Dec. 25, Friday: 9a-Italiano, 11a-English & 1p-Español, NO 8p Mass;  
 Dec. 26, Saturday: NO 7a-Messa, NO 8a-Mass, 5p-English, 7-Español;  
 Dec. 27, Sunday: 9a-Italiano, 11a-English & 1p-Español, NO 8p Mass;  
 Dec. 31, Thursday: 5p-English;  
 2021 Jan. 1, Friday: 9a-Italiano, 11a-English & 1p-Español, NO 8p Mass;  
 Jan. 2, Saturday: NO 8a-Mass, NO 8:30a-Messa, 5p-English, 7-Español;  
 Jan. 3, Sunday: 9a-Italiano, 11a-English & 1p-Español, NO 8p Mass

### YEAR END FINAL INCOME TAX RECEIPT DONATION IS December 28, 2020

Thank you for your faithful donations to our parish during these hard times. The final date is above to have your year end donations count for the 2020 income tax year. God bless your generosity!

## Pope Francis' Message

...last Sunday of Advent... to prepare for Christmas, ...meditate on the Angel's Annunciation to Mary... Let us fix our gaze on this simple girl from Nazareth, at the moment she offers herself to the divine message with her "yes"; let us grasp two essential aspects of her attitude, which is for us the model of how to prepare for Christmas. First of all her *faith*, her attitude of faith, which consists in listening to the Word of God in order to abandon herself to this Word with full willingness of mind and heart. Responding to the Angel, Mary said: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (v. 38). In her "behold" filled with faith, Mary does not know by what road she must venture, what pains she must suffer, what risks she must face. But she is aware that it is the Lord asking and she entrusts herself totally to Him; she abandons herself to his love. This is the faith of Mary! Another aspect is the capacity of the Mother of Christ to *recognize God's time*. Mary is the one who made possible the Incarnation of the Son of God, "the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret for long ages" (Rom 16:25). She made possible the Incarnation of the Word thanks to her humble and brave "yes". Mary teaches us to seize the right moment when Jesus comes into our life and asks for a ready and generous answer. And Jesus is coming... The Word, who found a home in the virgin womb of Mary, comes in the celebration of Christmas to knock once again at the heart of every Christian... Each of us is called to respond, like Mary, with a personal and sincere "yes", placing oneself fully at the disposal of God, of his mercy, of his love. How many times Jesus comes into our lives, and how many times he sends us an angel, and how many times we don't notice because we are so taken, immersed in our own thoughts, in our own affairs and even, in these days, in our Christmas preparations, so as not to notice Him who comes and knocks at the door of our hearts, asking for acceptance, asking for a "yes" like Mary's. A saint used to say: "I am afraid that the Lord will come". Do you know what the fear was? It was the fear of not noticing and letting Him pass by. When we feel in our hearts: "I would like to be a better man, a better woman.... I regret what I have done...". That is the Lord knocking. He makes you feel this: the will to be better, the will to be closer to others, to God. If you feel this, stop. That is the Lord! And go to prayer, and maybe to confession, cleanse yourselves... this will be good. But keep well in mind: if you feel this longing to be better, He is knocking: don't let Him pass by! ...Let us entrust ourselves to the intercession of our Mother and of St Joseph in order to experience a truly Christian Christmas, free of all worldliness, ready to welcome the Saviour, God-among-us... Do not forget to pray for me.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Ps 116: 15  
 † Let us pray for the souls of those who passed away this week:

Parishioners & parishioners' loved ones

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 5p-English, 7p-Español  
 Domenica Sunday Domingo  
 9a-Italiano 11a-English 1p-Español  
 NO Sunday-8p

### Mass Intentions / Intenciones de la Misa Intenzione della Messe

Monday, December 21-St. Peter Canisius  
 7:00 am † G., A. & G. Costa  
 8:00 am Maria C.'s Intentions  
Tuesday, December 22  
 7:00 am † Antonio & Rosa Mariotti  
 8:00 am Maria C.'s Intentions  
Wednesday, December 23-St. John of Kanty  
 7:00 am † F. & F. Fabiano  
 8:00 am † Clare & Manus Patten  
Thursday, December 24  
 5:00 pm All Parishioners Intentions  
 7:00 pm All Parishioners Intentions  
Friday, December 25  
 9:00 am All Parishioners Intentions  
 11:00 am All Parishioners Intentions  
 1:00 pm Intenciones de los Feligreses  
 NO 8:00 pm MASS  
Saturday, December 26  
 NO 7:00 am Messa  
 NO 8:00 am Mass  
 5:00 pm † Maria Di Biase  
 7:00 pm Intenciones de los Feligreses  
Sunday, December 27-Feast of Holy Family  
 9:00 am † A. Sestito & L. Marro  
 9:00 am In Ringrazamento  
 11:00 am † A., M. & N. Furlano  
 11:00am † Maria Elisabetta Sinopoli  
 1:00 pm Intenciones de los Feligreses  
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