

# Saints Martha and Mary Parish

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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## STAFF

Office administrator: Melinda Mayo

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# ADVENT

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,  
May the Lord bless you at this special time of the year as we witness Jesus being born in our hearts and the world. As this Jubilee year comes to a close may we continue to be pilgrims of hope.  
Merry Christmas,  
Fr. Xavier



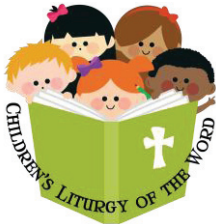
### 2026 DONATION ENVELOPES



The new donation envelopes for 2026 will be available in the Parish lobby. To ensure an accurate tax receipt kindly do not use these envelopes until the new year.

Please note: Parishioners who currently do not have donation envelopes and wish to obtain a box may register in the parish lobby those weekends. Also, we will be handing out the Pre-Authorized Giving Form (PAG) for parishioners who wish to donate through their Bank Account automatically every month. You can download the PAG form here: <https://tinyurl.com/yvmzcrk5>, or if you wish to register as member of the Parish click here: <https://tinyurl.com/2jdma2ra>.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sundays at 11:00 AM Mass: We will celebrate our last children's liturgy of 2025 on **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**. We will resume in the new year on **January 4<sup>th</sup>**.

Merry Christmas!

### TIP TAP PAY - A NEW WAY TO GIVE



As you may already know, we have a new way of contributing to our parish offertory using your debit or credit card. To donate, please tap your credit or debit card on the device. That's it! You can also tap the device more than once to increase the amount you wish to contribute. No information is stored on the device, and it's encrypted. If you would like to receive an end-of-year tax receipt for tiptap gifts, after making your first tap, scan the QR code available on the stand and enter your information, including your debit/credit card number. Tapping without registering your information will result in an anonymous gift to our parish offertory. You only need to register your card once.

The **TIP TAP** stand is located in the back lobby.

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Nativity of the Lord	
Wednesday, December 24	7:00 PM Mass
	9:00 PM Mass
	11:00 PM Caroling
	11:30 PM Mass
Thursday, December 25	9:00 AM Mass
	11:00 AM Mass
	12:30 PM Mass
Mary, Mother of God	
Wednesday, December 31	7:00 PM Mass
Thursday, January 1	9:00 AM Mass
	11:00 AM Mass

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

You are warmly invited to our Mississauga El Shaddai Community Christmas Party as we gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

- December 21, between 2:00 PM and 10:00 PM
- Basement Hall of the Church
- Price of the ticket is \$25.00; tickets will be available at the entrance door in the basement hall, or after the Mass
- Roast Beef, Carbonara Pasta, Fried Chicken, Spring Roll (Filipino food)
- Virgy Custodio 647-609-8637



### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

#### THE T-SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED!!



You may pick up your t-shirt orders after all Masses in the JFK Hall this weekend of **December 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**. We hope that you will enjoy wearing them as part of our parish community. Thank you again to everyone in the parish who supported this fundraiser.

The CWL wishes all parishioners a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 22 – Sunday, December 28**

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 A.M.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00 A.M. + Forgotten souls

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 P.M.

9:00 P.M. + Carmin Storino

11:30 P.M. + Maria & Giuseppe Carnevale

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 A.M. + John & Jean Conforzi

11:00 A.M. + Assunta & Pietro Spadafora

12:30 P.M. Guy & Gerry Spadafora  
The Gormley Family

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:00 A.M.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00 A.M.

4:30 P.M.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00 A.M. Connie & John Faria – Special intention  
Thanksgiving

11:00 A.M. + John Coutinho  
+ Rodolfo "Danny" Bernabe Jr.

### DID YOU KNOW?...

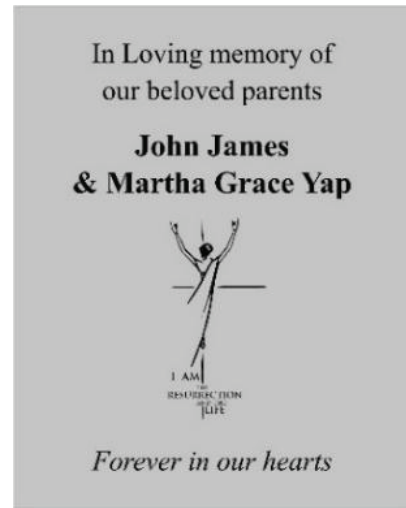


The well-known Christmas carol, Silent Night, perhaps one of the most popular around the world, originated in Austria. The lyrics were written in 1816 by Father Mohr, a Roman Catholic priest. On Christmas Eve of

1818 he handed them over to Franz Xaver Gruber, who composed the beautiful music. The carol was first sung on December 24, 1818, with guitar accompaniment, in St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, Austria. The carol was translated into English in 1859 by Bishop John Freeman Young (Florida).

The words of the carol "Joy to the World" were written by Isaac Watts in 1719. He actually wrote the words to glorify the Second coming of the Lord. The music was adapted in 1839 by Lowell Mason, a leading figure in American church music, from an older melody. Due to some similarities, that melody is believed to have been inspired by Handel's Messiah.

### REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES



The name of a beloved family member may be engraved on a memorial plaque as a lasting tribute. Would you like to honour someone from your family in this special way? St. Martha and Mary Parish will soon introduce a *Wall of Remembrance* to commemorate loved ones.

Each plaque, pewter in colour and measuring 7½" x 6", features the image of the Risen

Christ and personalized wording of your choice. The names inscribed on the Wall of Remembrance will be included in the *Prayers of the Faithful* at every weekend Mass. A donation of \$600.00 per plaque is requested. To reserve a plaque or learn more, please contact Anne Au-Yong at 905-625-5670 ext. 7.

## **Sts. Martha & Mary Rummage Sale Collection**

Your donations will help raise funds for a much-needed lift,  
making our church accessible to everyone.  
Items can be left beside the Padre Pio Room.

<b>Books</b>	<b>Artwork</b>
<b>Clothing</b>	<b>Tools</b>
<b>Housewares</b>	<b>Baby items</b>
<b>Electronics</b>	<b>Small furniture</b>
<b>Sporting Equipment</b>	<b>Bicycles</b>
<b>Gardening</b>	<b>Textiles</b>
<b>Craft Supplies</b>	<b>Jewellery / Accessories</b>
	<b>Toys / Games</b>
	<b>Paper / Plastic and Cloth Bags</b>
	<b>Tissue paper / Newspaper</b>

**The sale is planned for April 18/2026**  
**Thank You for your support.**



If you are interested in helping organize, volunteering the day of the event or have questions please email: [mina.vancardo@gmail.com](mailto:mina.vancardo@gmail.com)



