
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)
11:30 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

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(Archdiocese of Toronto): 416-733-9944

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

11:30 SUNG ENGLISH MASS Advent II

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

Kyrie: Roman Missal Chant

Responsorial Psalm Refrain:

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

Credo: 202, *Kyriale Romanum III*

Offertory Hymn: 304, Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending

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: 302, Saviour of the Nations, Come

Organ Postlude:

Chorale Prelude, "Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland" (*Eighteen Chorales, BWV 659*) (J. S. Bach)

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception

8:00 Jean Kotwa, req. by Brenda Ezman

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 (+) Robert Hubert, req. by Pontisso family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 Theresa Weston, req. by Ellis family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 In Thanksgiving, req. by Aniela Kuncaitis

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

10:00 (+) Friends and relatives of parishioners

5:00 (+) Milena Prah, req. by Antonia Leben

PARISH FINANCES FOR NOVEMBER

November 30

Regular Collection \$2052

Anniversary Fund \$ 212

All Souls \$ 90

Shepherds' Trust \$ 445

PAG \$2041

Thank you very much for your generous support.

BOOKSTALL

The bookstall is now open for the sale of 2015 missalettes, as well as Christmas cards and cakes. For a great assortment of Catholic books and gift items, come to the Oratory Bookstall at Holy Family Church on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

ANNIVERSARY FUND

A special collection for The Anniversary Fund will be taken up at all Masses on **Sunday, December 14**. 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.



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that, as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. On December 8 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a High Solemn Mass at Holy Family Church. In addition to our regular Mass, we will have a school Mass about 12:45 p.m.

UPDATE ON OUR STATUES

As you can see, and as many parishioners have commented on, St Joseph, St Therese and St Anthony are back in the church. The historical research by our anniversary committee under the leadership of Kathleen McGinnis has influenced the decision as to where to put them. It is clear from a very fuzzy old photo (strangely enough) in a brochure published by our first pastor Father Minehan at the time the church was dedicated in 1923 that statues other than the Sacred Heart and Our Lady were on the walls of the nave. (It is not clear which statues were where; one thing that we do know is that St Therese was a later addition; she was canonized in 1925, and her statue came into the church several years after that, thanks to the devotion of our second pastor, Father (later Monsignor) Kirby.

The statue of St Vincent was donated to the parish by the Toronto councils of the St Vincent de Paul Society. We have not yet determined where he originally stood. The decision we have reached is to keep him close to the people, which seems to be appropriate for him. He will remain in the area where he has been standing for some months, raised up, but not so high as the other statues are. Marbles of Portugal on nearby Dublin Street have donated a piece of black marble to make a stand for him on top of what is now the baptismal font. No longer will he fool us into thinking that he is waiting in line for confession -- that's your job! This means we will have to get a new baptismal font in the not too-distant future.

The restoration of St Vincent's statue remains to be done. We were mistaken some time back in thinking that the work was imminent; the company doing it has had some big projects on the go. We will keep you posted.

EVENING AT THE ORATORY

On Wednesday, December 10 at 8:00 p.m. at Holy Family. Musical Oratory of J.S. Bach: "Cantata No. 36, Schwingt Freudig Euch Empor" with baroque orchestra. Reflection and sung compline "Prelude & Fugue in D Major" (J.S. Bach)

Please turn off your cell phone before entering the church, or switch it to silent mode.



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 ADVENT WREATH represents the long time when people lived in spiritual darkness, waiting for the coming of the Messiah, the Light of the world. Each year in Advent people wait once again in darkness for the coming of the Lord, His historical coming in the mystery of Bethlehem, His final coming at the end of time, and His special coming in every moment of grace. During Advent, family and friends can gather around the Advent Wreath lighting the appropriate candle(s), read from the daily Advent meditation and sing songs. The Church's official Book of Blessings also provides a blessing ceremony for the advent wreath which can be used in the absence of a priest.
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