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*We saw his star
in the East
and have come
to worship Him*





MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 4

1 John 3:22- 4:6 Psalm 2

Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

5:30 pm Sr. Mechtilde O'Mara CSJ

Tuesday, January 5

1 John 4:7-10 Psalm 72

Mark 6:34-44

5:30 pm The Sick of our Parish

Wednesday, January 6

1 John 4:11-18 Psalm 72

Mark 6:45-52

5:30 pm Int. of the General Council

Thursday, January 7

1 John 4:19; 5:4 Psalm 72

Luke 4:14-22

5:30 pm Int. of the Parish Staff

Friday, January 8

1 John 5:5-13 Psalm 147

Luke 5:12-16

5:30 pm Our Confirmation Class

Saturday, January 9

1 John 5:14-21 Psalm 149

John 3:22-30

5:30 pm Our First Communion Class

Sunday, January 10

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 Psalm 104

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16,21-22

8:30 am Lanzillota Family +

10:00 am Parish Community

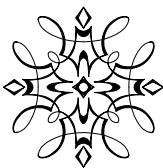
12:00 pm Mary Ann Graham +

7:00 pm Otylia Adamczyk +

Monthly Comparison for:

December

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The Pastor's Corner

Peace and Goodness to All!

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to you and welcome to St Joan of Arc for our celebrations of the birth of the Lord Jesus, the Christ Child sent to unite us all with God and with one another in love and hope. This season brings us together to rejoice in the salvation of all creation realized when God the creator of all was born of the Virgin Mary into our humanity, bringing holiness to our lives and relationships and realizing the hope of all for eternal life. What joy we share in this faith that God has revealed through the prophets in the Word of the Holy Scriptures. As John's gospel so poignantly states, Christmas celebrates the fact that "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." The beauty and pageantry of our Christmas liturgies will remember the gospel stories from Luke and Matthew both in proclamation and Eucharistic celebration. At the 5:30 Mass, The story is told simply in the Children's liturgy where the various familiar characters from the holy family, the shepherds, angels, soldiers, kings and even the Christmas star participate to re-enact this marvelous event in human history bringing lovely wonder to this holy day. More traditional services will follow through the evening, at 9:30 and at Midnight. Christmas Day we will continue the celebrations focusing on the Gospel of John remembering that Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overpower it.

St. Joan of Arc Parish is a place of hospitality and welcome to all who enter this place of worship, fellowship and sharing. We gather here each Sunday to realize our mission as a parish to Live and Proclaim the Gospel as Stewards of the Good News commissioned to welcome all to our community. The warmth and generosity of spirit that is demonstrated throughout the year by our parishioners is a feature we hope you will experience as you enter this place. We hope you feel at home here as we gather to celebrate Christmas. It is always a wonderful time to enjoy the presence of family and friends who have come home to be with us. If you are new to the parish, we hope you will find others to help you become a part of the community. We do our best to incorporate new members and families into the life of the parish so please don't hesitate to ask anyone for information guidance and help.

Christmas celebrates the Love of God who has become human, so we may become familiar with Him in the life and teaching of Jesus, and so, become imitators of the gentle, merciful way we are shown in the gospel. In this we hope to become friends of the Lord and one another as we grow in love and faithfulness. The miraculous birth of Jesus born a child in such a vulnerable and lovable way is God's self-introduction to all people. Jesus grew in wisdom age and grace as the Gospel demonstrates, so we may realize the holiness of all human life as we grow in love and wisdom in our lives and relationships. The mercy of God embraces all of us and we hope to extend this gift to you and to all in our service and ministry as a parish.

Thank you for being here to celebrate these wonderful days with us. May God bless and fill you and yours with great joy throughout this holy Christmas season and all of your days. May the Holy Spirit of Christmas surround you always!

In the Love and Peace of the Christ Child, Jesus the Lord!

Fr. Dan

Please Pray for:

The Deceased: Br. Liam Young SA, Br. Bob Taylor, and Fr. Richard Albert.

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

- 1) For the first few weeks of using your 2016 envelopes, please print your full information on the outside, so we can check that you are getting credit for your donations.
- 2). When making cheques out for donations: remember to make the cheque payable to St. Joan of Arc and on the memo line write the name of the collection it is for.

2016 Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes have been set up in the hall since November, and there are still a lot not collected. Please collect your box as soon as possible. If you did not have a box for 2015, go to the parish office and a box will be issued. If you are not registered please do so at the same time.

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 Cardinal Collins 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



This Week

Monday, January 4

7:00 pm Youth Group

Tuesday, January 5

Religious Education
Confirmation Orientation

Wednesday, January 6

7:30 pm Bible Study / RCIA

Friday January 8

Confirmation Retreat

Week of Prayer for Christian

Unity: January 24 4:00pm

This Ecumenical Service will take place at Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Church at 2 High Meadow Place (North West of Finch and Hwy 400). The theme "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God" (1 Peter 2:9). The service will be led by Archbishop Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Chaldean Catholic Bishop Emanuel Shaleta, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse and other city wide religious leaders

*The Parish Staff
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Blessed
New Year!*

*Fr. Dan,
Rosanne & Anne*

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