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SUNDAY MASSES:

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Sunday liturgy)
8:30 a.m. English Mass
9:30 a.m. Low Mass
(Usus antiquior/1962 Missal)
11:30 a.m. Sung English Mass

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Before every Mass on Sundays
Daily for 15 minutes before all Masses.

WEEKDAY MASS:

8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday
10:00 a.m. Saturday

MARRIAGES:

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

BAPTISMS: On Sundays by appointment.

PARISH CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Mr. Peter Bishop: 416-535-7646

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

(Archdiocese of Toronto): 416-733-9944

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

11:30 SUNG ENGLISH MASS Advent III

Entrance Hymn: 302, Saviour of the Nations, Come

Kyrie: Roman Missal Chant

Responsorial Psalm Refrain:

"TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL."

Credo: 202, *Kyrie Romanum* III

Offertory Hymn: 303, On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Sanctus: 203, Mass XVIII

Agnus Dei: Roman Missal Chant

Communion Hymn: 307, Rorate Caeli Desuper (Mode I)

Communion Hymn Refrain:

"RORATE CAELI DESUPER ET NUBES PLUANT JUSTUM."

(Drop down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.)

Concluding Hymn: 301, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Organ Postlude: Hymn Verset 3, "Conditor alme siderum" (Jean Titelouze)

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

Bl. Anthony Grassi of the Oratory, Priest

8:00 In Honour of Bl. Anthony Grassi

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 (+) Sidney & Mary Weston, req. by Ellis family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 (+) Evelyn McCartney, req. by Freda Gumuly

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00(+) Hugh & Mary Patterson, req. by Ellis family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00 (+) William Weston, req. by Ellis family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

10:00 (+) Friends and relatives of parishioners

5:00 (+) Mario Filice, req. by Guiducci family

PARISH FINANCES FOR DECEMBER

Regular Collection \$2093

Anniversary Fund \$ 525

Thank you very much for your support.

BOOKSTALL

Come to the bookstall after all the masses to check out the many gift giving ideas. There are Christmas cards, Christmas cakes, rosaries, Cds and many spiritual books. All items are 50% off the regular price EXCEPT the Christmas items and missalettes!! If nothing interests you then go to the Oratory Bookstall at Holy Family Church on Saturday and Sunday mornings for a great assortment of Catholic books and gift items.

ANNIVERSARY FUND

A special collection for The Anniversary Fund will be taken up **TODAY** at all Masses. The Anniversary Fund is much needed for ongoing and unexpected expenses for the centennial celebrations. Please be generous in supporting this fund.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2015

Are now available at the back of the church. Please pick up the box that has your name on it. **Do not pick up a box of envelopes that has someone else's name on it, even if you think the number belongs to you!** If you do not find a box that has your name on it, pick up one of the unassigned boxes and make it your own. Also, kindly put your name and address on the first few envelopes so that we can make sure that our database is up to date.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament. Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near. (Catholic Culture)



BLESSED ANTHONY GRASSI

Blessed Anthony was born on November 13, 1592 in the city of Fermo, Northern Italy. He was to live his entire life there, dying at the age of eighty. As a schoolboy he visited the Church of the Oratorian Fathers frequently, where he entered the Congregation at the age of seventeen. He gained the reputation in his religious community as a "walking dictionary" who quickly grasped Scripture and theology. He was ordained a priest on December 17, 1617.

Anthony inherited from his father a great devotion to Our Lady of Loreto. At the shrine on September 4, 1621, while praying in the church, he was struck by lightning. He survived the incident unscathed but his clothes were burnt. In the jubilee year of 1625, he made a pilgrimage to Rome, tracing the footsteps of his beloved St Philip Neri. Because of Anthony's apostolic life and great love for the Oratory his community elected him as their Superior in 1635 and he was to hold that office for the rest of his life. He was a man of deep prayer and received many mystical experiences. People sought his advice, especially through the confessional. He reminded his fellow brethren, that the priest should always show compassion and seek above all to help and comfort the repentant sinner.

"What a beautiful thing it is to die as a son of St. Philip", were his words towards the end of his life. He died on December 13, 1671 surrounded by his loving brethren and the Archbishop of Fermo. After his death great devotion spread. His reputation for holiness during his lifetime spread rapidly after his death and devotion to him spread through Italy and Germany. Many miracles were reported through his intercession. He was beatified by Pope Leo XIII on September 30, 1900.

O Lord hear our prayer and arouse in your Church that Spirit by which your priest, Blessed Anthony, unceasingly promoted peace among men and the beauty of your house.

There will be a sung Mass at Holy Family Church on Monday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m.

May the Virgin Mary together with her loving Child bless us.



The Solemnity of Christmas
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

7:30 p.m. Carol Service.

8:00 p.m. Sung Mass in English.

Confessions from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m.

Please note there will not be a Mass at midnight at St. Vincent de Paul. The Mass at midnight will be a Solemn High Mass, Usus Antiquior, at Holy Family Church.

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25

8:30 a.m. Mass in English

9:30 a.m. Low Mass in Latin, Usus Antiquior

11:30 a.m. Sung Mass in English



THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 18 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St., Toronto \$20 suggested donation with all proceeds in support of the basilica.

PILGRIMAGE TO SHROUD OF TURIN

Pope Francis has decreed that the Shroud of Turin be publicly displayed in the spring of 2015, to coincide with his visit to Turin. Fr Martin Hilbert will be leading the pilgrimage to the Shroud, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Lourdes and other sites in Europe. Call Fr Martin at 416-532-2879 or visit www.ihtours.com/itinerary=244

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