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STEWARDSHIP

Served by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Call the office Eucharistic Ministers Andrew O'Handley Lectors: Maryanne Chard 10:00AM Choir Susan McElcheran Rehearsal: Thursday 7:00 PM 12:00 Noon Choir Chris McConnell Rehearsal: Tuesdays 7:00 PM Ushers: George Ramirez

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 7:00 PM

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM or by appointment.

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 call Ms. Sheila Malloch, ext. 222, for more information.

MARRIAGE

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

Pastoral Visitation of the Sick: To arrange for a visit Call the office ext. 221

Office Hours Monday to Friday 9:30 am to 11:30 am 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Wednesday mornings closed.

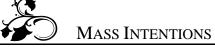
Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm 6:30 to 8:30 pm

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

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League See CWL Bulletin Board for Details Children's Liturgy 10:00 AM Mass Sunday School 10:00 AM Mass Weekly Sacramental Preparation **Development & Peace** www.devp.org 3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM **Meditation Group** Mondays, 7:15 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



Monday, December 3 Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Matthew 8:5-11, 12 5:30 pm Teresa D'Agostine +

<u>Tuesday, December 4</u> Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72 Luke 10:21-24 5:30 pm Dmytro Spiwak +

Wednesday, December 5 Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm23 Matthew 15:29-37 5:30 pm Baby Jacob (sick)

Thursday, December 6 *Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalm 118 Matthew 7:21, 24-27* 5:30 pm Ben Sobie +

Friday, December 7 Isaiah 29:17-24 Psalm 27 Matthew 9:27-31 5:30 pm Johanna Griffith +

Saturday, December 8

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Psalm 98 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38 5:30 pm Montano & Pacita Cruz+

Sunday, December 9

Baruch 5:1-9 Psalm 126 Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6 8:30 am McLaughlin Family 10:00 am The Parish Community 12:00 noon Eunice Correa + 7:00 pm Helen Savulak +

Monthly Comparison for: November

Offertory	2011	2012
Envelopes	\$17,725	\$18,193
Loose	\$4,835	\$5,190
PAG*	\$7,840	\$7,797
Total	\$30,410	\$31,179

* Pre-Authorized Giving Contributions for the Building Maintenance Fund were \$2,343.



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Peace and Goodness to all!

Today we begin a new Liturgical Year, the first Sunday of Advent. God is the Lord of new beginnings, and the Church offers this season to take the opportunities inspired by the Advent liturgies, to grow in patience, peace and prayer. This can indeed be a challenge in what is often the busiest time of the year as we anticipate Christmas. For Christians it is to be a time in to prepare to celebrate new birth in Christ and to grow in Love for one another and for all as we await the Coming Saviour.

Last Monday, the RCIA program participants and Rob, Lucy and Iris, all went to St. Peter's to serve the Winter Welcome Table. Louis Gris asked me to give special thanks to all who volunteered to make this meal and time of fellowship special for all who came to supper. On behalf of the Friars of the Atonement, the Paulist Fathers and the Sisters of Sion, and the parish, thank you profoundly.

On Monday, I went to the Synagogue of the Adath Israel Congregation, to celebrate an evening honouring Mary Siklos, and Fr. Damian MacPherson, SA, for their work in the Christian Jewish Dialogues of Toronto. Sister Lucy Thorson, from the sisters of Sion, a member of the dialogue, and one of our parishioners, introduced Cardinal Collins to the gathered congregation. The Cardinal reminded all who were gathered, that Inter faith dialogue is an important process to create mutual understanding and to build bridges in faith. Christian Jewish relationship building is one of the principal ministries of the Sisters of Sion, and part of the Charism of the Friars of the Atonement. It was a privilege to witness this event. Congratulations to Fr. Damian, a Friar of the Atonement we are proud of you.

Tuesday, the Ministries Committee met to continue to develop programs incorporating the suggestions made in our parish survey process. We hope to grow and improve our stewardship and religious education programs to meet the expressed needs of our parishioners. Part of their work is also developing our new website which is coming soon. Larry O'Grady has been especially instrumental in this effort. This committee is a dedicated group of parishioners who work hard to serve the parish well. If you missed the survey results they inserted in last week's bulletin, please get one from the parish office.

Thank you once again to all who participated in the survey, in Stewardship and to all of you who come here to worship the Lord. May the Holy Spirit grace us this season of prayer and watchfulness, with new life and peace as we prepare to celebrate Christmas!

In the love and joy of Christ!

Fr. Dan

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Please pray for:

The sick: Kate, Anne Konopa The Deceased: Msgr. Gerard Breen

Lessons and Carols

Our parish is once again hosting an ecumenical "Advent/Christmas Lessons and Carols" service, with participation from musicians from Runnymede Presbyterian, Morningside-High Park and St. Martin-in-the-Fields Churches. It will be on Friday December 7, at 7:30 pm in the church. Come out and get in the spirit of the season!

CWL News

1) Our C. W. L. is sponsoring a **Blood Donor Clinic** in the church hall on **Wed. Dec. 5**, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Toronto uses more blood than it collects. Your blood can literally help to save up to three lives. Please book your appointment by calling 1 888 2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283). You may also walk in without an appointment. Give thanks....give the gift of life. 2) Right to Life Christmas cards are still available from the parish office. \$8.00 for a package of 10 cards.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

We will continue to collect unwrapped gifts for our clients. Gifts may be put into the sleigh before or after mass next weekend. Gift cards for teenagers would also be appreciated.

Updated Website Coming !

Exciting new improvements are being made to our website to reflect our vibrant community. Launch date to be announced soon!

Christmas is around the corner!

1) Want to get involved in the parish! We are looking for some volunteers to organize the Christmas pageant with the children of the parish. The costumes are here, and the children will come! We just need the adults to work with the children, so we can go ahead with the pageant at the 5:30 pm mass Christmas Eve. Maybe your child was involved last year! If you would like to get involved, leave your name and phone number in the office for Rosanne, ext. 221 and we will be in touch with you. The more volunteers the BETTER!

2) We are looking for an artist person to help with arranging the crèche for Christmas Eve. If you would like to help with this project, please leave a message for Fr. Dan at ext.226.



THIS WEEK Tuesday, December 4 Religious Education

Wednesday, December 5

Staff Meeting 4:00 pm CWL Blood Donor Clinic 7:30 pm RCIA 7:30 pm Pastoral Care

Friday, December 7

Lessons and Carols

Saturday, December 8 RCIA Retreat

Can you help?

St. Joan of Arc's St. Vincent de Paul has had a request for a small couch and two chest of drawers. If you have either, that you would like to donate, please leave a message at ext. 232

Catholic Women's League

In our previous thank you to the supporters of our Bake and Book sale, we omitted thanking Tim & Sue's No Frills, Timothy's World of Coffee and (Bloor and Kennedy), and Messina Deli & Bakery on Scarlett Rd. We very much appreciate their generosity in supporting our Bake Sale.

Future Dates to Remember

Tuesday, December 11 Finance Committee

Wednesday, December 12 6:00 pm SVDP

Thursday, December 13

7:00 pm Parish Council/Ministry gathering

First Sunday of Advent.



