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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 2

1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98 John 1:19-28 No Mass

Tuesday, January 3

John 2:29-, 3:1-6 Psalm 98 John 1:29-34 5:30 pm Catherine Maddaford +

Wednesday, January 4

*I John 3:7-10 Psalm 96 John 1:35-42*5:30 pm Josephine MacDonald +

Thursday, January 5

1 John 3:11-21 Psalm 100 John 1:43-51 5:30 pm Henry & Kathleen Fitzgerald

Friday, January 6

1 John 5; 5-13 Psalm 147 Mark 1:4-5, 7-11 5:30 pm Int. of the Parish Staff

Saturday, January 7

1 John 15:14-21 Psalm 149 John 2:1-12 5:30 pm The Parish Community

Sunday, January 8

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

8:30 am A Special Intention 10:00am Rita Lee +

12:00 noon Ben Sobie +

7:00 pm George Roumelis +

Monthly Comparison not available at time of printing.





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!

Please Pray for:

The sick: Gertrude Wojeck, Mary Jacobson, Carmela Morra, Felix Russo, and Graham

The Deceased: Johanna Griffith, Rita Lee

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.

Congratulations

To the families that had their children baptized in 2011.

Charlotte Galbraith, Garrett Rishchynski, Aidan Danner, Eafael Angelo, Luke Jewiss, Maeve Jewiss, Samuel Jewiss, Shamar Jemmott, Lucas Ferlejowski, Ethan Kindon, Angelina Raquz, Sophia Roberts, Gabriele Rezza, William Mac Millan, Nicole Casey, Ethan Hunter, Jackson Kirkwood, Jacob Smith, Lauren Laframboise, Leah Quigley-Gies, Caden Platt, Etenesh Anstett, Joss Cassidy, Sloane Cassidy, Cole Haick, Evan Haick, Jude Alexandrowicz, Kate Rotherham, Michela Caravaggio, Jonah Ladurantaye, Evan Gennaro, Olivia Gennaro, Olivia Yeug-Ubaldino, Pascal Colaco, Tristan Bernard, Valentina Pena-Araya, Julin Schwindt, Adrian Gagro, Daniel Reid, Jonathan Javier, Emily Perrier, Lucas Perrier, Jaycie Forrester, Aidan Borges, Ashton McGeachie, Simone Placentile, Rushford Oliver, Orla Browne, Rowan Smith, Felix Evans, Talula Jevremov and Claire Cassidy.

Congratulations

To the couples who were married at St. Joan of Arc in 2011.

Douglas Tuira and Loria Moniz, Evan Kedzierski and Natalie Ciufo, Shawn Ruff and Johanna Stewart, Michele Fiore and Francesca Coscarelli, Sheldon Brown and Christine Tourangeau,

Janusz Wawro and Alexandra Goncz, Jeffrey Claydon and Stephanie Bowen, Stephen Kotowych and Amanda Claassen, Derrick Rasbach and Janette Chuacuco, Vincent Marion and Carina Chen, Luis Martins and Stephanie Ficker.

From the Director of Religious Education

Religious Education has been so much fun this past 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

Thursday, January 5

7:00pm Marriage Prep Course

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, January 10

Religious Ed Classes resume 7:30 pm Mini Parish Council AGM

Tuesday, January 17

The Merrymakers Mass & Lunch

Mass for the Unborn

December 28, 2011 at St. Michael's Cathedral at 5:30 pm. Celebrant will be Rev. Ed McGovern.

Important News from the Office

Mark Your Calendar!!!
As everyone knows, Fr. Dan likes a

Party! So we are planning a weekend of celebration for Fr. Dan, our pastor, who is about to celebrate his **25**th **Anniversary of Ordination.** A small committee of us are working to make sure this happens! In January, we will have a limited number of tickets on sale, for a Dinner on January 28th. Then on Sunday, January 29th, we will have a reception organized by our Social Committee for all the parishioners after the 10 am and 12 noon masses. I will have more information for you in the New Year! Happy New Year to You All!

Rosanne

Concert for Youth at St. Vincent de Paul Church 263 Roncesvalles

SPY (St. Philip Youth) present an evening of live music with Survived 88 and John Rugosi and Luc Rinaldi. Friday, January 13 in the parish hall of St. Vincent's at 7 pm. Tickets are \$10.00. Evening concludes with Compline and Benediction at 11pm followed by a simple meal. Tickets are available from the youth of the parish or email spytoronto@gmail.com.



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