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CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday

5:30 PM

Sunday

8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon,

7:00 PM

Pastoral Visitation of the Sick:

To arrange for a visit
Call the office ext. 221

PARISH STAFF

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9:30 am to 11:30 am
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Monday & Wednesday mornings closed.

Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm
6:30 to 8:30 pm

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Please call Fr. Dan Callahan, ext. 226, for more information.

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

or by appointment.

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League
See CWL Bulletin Board for Details

Children's Liturgy

10:00 AM Mass

Development and Peace
www.devp.org
3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM

Merry Makers

3rd Tuesday, 12:15 PM

Prayer Group

Wednesdays after mass

Parish Council

Every two months

St. Vincent de Paul Society

2nd Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Sunday School (ages 3-6)

During 10:00 AM Mass

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Call the office

Eucharistic Ministers
Andrew O'Handley

Lectors:
Maryanne Chard

10:00AM Choir
Susan McElcheran
Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM

12:00 Noon Choir
Antoine Pellerin

Ushers:
Call the office

BAPTISMS

Arrangements are made through the Religious Education office. Couples expecting a child are encouraged to contact the office before the child is born. Please contact ext. 221, for more information.

MARRIAGE

Please call Fr. Dan at least one year prior to the planned wedding date.



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Monday, December 14

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17 Psalm 25

Matthew 21:23-27

5:30 pm The Galea Family

Tuesday, December 15

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 Psalm 34

Matthew 21:28-32

5:30 pm Lil & Joe Zerebeski

Wednesday, December 16

Isaiah 45:6-8,18, 21-25 Psalm 85

Luke 7:19-23

5:30 pm Mario Amaral +

Thursday, December 17

Genesis 49 2, 8-10 Psalm 72

Matthew 1:1-17

5:30 pm Ron Fernandes +

Friday, December 18

Jeremiah 23:5-8 Psalm 72

Matthew 1:18-24

5:30 pm Mariano Da Costa

Saturday, December 19

Jeremiah 23:5-8 Psalm 72

Matthew 1:18-24

5:30 pm Pat Cobham +

Sunday, December 20

Mich 5:2-5 Psalm 80

Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45

8:30 am Int. of the Friars

10:00 am The Parish Community

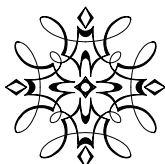
12:00 pm Eunice Correa

7:00 pm Bruno Miani+

Monthly comparison for November

| Offertory | 2014 | 2015 |
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| Envelopes | \$ 20,654 | \$ 19,413 |
| Loose | \$ 6,169 | \$ 6,321 |
| PAG | \$ 6,289 | \$ 6,438 |
| Total | \$ 33,112 | \$ 32,082 |

Building and Maintenance funds for November were: \$6,473.00



The Pastor's Corner
Peace and Goodness to all!

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice! These words characterize the spirit of Gaudete Sunday which we celebrate on this the third week of Advent. The rose colored vestments worn at mass today signify the faith of the Church that the Lord is near giving us good reason to rejoice as we near the celebration of the Incarnation of the Lord at Christmas. We purchased these new vestments which have been used traditionally in the Church on two Sundays each year, one on this Gaudete Sunday and the other time on the 4th Sunday of Lent called Laetare Sunday to signify the progression of the hope which the seasons prefigure. This Sunday we will also light the rose colored candle on the Advent wreath to measure our progress through the season.

This week has been one that has been filled with activities in the parish. The youth gathered on Monday as usual, with much enthusiasm and vitality. It was suggested that perhaps they could consider participating in the Alpha program that was introduced at our parish retreat last Saturday and they decided to consider it. This program is one that would encourage discipleship for the whole parish and will be introduced in the New Year.

Tuesday, many of the parish group leaders and members of our many organizations gathered in the friary for the annual Christmas party. It was an evening of fellowship fun in of the company of parishioners from varied groups who came to meet one another and enjoy the seasonal gathering. Wednesday the RCIA group gathered to decorate the Christmas trees with the lights that will fill the Church for our Nativity celebrations. The St Vincent DePaul Society also gathered on Wednesday to celebrate their annual Christmas party to organize and arrange the Christmas gifts and packages to be distributed to the families in need at Christmas. The St. Vincent De Paul Society provides a great service to the parish in its outreach and relationship to the poor among us. Thank you to all who contribute toys and funds for food and clothing to meet these needs.

Thursday we were deeply touched by the beauty and holiness of the Ecumenical celebration of the annual Advent Lessons and Carols. We are grateful to all the Choirs from our local Christian Churches who participated in this celebration. Thank you to Susan McElcheran and Michael Thibodeau and Antoine Pellerin who gathered and led this lovely celebration to prepare us for the Christmas feasts.

On Friday evening the children from our First Communion Class received their first sacrament of Reconciliation. I want to thank the teachers, especially Laurie Carolyn who has led this group and the parents of these children who's guidance in nurturing the faith of these children has brought them to this point in their Catholic faith development. May the Lord bless them richly throughout their lives in Christ!

As we continue in this Advent season of hope we have many reasons to rejoice in the Lord who does great things for us and brings us joy in his Holy Birth to be at one with us.

In the Love and Joy of Christ Jesus the Lord
Fr. Dan

Please Pray for:

The Sick: Andrea O Connor, Wendy Grech and Noah De Abreu

The Deceased: Fr. Charlie Brozat, Serutwa Onesme, Kevin Cogan and Rev Alfosno Gioppato Charles Mahon

2015 Children's Pageant:

Our annual children's pageant will be held at the 5:30 pm mass on Christmas Eve. Children are needed for this wonderful celebration of Christmas! We would like you to participate in the Christmas pageant this year. We will be holding our first rehearsal in the church on December 13th at 1:30 pm. The second rehearsal will occur the following Sunday, December 21 at 1:15 pm. Any child wishing to participate is invited to come to these rehearsals.

THE FRIARS STUDENT WRITING AWARD

Students aged 14 to 18 are invited to write a five hundred word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18 -25, 2016. This year's theme "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God". (1 Peter 2:9) See the poster in the parish hall with more information. Deadline for entries is January 8, 2016. Email your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or fax it to 416 934 3409. For more information you can also call 416 934 3400 ext. 334

Marriage Sunday

The Archdiocese will celebrate Marriage Sunday on the weekend of February 6 / 7, 2016. His Eminence extends an invitation to all married couples who will **celebrate 25th, 40th or 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2016** to join him for a Mass and reception to honour their fidelity and faithfulness. This mass will take place at St. Andrew Kim parish in North York. Pre-registration is required. To register go to www.archtoronto.org/marriage. Questions can be directed to Mr. & Mrs. Dane McCarthy at 416 964 8694



Christmas Schedule



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| December 24 | 5:30 pm Children's Liturgy & Pageant 9:30 pm Christmas Liturgy 12:00 am Christmas Liturgy |
| Christmas Day | 10:00 am Christmas Liturgy 12:00 pm Christmas Liturgy No evening mass |
| December 26 | 5:30 pm Liturgy |
| December 27 | Regular Schedule |
| December 28 | No Mass |
| December 31 | 5:30 pm Octave Day of the Nativity |
| January 1 | 10:00 am Solemnity of Mary 12:00 pm Solemnity of Mary |
| January 2 & 3rd | Regular Schedule |

This Week

Sunday December 13

1:30 pm First Children's Pageant Rehearsal
Fair Trade Sale

Monday, December 14

7:00 pm Youth Group

Tuesday, December 15

4:30 pm Religious Ed

Wednesday, December 16

7:30 pm Bible Study/ RCIA

Future Dates to Remember

Sunday December 20

1:30 pm Pageant Rehearsal

2015/ 2016 Sunday Missals

The new missals are available from the parish office for \$5.00 each.

Offertory Envelopes Users

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Third Sunday of Advent

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