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# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

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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)  
11:00 a.m. Sung English Mass  
12:30 p.m. Sung Mass  
Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More  
(Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter)

## 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.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:** 647-727-8758

## PARISH CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Mr. Peter Bishop: 416-535-7646

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

(Archdiocese of Toronto): 416-733-9944

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

#### 11:00 SUNG ENGLISH MASS

##### Advent IV

**Entrance Hymn:** 310 – Come, thou long-expected  
Jesus

**Kyrie:** Mass XVII (*Adventus*)

**Seasonal Responsorial Psalm Refrain:**

**“TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL.”**

**Credo:** 202 – *Kyriale Romanum III*

**Offertory Hymn:** 301 – O come, O come, Emmanuel

**Sanctus:** 203 – Mass XVIII

“Great Amen” - ADVENT

**Agnus Dei:** 204 – Mass XVIII

**Communion Motet:** *Ave Maria* (Camille Saint-Saens)

**Concluding Hymn:** 537 – *Alma Redemptoris Mater*  
(Mode V)

**Organ Postlude:** Chorale Prelude, *In Organo pleno*,  
“Nun komm’ der Heiden Heiland”/ “Come, Redeemer  
of our race”(Eighteen Chorales, BWV 661) (J.S. Bach)

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#### PARISH FINANCES FOR DECEMBER 11

Regular Collection: **\$1,644**

(Weekly Budget: \$2,900)

Maintenance & Debt: **\$75**

Total, month-to-date: \$2,026

(Monthly Budget: \$3,500)

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#### OFFICE HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAY

**December 23 & 30: 9 a.m. – noon**

**December 26 – 28: CLOSED**

**January 2: CLOSED**

#### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Boxes of envelopes for 2017 are available at the back of the church. Please pick up the box that has your name on it. 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.

**Please note: Holders of envelopes numbered 225 and higher have been assigned new numbers.**

#### THE BOOKSTALL

**Come to the bookstall after your Mass to buy 2017 calendars, missals, Christmas cards and Fr. Daniel's book, *The Lion of Münster*.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00 Fr. Daniel Utrecht, req. by St. John Paul II Society

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 (+) John & Peggy Fernandez, req. by Luanne Fernandez

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00 (+) Bill & Lucy Metcalfe, req. by Sherlock family

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

10:00 (+) Friends and relatives of parishioners

5:00 **NO MASS**

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#### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

***As is customary in our parish, a second collection will be taken up at each of the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.***

#### EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE –

##### **Did you know?**

Since Canada legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide in June 2016, 374 people across the country have already died by lethal injection. Meanwhile, only 30% of Canadians have access to qualify palliative (end of life) care. Please visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) and write directly to the Ontario government.

#### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

##### **February 6– March 13, 2015**

**Where:** Holy Family Church -- Parish Hall

1372 King Street West, Toronto, ON M6K 1H3

**When:** Monday Evenings, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., beginning on 26 February 2017 and running for seven consecutive weeks.

**Cost:** \$100 per couple getting married at Holy Family or St. Vincent de Paul Church; outside of these churches \$150 per couple.

**Registration:** Takes place at first session. But please contact [hf@oratory-toronto.org](mailto:hf@oratory-toronto.org) or 416-532-2879 if you are planning to come. It helps us to know how many people to expect.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Come to Holy Family Parish Hall on **Saturday, January 7, at 6:00 p.m.** Home-made soup, turkey & trimmings, Christmas pudding and entertainment!!! \$25 (single) / \$50 (family), includes wine. Buy your tickets early! Contact Holy Family rectory at 416-532-2879

**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**EXCERPT OF HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI**

Midnight Mass - Saint Peter's Basilica

Thursday, 24 December 2009

...*"A child is born for us, a son is given to us"* (Is 9:5). What Isaiah prophesied as he gazed into the future from afar, consoling Israel amid its trials and its darkness, is now proclaimed to the shepherds as a present reality by the Angel, from whom a cloud of light streams forth: *"To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord"* (Lk 2:11). The Lord is here. From this moment, God is truly *"God with us"*. No longer is he the distant God who can in some way be perceived from afar, in creation and in our own consciousness. He has entered the world. He is close to us. The words of the risen Christ to his followers are addressed also to us: *"Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age"* (Mt 28:20). For you the Saviour is born: through the Gospel and those who proclaim it, God now reminds us of the message that the Angel announced to the shepherds. It is a message that cannot leave us indifferent. If it is true, it changes everything. If it is true, it also affects me. Like the shepherds, then, I too must say: *Come on, I want to go to Bethlehem to see the Word that has occurred there. The story of the shepherds is included in the Gospel for a reason. They show us the right way to respond to the message that we too have received. What is it that these first witnesses of God's incarnation have to tell us?*

The first thing we are told about the shepherds is that they were on the watch – they could hear the message precisely because they were awake. We must be awake, so that we can hear the message. We must become truly vigilant people. What does this mean? The principal difference between someone dreaming and someone awake is that the dreamer is in a world of his own. His *"self"* is locked into this dream world that is his alone and does not connect him with others. To wake up means to leave that private world of one's own and to enter the common reality, the truth that alone can unite all people. Conflict and lack of reconciliation in the world stem from the fact that we are locked into our own interests and opinions, into our own little private world. Selfishness, both individual and collective, makes us prisoners of our interests and our desires that stand against the truth and separate us from one another. Awake, the Gospel tells us. Step outside, so as to enter the great communal truth, the communion of the one God. To awake, then, means to develop a receptivity for God: for the silent promptings with which he chooses to guide us; for the many indications of his presence. There are people who describe themselves as *"religiously tone deaf"*. The gift of a capacity to perceive God seems as if it is withheld from some. And indeed – our way of thinking and acting, the mentality of today's world, the whole range of our experience is inclined to deaden our receptivity for God, to make us *"tone deaf"* towards him. And yet in every soul, the desire for God, the capacity to encounter him, is present, whether in a

*hidden way or overtly. In order to arrive at this vigilance, this awakening to what is essential, we should pray for ourselves and for others, for those who appear "tone deaf" and yet in whom there is a keen desire for God to manifest himself. The great theologian Origen said this: if I had the grace to see as Paul saw, I could even now (during the Liturgy) contemplate a great host of angels (cf. in Lk 23:9). And indeed, in the sacred liturgy, we are surrounded by the angels of God and the saints. The Lord himself is present in our midst. Lord, open the eyes of our hearts, so that we may become vigilant and clear-sighted, in this way bringing you close to others as well!...*

**Mass Schedule for Christmas**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Saturday, December 24**

Confessions from 4:00 – 5:00 & 7:15 – 8:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. Mass for Catholic Parish of St Thomas More  
(Ordinariate of the Chair of St Peter)  
7:30 p.m. Carol Service  
8:00 p.m. Sung Mass in English

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

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Sunday, December 25**

8:30 a.m. Mass in English  
9:30 a.m. Low Mass in Latin, Usus Antiquior  
11:00 a.m. Sung Mass in English  
12:30 p.m. Sung English Catholic Parish of St Thomas More

**Monday, December 26 (St Stephen) and  
Tuesday, December 27 (St John the Evangelist)**

Holiday Schedule: Mass at 10:00 a.m.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Saturday, December 31**

5:00 p.m. Mass in English  
Confessions from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
*There will be a Holy Hour at 10:00 p.m. at Holy Family,  
followed by Mass at 11:00 p.m.*

**Sunday, January 1**

8:30 a.m. Mass in English  
9:30 a.m. Low Mass in Latin, Usus Antiquior  
11:00 a.m. Sung Mass in English  
12:30 p.m. Sung English Catholic Parish of St Thomas More

**Monday, January 2**

Holiday schedule: Mass at 10:00 a.m.

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