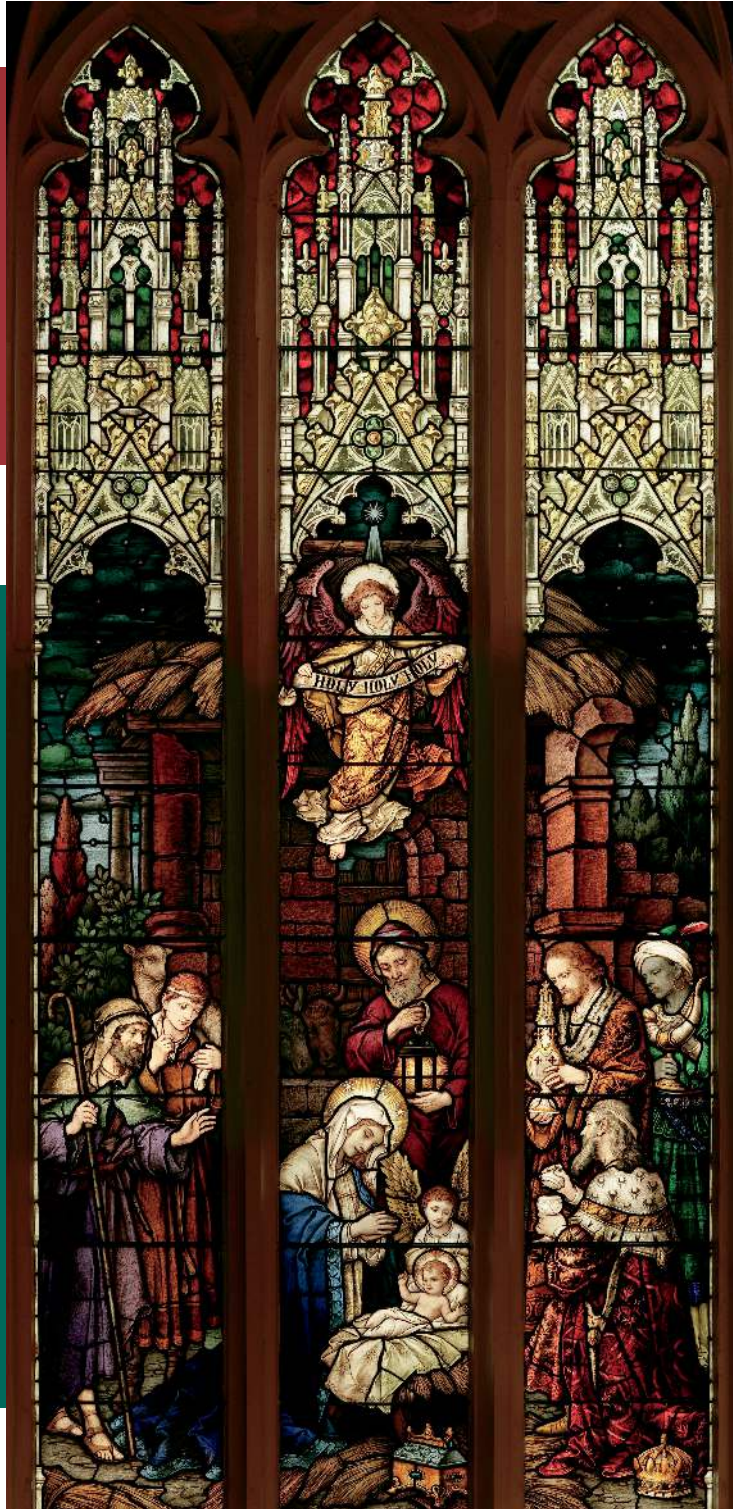




# ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF HIS EMINENCE FRANK CARDINAL LEO  
METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO



Parish Bulletin  
and Mass Program  
Christmas 2025

For in  
*hope*  
we have been  
*saved*

Romans 8:24

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## Excerpts from His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo's Christmas Message



My dear brothers and sisters,

Praised be Jesus Christ and Merry Christmas to you and to your loved ones.

Each year the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ invites us to delve deeper into the true meaning of the Incarnation, to ponder anew the mystery of God's love, and to renew or even seek new ways to serve our brothers and sisters because of Jesus and his teaching and example. The wonders of the Incarnation – God becoming man in Jesus – were first announced by the Archangel Gabriel nine months earlier at the Annunciation and are now fulfilled in the birth of the Messiah and as St John the Evangelist describes so eloquently, “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (Jn 1:14). Heaven and earth are joined forever giving rise to the foundation of our **hope** because God, who loves us, is now united to humanity forever.

This year, as the Church celebrates a Holy Year, the Jubilee – a year of grace, forgiveness, and renewal – the light of Bethlehem shines with renewed meaning. The birth of Jesus can be seen as the first and perpetual Jubilee. It is God's great proclamation of mercy: where true freedom is realized, forgiveness abounds, and our relationship with God is restored forever. For this reason, Christmas is not only a feast we celebrate but a mystery we are called to enter into and experience. We live in hope because the Bethlehem event – Christ being born among us – is not simply a scene of tenderness but the pledge of redemption: God's faithfulness has a name – Jesus. From the manger to the altar, from Bethlehem to our families, parishes and different communities, God's nearness is not a mere memory of a long-ago event, far, far away but a living presence here among us, now. And his presence always sends us forth as disciples and missionaries to proclaim, “God saves”, which is the very meaning of the name of Jesus.

As Pilgrims of Hope, we live in this world witnessing to the love and mercy of God, looking forward to the day when we will be with God forever in his eternal Kingdom. As Christians we do not offer the world a new ideology, theory, or philosophy. Rather, we reveal a new reality: **that God is with us, and his mercy for us endures forever**. With the Incarnation the way we relate to God has changed, we are no longer merely creatures, but his beloved children called to share in his divine life.

The name “Bethlehem” (beit lehem) literally “house of bread” offers us a rich theological and spiritual connection of God's life, our life and the holy Eucharist. Indeed, from the beginning, the same love which is the Godhead, now lays in the manger in the flesh and would one day be placed upon the altar at Mass.

At every Mass, the same Divine Word that was made flesh in Our Lady's heart and womb way back many years ago, becomes present to us again – but now sacramentally. The same Jesus whom Mother Mary held in her arms is now entrusted to us under the humble signs of bread and wine. The same divine humility that chose the manger to show himself to the world, chooses now and until his return the altar of sacrifice at Mass.

This Christmas, let us make room again for the Child Jesus who comes with peace. Let our **families** be havens of love and understanding; our **parishes** be places of welcome and care; our **communities** become schools of compassion and outreach; and our hearts tabernacles of transforming mercy. The Word still becomes flesh – in every act of faith, every gesture of love, every Sunday Eucharist – and then sends us forth to serve God by serving one another. May this holy season renew in us the **joy** of belonging and being loved and the **courage** to share that love with those the Lord puts on our path. God bless you and your family abundantly and powerfully this Christmas season.

*Read Cardinal Leo's full message on our website – [www.stmichaelscathedral.com](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com)*





## Christmas Message from Rev. Edwin Gonsalves, Rector



His Eminence Cardinal Leo, Fr. Kevin, Fr. Cole, Fr. Dennise, Fr. Francis, and I wish you and your families a blessed Christmas. We pray that your family gatherings will be filled with joy and peace. Every one of you, whether you attend daily or weekend Mass or are just returning to the Sacraments, is an important part of this faith community.

As we celebrate Christmas, let us remember the words of scripture: “For God so loved the world, that he sent his only Son, that whosoever may believe in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16).” Christmas is a time when God entered the world to save us, to heal us, and to give us hope. Hope, as the Catechism teaches, is about “placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit” (CCC 1817). In times of uncertainty or difficulty, hope in Jesus gives us strength and reminds us that we are never alone.

Reflecting on these truths, some may argue that science and technology have changed the world for better or worse. However, the most profound change took place over 2,000 years ago with the incarnation of Jesus. Christmas is a celebration of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. During this season, let us focus our time on what is truly important: time with the Lord and time with our families.



In a humble manger over 2,000 years ago, the Prince of Peace was born, bringing hope, joy, and peace to all. When we reflect on the manger scene, we remember who we are called to be: a family of faith that allows Christ to be born anew in our lives. He is present in the Holy Eucharist and born anew every time we live the beatitudes, show our love to others, and seeking reconciliation with one another.

May God bless you with joy and peace during this Christmas season and throughout the coming New Year. Please know how grateful we are for each of you, and how important you are to the life of our Cathedral community.

A very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

Fr. Edwin



### Thank you for your Generosity

We extend our sincere thanks to our parishioners for your generous financial support throughout the past year. Your contributions supported many important causes, including **ShareLife**, the **Shepherds' Trust**, **Catholic Missions in Canada**, **Marygrove Camp**, **Mission Sunday**, **Pope's Pastoral Works** and others, touching lives both within our parish and beyond.

We are especially grateful for your support of our **Annual Gift Drive**, which enabled the preparation of 150 gift bags for the **Society of Sharing** and the distribution of 200 gift cards to the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**.

Thank you for living out the Gospel through your generosity and compassion.

## A Christmas Message from the Parish Staff



Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the joy of Christmas, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you. Throughout the year, your kindness and friendly smiles have been a constant presence among us.

In our day-to-day work, we are blessed to meet you in many ways - while preparing for Mass, responding to emails and phone calls and welcoming you at the parish office. We are also grateful to be alongside you through the many ministries and social events that bring our community together.

Your appreciation and encouragement inspire us to carry out our work with dedication and care.

We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Christmas and every good blessing in the year ahead.

**The Parish Staff of St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica -  
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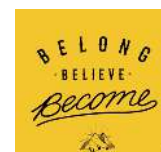


## A Message from Toronto Met Catholic Campus Ministry



As we wrap up our 2025 Fall semester, the TMC Catholic Campus Ministry is so grateful for what God has done in our community- which we are so blessed to have attached to the Cathedral, and in the heart of campus. Each day, our Catholic Student Centre welcomes students searching for a place where they can belong, believe and become who Christ wants them to be. In addition to the faith formation programming students partake in at the TMC house, they are continually nourished and fed by the frequent reception of sacraments at the Cathedral. Just as the shepherds travelled to see the newborn Christ, we pray our students will continue to have a heart that seeks to encounter the Lord more fully.

May God Bless you and your families this Christmas season and we wish to extend a heartfelt thank you for your warmth and generosity towards our campus ministry.





## Cathedral Ministries – Encounter Christ. Build Community. Live the Gospel.

### Aimee Sy, Lay Pastoral Associate

Our **dedicated volunteers** bring vibrancy and life to our Cathedral community, by offering their spiritual gifts as a living witness to Christ's love. They faithfully serve in our liturgical celebrations and parish events proclaiming scripture readings, teaching the faith, fostering community, and visiting the elderly and infirm. We give heartfelt thanks for their generous commitment. Through their devoted service, they help all of us encounter more deeply the grace and presence of God.



Our **50+ Ministries** brings together parishioners aged fifty and above through fellowship, spiritual formation and meaningful service.

This Holy Year of Jubilee has been a grace-filled time for our ministry highlighted by our pilgrimage to St. Martyrs' Shrine, Bible and Catechism studies, retreat and guest talks as well as the joy and friendship shared at our social gatherings. We continue to serve the community through prayer and through handmade hats and scarves we lovingly craft, offering the radiant gift of hope in joyful service.



### Chelsea Torregosa, Lay Pastoral Associate

The **Young Adults Ministry** is a vibrant community where young adults, ages 18 to 37, grow together in faith, friendship, and service. Rooted in the life of the Church, the ministry offers opportunities for prayer, formation, and connections through social gatherings, small groups, and outreach initiatives. The Ministry provides a place to belong and a space to grow as disciples in the heart of the city.



The **sacramental preparation** programs guide children, youth, and adults as they grow in faith and readiness to receive. These programs support families and individuals preparing for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. We have the joy of welcoming more than 30 candidates into the RCIA program. With dedicated catechists and a welcoming community, the Cathedral accompanies each person on their journey, helping them encounter Christ and deepen their life in the Church.



Over the past year, the **That Man Is You! Men's Ministry** has offered space for men of the Cathedral community to pause, reflect, and grow together in faith. Through shared prayer, conversation, and engagement with the teachings of the Church and the witness of the saints, participants have accompanied one another through the realities of modern life. This time together has strengthened bonds of fraternity and encouraged men to live their faith more intentionally within their families, workplaces, and the wider community.



**For more information, please contact the parish office.**





## 2025 - The Year in Pictures



In 2025, the Cathedral was alive with moments that drew our community together in hope, faith and joy. From the **pilgrimage to Italy**, to the beautiful **Corpus Christi Mass and Procession** that filled our streets with prayer, to the **ordinations** that blessed us with new Priests and Transitional Deacons, this past year was rich with grace. Our parish **liturgical celebrations** and times of fellowship continued to strengthen our bonds and **reflect the vibrant love of Christ** at the heart of our community.







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### ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL

**BIS ORAT QUI CANTAT**  
*He who sings prays twice*

The formation of Catholic men through the service of sacred music and the pursuit of knowledge.



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### Cathedral Schedule

#### Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m.  
1:10 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 7:30 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.

#### Sunday Masses:

5:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil)  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon,  
5:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

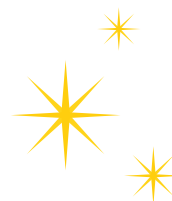
#### Confessions:

Monday to Friday: 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
4:45 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.  
Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.  
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### Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Archdiocese  
of Toronto



# *The Nativity of the Lord*

SOLEMNITY 2025

## St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica



Thank you for worshipping God here today. You are warmly invited to join in singing all the hymns and acclamations, found in our hymnal *With Angels and Archangels*.

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# Christmas Eve

5:00 PM Mass

Celebrant & Homilist:

Rev. Edwin Gonsalves

Elementary Choir, St. Michael's Choir School

Cheryll Chung, Conductor

Nathan Jeffery, Organist

## PRELUDE

### Organ

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Carol Rhapsody

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 547

Noel VIII "Étranger"

Adeste Fideles (Musette)

Noel X "Grand Jeu et Duo"

Johann Sebastian Bach

Richard Purvis

Johann Sebastian Bach

Louis-Claude D'Aquin

Jeanne Demessieux

Louis-Claude D'Aquin

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Processional Hymn No. 26B

O come, all ye faithful (omit vv. 4, 5)

ADESTE FIDELIS

arr. David Willcocks

**Kyrie** and **Gloria** from Missa de Angelis No. 495-496

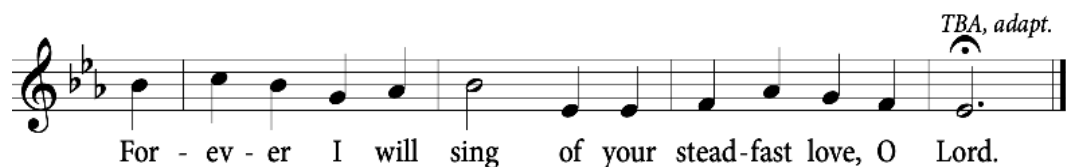
Plainsong

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

The Lord's delight is in Zion.

### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 89: 3-4, 15-16, 26+28



### Second Reading Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Paul spoke of Jesus Christ, the descendant of David.

### Gospel Acclamation



IRIS, adapt.

### Gospel Matthew 1: 1-25

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Christ, son of David.

### Homily

Rev. Edwin Gonsalves

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Offertory Motet

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam  
arr. Gerald Grey

Cantique de Noel

*O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'til He appeared and, and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks the new and glorious morn:  
Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!*

*Led by the light of faith, serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;  
Led by a star, above them brightly gleaming, appear the wise men from Orient land.  
A King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our friend:  
He knows our needs, to weakness is no stranger; Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!  
Behold your King before Him lowly bend!*

## Offertory Hymn No. 28

Angels we have heard on high

IRIS

## Eucharistic Acclamations Nos. 566, 568, 570, 571

from ICEL Roman Missal English Chant Mass

## Communion Motet

Hodie Christus Natus Est

Benjamin Britten

*Hodie Christus natus est: Hodie Salvator apparuit: Hodie in terra canunt angeli:  
Laetantur archangeli: Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluia!*

*Today Christ is born: Today the Savior has appeared: Today the angels sing on earth;  
The archangels rejoice: Today the righteous exult, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!*

## Organ

La Nativité from Poèmes Évangéliques

Jean Langlais

## Communion Hymn No. 32

Silent night!

STILLE NACHT

## Concluding Hymn No. 27

Hark! the herald angels sing

MENDELSSOHN  
arr. David Willcocks

## Postlude

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

Keith Chapman





# Christmas Eve

**8:00 PM Mass**

*Prelude beginning at 7:15 PM*

**Celebrant & Homilist:**

**Rev. Kevin Adriano**

Senior Choir, St. Michael's Choir School

Victor Cheng, Conductor

Christopher Ku, Organist

## PRELUDE

### Organ

Noël, sur les jeux d'Anches sans tremblant  
À la venue de Noël

Louis-Claude D'Aquin

### All

Once in royal David's city No. 25  
*The choir will sing verses 1 and 2 alone.*

IRBY

arr. David Willcocks

### Choir

Gloria in excelsis from Gloria, RV589  
*Glory to God in the highest.*

Antonio Vivaldi

### Organ

Prelude on 'Forest Green'

Philip Marshall

### All

O little town of Bethlehem No. 24  
*The choir will sing verse 3 alone. Omit verse 4.*

FOREST GREEN

arr. David Willcocks

### Choir

Nova Nova

Iain Farrington

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When the maiden saw all this, she was sore abashed, ywis, lest that she had done amiss.  
Then said the angel: "Dread not you, you shall conceive in all virtue a child whose name shall be Jesu."  
Then said the maid: "Verily, I am your servant truly; Ecce ancilla Domini." Nova! Nova!*

- Traditional

### Organ

La Nativité from Poèmes évangéliques

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### All No. 23

In dulci jubilo

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### Choir

Christmas Overture

Msgr. J.E. Ronan

*Ring bells, ring bells of Christmastide. Come friend and stranger, come to the manger where lies the  
Infant King; Angels are singing, glad bells are ringing, gifts for Him let us bring. Prophets foretold  
Him, now we behold Him, though born so lowly, 'tis God most holy. New songs now let us sing! Alleluia,  
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The first Noel the Angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay. In fields where they  
lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night with snow so deep. Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.  
Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er our plains.*

*And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Alleluia!  
Ring merry merry Christmas bells! Ring merry merry Christmas bells! Alleluia, Alleluia!*

## Organ

Noël X: Grand jeu et duo

Louis-Claude D'Aquin

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Processional Hymn

O come, all ye faithful No. 26B

ADESTE FIDELES  
arr. David Willcocks

*Verses 1, 2, 3, and 6 are sung in procession.*

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### Introit

Dominus dixit ad me

Plainsong

*The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.*

*Why do the nations conspire and the people plot in vain? (Psalm 2:7,1)*

### Kyrie

from Missa de Angelis No. 495

Plainsong

### Gloria

from Mass for the Millenium No. 521

Kola Owolabi

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7

*A child has been born for us; a son given to us.*

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96: 1-2, 3-4, 11-12, 13

Thomas Barrett Armstrong

ADESTE FIDELES, *adapt.*



### Second Reading: Titus 2.11-14

*The grace of God has appeared to all.*

### Gospel Acclamation: Luke 2: 10-11

IRIS, *adapt.*



### Gospel: Luke 2: 1-16

*To you is born this day a Saviour, who is Christ.*

### Homily

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Adolphe Adam

arr. Jerzy Cichocki

## Offertory Hymn No. 28

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## Eucharistic Acclamations Nos. 523, 524, 525

*from Mass for the Millenium*

Kola Owolabi

## Agnus Dei

*from Missa Simplicitate*

Tom Dusatko

## Communion Antiphon

In splendoribus sanctorum

Plainsong

*Amidst the splendours of the heavenly sanctuary, from the womb, before the morning star, I have begotten you. (Psalm 109: 3)*

## Communion Motet

O Magnum Mysterium

Morten Lauridsen

*O magnum mysterium Et admirabile sacramentum, Ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, Jacentem in praesepio! Beata virgo, cujus viscera Meruerunt portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia! O great mystery, And wonderful sacrament, That animals should see the newborn Lord, Lying in a manger! Blessed is the virgin whose womb Was worthy to bear The Lord, Jesus Christ. Alleluia!*

## Organ

Pastorale from Concerto Grosso, Op. 6 No. 8, 'fatto per la notte di natale'

Archangelo Corelli

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## Postlude

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach



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The grace of God has appeared to all.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Luke 2: 10-11

IRIS, adapt.



**Gospel:** Luke 2: 1-16

To you is born this day a Saviour, who is Christ.

## Homily

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Offertory Motet

O Holy Night

*Cantique de Noel*

*O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Saviour's birth; Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'til He appeared and, and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks the new and glorious morn: Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night, O holy night, O night divine!*

*Midnight, Christians, it's the solemn hour, when God-man descended to us to erase the stain of original sin and to end the wrath of His Father. The entire world thrills with hope on this night that gives it a Saviour.*

*People kneel down, wait for your deliverance. Christmas, Christmas, here is the Redeemer, Christmas, Christmas, here is the Redeemer!*

Adolphe Adam

arr. Jerzy Cichocki

## Offertory Hymn No. 28

Angels we have heard on high

IRIS

## Eucharistic Acclamations Nos. 523, 524, 525

*from Mass for the Millenium*

Kola Owolabi

## Agnus Dei

*from Missa Simplicitate*

Tom Dusatko

## Communion Antiphon

*In splendoribus sanctorum*

Plainsong

*Amidst the splendours of the heavenly sanctuary, from the womb, before the morning star, I have begotten you. (Psalm 109: 3)*

## Communion Motet

O Magnum Mysterium

Morten Lauridsen

*O magnum mysterium Et admirabile sacramentum, Ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, Jacentem in praesepio! Beata virgo, cujus viscera Meruerunt portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia!*

*O great mystery, And wonderful sacrament, That animals should see the newborn Lord,*

*Lying in a manger! Blessed is the virgin whose womb Was worthy to bear The Lord, Jesus Christ. Alleluia!*

## Organ

*Pastorale from Concerto Grosso, Op. 6 No. 8, 'fatto per la notte di natale'*

Archangelo Corelli

## Communion Hymn No. 32

Silent night!

STILLE NACHT

arr. Msgr. J.E. Ronan

## Concluding Hymn No. 27

Hark! the herald angels sing

MENDELSSOHN

arr. David Willcocks

## Postlude

*In dulci jubilo, BWV 729*

Johann Sebastian Bach





# Christmas Day

8:00 AM Mass

**Celebrant & Homilist:**  
**Rev. Cole Powers**

Benjamin Ferretti, Cantor  
Nathan Jeffery, Organist

## PRELUDE

### Organ

La Nativité from Poèmes évangéliques

Jean Langlais

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Processional Hymn

O come, all ye faithful No. 26B (omit vv. 4, 5)

ADESTE FIDELES

**Kyrie and Gloria** from Missa de Angelis No. 495-496

Plainsong

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 62. 11-12

See your salvation comes.

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12



### Second Reading: Titus 3: 4-7

The goodness and loving kindness of God has saved us.

### Gospel Acclamation: Luke 2:14

IRIS, adapt.



### Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

### Homily

Rev. Cole Powers

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Hymn

See, amid the winter's snow No. 41 (vv. 1-5)

HUMILITY (OXFORD)

**Eucharistic Acclamations** (Sung by ALL) Nos. 516, 517, 518, 519  
from A Community Mass

Richard Proulx

**Communion Antiphon**

Exulta filia Sion

Plainsong

*Rejoice, O Daughter Sion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem: behold, your King will come, the holy one and Saviour of the world. (Cf. Zechariah 9.9)*

**Communion Hymn No. 23**

In dulci jubilo

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Concluding Hymn No. 27**

Hark! the herald angels sing

MENDELSSOHN

**Postlude**

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach





# Christmas Day

**10:00 AM Mass**

*Prelude beginning at 9:30 AM*

**Celebrant & Homilist:**

**Rev. Edwin Gonsalves**

Tiago Aman, Cantor  
Nathan Jeffery, Organist

## PRELUDE

**All**

La Nativité from Poèmes évangéliques

Jean Langlais

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Processional Hymn

O come, all ye faithful No. 26B (omit vv. 4, 5)

ADESTE FIDELES  
arr. David Willcocks

### Introit

Puer natus est nobis

Plainsong

*Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. Dominion is on his shoulder and his name shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel. Sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has accomplished wondrous deeds. (Isaiah 9:6, Psalm 97:1)*

**Kyrie and Gloria** from Missa de Angelis No. 495-496

Plainsong

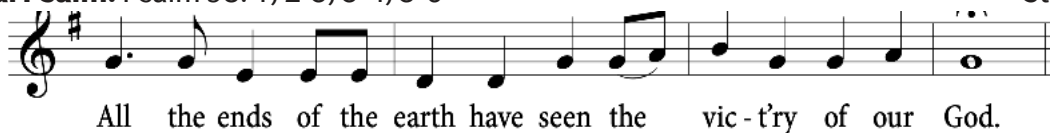
## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

*All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

Stephen Somerville



### Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

*In these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.*

### Gospel Acclamation

IRIS, adapt.



### Gospel: John 1:1-18

*The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.*

### Homily

Rev. Edwin Gonsalves

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Offertory Hymn

See, amid the winter's snow No. 41 (vv. 1-5)

HUMILITY (OXFORD)

## Eucharistic Acclamations Nos. 516, 517, 518

from A Community Mass

Richard Proulx

## Agnus Dei No. 519

from A Community Mass

Richard Proulx

## Communion Antiphon

Viderunt omnes

Plainsong

*All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. (Psalm 97: 3)*

## Communion Hymn No. 23

In dulci jubilo

IN DULCI JUBILO

## Concluding Hymn No. 27

Hark! the herald angels sing

MENDELSSOHN  
arr. David Willcocks

## Postlude

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

Keith Chapman



# Christmas Day

## Noon Mass

### Celebrant & Homilist:

**Frank Cardinal Leo**

Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

Junior Choir, St. Michael's Choir School

Walter Mahabir, Conductor

Christopher Ku, Organist

## PRELUDE

### Organ

Pastorella, BWV 590

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, Op. 122

Noël X: Grand jeu et duo

In dulci jubilo

Johann Sebastian Bach

Johannes Brahms

Louis-Claude D'Aquin

Marcel Dupré

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Processional Hymn

O come, all ye faithful No. 26B (omit vv. 4,5)

ADESTE FIDELES

arr. David Willcocks

**Kyrie and Gloria** from *Missa de Angelis* No. 495-496

Plainsong

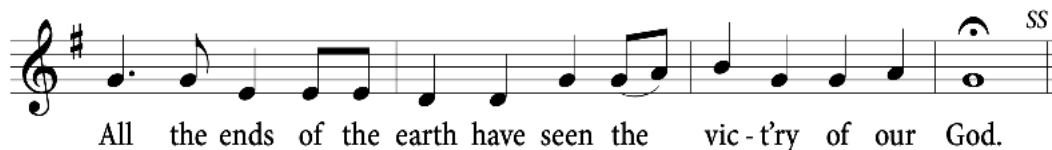
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# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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arr. Gerald Grey

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*Led by the light of faith, serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;*

*Led by a star, above them brightly gleaming, appear the wise men from Orient land.*

*A King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our friend:*

*He knows our needs, to weakness is no stranger; Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!*

*Behold your King before Him lowly bend!*

## Offertory Hymn No. 28

Angels we have heard on high

IRIS

## Eucharistic Acclamations Nos. 516, 517, 518, 519

from Mass for a Servant Church

Michel Guimont

## Communion Motet

My Lord Has Come

Will Todd

*Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels; No place for them but a stable.*

*My Lord has come, my Lord has come!*

*Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven; No place for them but a stable.*

*My Lord has come, my Lord has come!*

*His love will hold me, His love will cherish me, Love will cradle me.*

*Lead me, lead me to see Him, sages and shepherds and angels;*

*No place for me but a stable. My Lord has come, my Lord has come!*

## Organ

Three Versets on 'Away in a manger'

Mark Blatchly

## Communion Hymn No. 45

What Child is this

GREENSLEEVES

## Concluding Hymn No. 27

Hark! the herald angels sing

MENDELSSOHN

arr. David Willcocks

## Postlude

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach



# Christmas Day

5:00 PM Mass

**Celebrant & Homilist:**  
**Rev. Francis Lai CSJB**

Geoffrey Rawlinson, Cantor  
Diego Iapaolo, Organist

## PRELUDE

### Organ

Various Noels

Louis-Claude D'Aquin

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Processional Hymn

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ADESTE FIDELES

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Plainsong

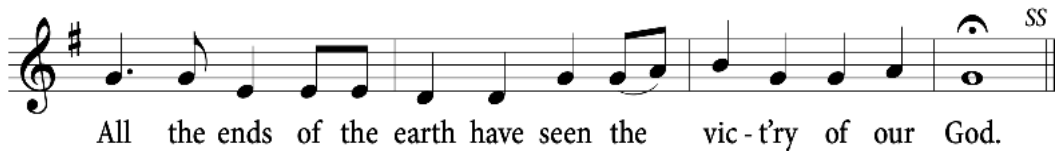
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Plainsong

## Communion Hymn No. 23

In dulci jubilo

IN DULCI JUBILO

## Concluding Hymn No. 27

Hark! the herald angels sing

MENDELSSOHN

## Postlude

Alleluia

Victor Togni



### Cardinal Leo's Invitation to Closing Mass of the Year of Jubilee

*Last December, we officially launched the Year of Jubilee in our archdiocese. I also had the opportunity, along with our Auxiliary Bishops to celebrate the Jubilee through regional celebrations at parishes identified as special Jubilee pilgrimage churches. I sincerely thank these parishes for welcoming pilgrims throughout the Holy Year, serving as places of prayer, welcome, reflection, and reconciliation.*

*I wish to extend a warm invitation to the faithful of the archdiocese to join with me for the closing Mass for the Holy Year of Jubilee on **Sunday 28 December 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 5:00 p.m.** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available with numerous priests present from 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. All are most welcome.*



We warmly welcome you and your family to be part of our parish community at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. You are invited to register by contacting the parish office in person or by email to [cathedral@stmichaelscathedral.com](mailto:cathedral@stmichaelscathedral.com)

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