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*May the Blessings of this
Holy Season be with you Always.*



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 19

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 Psalm 71

Luke 1:5-25

5:30 pm Roger Kerton +

Tuesday, December 20

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10 Psalm 24

Luke 1:26-38

5:30 pm Louis Resendes

Wednesday, December 21

Zephaniah 3:14-18 Psalm 33

Luke 1:39-45

5:30 pm John Bellis +

Thursday, December 22

1 Samuel 1:24-28 1 Samuel 2

Luke 1:46-56

5:30 pm Erna Barabas

Friday, December 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 4:5-6 Psalm 25

Luke 1:67-79

5:30 pm Leon Tai +

Saturday, December 24

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12, 16 Psalm 89

Luke 1:67-79

5:30 pm The Parish Community

9:30 pm The Parish Community

12:00 midnight The Parish Community

Sunday, December 25

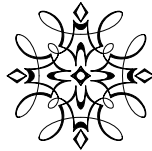
10:00 am The Parish Community

12:00 noon The Parish Community

Monthly Comparison for: November

Offertory	2010	2011
Envelopes	\$ 15,558	\$ 17,725
Loose	\$ 5,126	\$ 4,845
PAG*	\$ 8,690	\$ 7,840
Total	\$ 29,374	\$ 30,410

* Pre-Authorized Giving Contributions for the Building Maintenance Fund were \$1,576.



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Welcome and Merry Christmas to all of our parishioners, family members, friends, guests and visitors.

The feast of the Nativity of the Lord Jesus gathers us to celebrate the great wonder and humility of Almighty God, who was born of the Virgin Mary as a fragile infant so we might come to know and love Him. He became one with us in the human beauty and wonder of a child. How he loves us!

The Christmas season of our worship begins to recall the entire story of the Life, growth, service and passion of Jesus, the Lord. His life from the beginning communicates the Love of God for all people of every age, race language and way of life. Our worship begins with the Christmas pageant as it is acted out by the children of the parish. We give thanks to the parents, and teachers who have prepared this lovely spectacle. We will continue throughout the weekend to proclaim the Word of God made flesh to dwell among us in all of our Eucharistic liturgical celebrations. The Choir's liturgical ministers, and parishioners have prepared wonderful celebrations for us to worship and enjoy. We give thanks to all of those who dedicate themselves to performing these services. We pray the grace of the Holy Spirit will enlighten and give vitality to all who are here to participate. May you deeply experience the Spirit of Christmas among us.

Francis of Assisi, was the first to enact the Christmas scene in Greccio, Italy during the early 1200s. How remarkable it is that this practice is made new in so many varied cultures throughout the world. St. Joan of Arc parish has enacted this pageant for more than 35 years. We the Franciscans of the Atonement, are privileged to serve this parish in a spirit of joy and gratitude for all who come here to know, love and serve the Lord of all creation. Christmas is a special time to remember traditions, and to welcome everyone to these holy celebrations. We hope you experience God's presence and that you feel at home.

St. Joan of Arc is dedicated to Stewardship, this is a way that engages all of our parishioners in the life ministry and sustenance of the community. If you are interested in becoming involved in the parish, please know you are welcome to call me or the office so we can help you become connected. We pray that all who are here will grow closer to God this Christmas season so you may know the Way the Truth and the Life in abundance that is ours in Jesus.

May God bless you and your loved ones with all of the Joy and love of Christ our Saviour.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Fr. Dan

Please Pray for:

Sick: Liz Huong, Marie Kozak, Heather Tobias, Dora Morra, Felix Russo, and Graham

Deceased: Fr. Peter Botman, SCJ,

Finance Committee

The committee is looking for new members, for a three year term. If you have the qualifications of a CA, CMA or CGA and are interested in volunteering time to the parish, please submit your resume to the parish office for consideration. The committee works in a way that the terms overlap, so new members are brought on board with existing members. This team assists Fr. Dan and the parish in many ways.

Offertory Envelopes

Your 2012 envelopes are set up in the parish hall. Please collect your box as soon as possible. If you didn't have a box in 2011 and would like one for the new year, please go to the parish office and one will be issued to you.

From the Director of Religious Education

Religious Education has been so much fun this year. We have been blessed with great teachers, fascinating bible stories, lively discussions, good snacks, and fabulous kids. A shout out to all those parents who have so faithfully supported their children in their Christian journey.

In the New Year, we will continue with our Sunday School and Liturgy of the Word Programs. If you have a child between the Ages of 3-6 or in Grades 3-6 and would like to join the fun, please join us at 10:00 AM each Sunday. All are welcome, both to teach or attend.

In January we will also begin our confirmation preparation. All students should now be enrolled. If not, register quickly.... May you all experience God's richest blessings on your families this Christmas season. I look forward to seeing your children again in 2012!

Ms. Sheila Malloch, ext 222

Christmas Schedule

Thursday, December 22 7:30 pm Reconciliation Service with Individual Confessions (Last opportunity for Confession before Christmas)

Christmas Eve, December 24 5:30 pm Children's Pageant & Liturgy
9:30 pm Christmas Liturgy 12:00 midnight Christmas Liturgy

Christmas Day, December 25 10 am and 12 noon Christmas Liturgies
No Evening Masses
(No Masses on Monday, December 26th)

Feast of Mary Mother of God Saturday, December 31 5:30 pm mass

Feast of Mary Mother of God, January 1 10:00 am & 12 Noon Masses
No Evening Masses.

The Epiphany, January 8 Regular mass times



THIS WEEK

Monday, December 19

7:00 pm D & P

7:15pm Meditation Group

Wednesday, December 21

Staff

7:30 pm RCIA

No Activities until the New Year!

Christmas Pageant

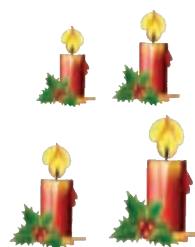
We will be having the children's pageant at the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve liturgy. The second rehearsal will in the church today at 1:30 pm (Dec.18). All children are welcome!

Life Touch

The company, that is working on our photo directory for the parish is coming back in January. Hopefully, with a second session, we can complete the photo shoot. If you missed out earlier this year, be sure to mark your calendars and book your appointment for January 27, 28, or the 29th. We hope everyone will participate in this parish activity. More details to follow.

Vocations

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"... and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Hansoo, 416-968-0997 or email:vocations@vocations.ca



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