ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

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(1581 - 1660)

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

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

11:30 SUNG ENGLISH MASS Epiphany of the Lord

Entrance Hymn: 353- As with gladness men of old

Kyrie: 210- Mass VIII (de Angelis) Gloria: 211- Mass VIII (de Angelis) Responsorial Psalm Refrain:

"ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH HAVE SEEN THE SALVATION OF OUR GOD."

Credo: 202- Kyriale Romanum III

Offertory Hymn: 351- Songs of thankfulness and

praise

Sanctus: 203- Mass XVIII "Great Amen"- Christmastide Agnus Dei: 204- Mass XVIII

Communion Motet: *In the chill of bleak midwinter*

(McNeill Robinson)

Communion Hymn: 331- Of the Father's love

begotten

Concluding Hymn: 352- Bethlehem, of noblest cities **Organ Postlude:** Prelude, Te Deum (Marc-Antoine

Charpentier)

PARISH FINANCES FOR DECEMBER 25 AND 27

Christmas collection: \$5,154 Regular collection: \$2,226 Anniversary Fund: \$2,370 Total: \$9,750

PAG: \$2,504

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Boxes of envelopes for 2016 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 251 and higher have been assigned new numbers.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

This form of giving will greatly assist the parish. PAG is accomplished by automatic monthly debit from your bank account. It has been used successfully in the Archdiocese of Toronto since 2002.

Enrolment in PAG is ongoing. Forms are available at the back of the church and can be submitted in the offertory or they can be mailed to the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 8:30 Parish Volunteers

MONDAY, JANUARY 4 8:00 Parish Volunteers

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5 8:00 Parish Volunteers

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 8:00 Parish Volunteers

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7
St. Andre Bessette, Religious
8:00 Parish Volunteers

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8
St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
8:00 Parish Volunteers

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

10:00 (+) Friends and relatives of parishioners

5:00 Parish Volunteers



PARISH VOLUNTEERS – THANK YOU!

The Parish depends on volunteers in so many ways – singers, ushers, collection counters, cleaners, flower

arrangers, catechists, soup makers, ceili organizers, painters, gardeners, screening committee, finance committee, anniversary committee, members of various parish organizations and committees, and more. Inspired by the Magi who brought gifts, the Fathers of the Oratory would like to thank all the volunteers with a Novena of Masses beginning on **Sunday, January 3 to Monday, January 11.**

MAINTENANCE & DEBT FUND-TODAY!

The first Sunday of the month will be our monthly collection for the Maintenance and Debt Fund at all the Masses. Please note: blue envelopes with "Anniversary Fund" are being used for the Maintenance & Debt fund.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Envelopes to donate to the Society are on the table at all entrances and at the back of the church. The phone number to call for families in need in the Roncesvalles area is 647-727-8758.

ST. ANDRE BESSETTE



The Holy Cross brother known as "Frere Andre" is known to have cured thousands. At the age of 12, he was orphaned. He was not successful in any of the many trades he tried. He could

barely read or write and was sickly most of the time. At 15, he became a Brother of the Holy Cross and was the porter of the College of Notre Dame. He performed humble tasks for forty years and entrusted the poor and sick who flocked to his cell to the care of St Joseph. He is the founder of St Joseph Oratory in Montreal. It was estimated there were nearly a million people who came to the Oratory to pay their last respects after his death in 1937. He was beatified in 1982 by Pope John Paul II and canonized on October 17, 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI. His feast day is January 6.

YEAR OF MERCY

"We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of merc y. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it."— Pope Francis, Bull of Induction of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Visit the Toronto Archdiocese website for updates and events for the Year of Mercy. www.archtoronto.org

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The course will run from **January 25 to March 8, 2016** on Monday evenings, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the Holy Family parish hall. Cost: \$100 for couples getting married at Holy Family and St. Vincent de Paul Church; outside of these churches \$150 per couple. Registration will take place at the first session. But please contact hf@oratory-toronto.org or 416-532-2879 if you are planning to come. It helps to know how many people to expect.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

Leave Toronto on July 18 and arrive in Prague, Czech Republic on July 19. Stay and see sites in and around the city. Leave Prague by bus on July 22 for Spisska Kapitula and stay for three nights. Hiking in the High Tatra Mountains and visiting Gothic churches. Leave for Krakow for the World Youth Day activities from July 26-31. Afterwards, do a few sites like Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Wieliczka Salt Mine and more. Flying back home on August 5 from Prague. The cost for the trip is \$2500. Many have shown interest in this trip and there is a limit of 49 which is dictated by the size of the bus. If you are interested, fill out a form from the website: www.oratory-toronto.org The form and a \$300 deposit to be given to Fr Martin Hilbert at Holy Family office.

PILGRIMAGES 2016

WYD July 18-August 5/\$2,500 all inclusive, Fr. Martin Italy & Holy Land, May 1-12/\$2,990, Fr Roche Call 416-532-2879 or www.oratory-toronto.org

CONFIRMATION AND COMMUNION CLASSES Classes will resume **Sunday**, **January 10** at 10:30 a.m.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD EXCERPT OF POPE FRANCIS' HOMILY, JANUARY 6 2014

... One aspect of the light which guides us on the journey of faith is holy "cunning". This holy "cunning" is also a virtue. It consists of a spiritual shrewdness which enables us to recognize danger and avoid it. The Magi used this light of "cunning" when, on the way back, they decided not to pass by the gloomy palace of Herod, but to take another route. These wise men from the East teach us how not to fall into the snares of darkness and how to defend ourselves from the shadows which seek to envelop our life. By this holy "cunning", the Magi guarded the faith. We too need to guard the faith, guard it from darkness. Many times, however, it is a darkness under the guise of light. This is because the devil, as Saint Paul, says, disguises himself at times as an angel of light. And this is where a holy "cunning" is necessary in order to protect the faith, guarding it from those alarmist voices that exclaim: "Listen, today we must do this, or that..." Faith though, is a grace, it is a gift. We are entrusted with the task of guarding it, by means of this holy "cunning" and by prayer, love, charity. We need to welcome the light of God into our hearts and, at the same time, to cultivate that spiritual cunning which is able to combine simplicity with astuteness, as Jesus told his disciples: "Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves" (Mt 10:16).

On the feast of the Epiphany, as we recall Jesus' manifestation to humanity in the face of a Child, may we sense the Magi at our side, as wise companions on the way. Their example helps us to lift our gaze towards the star and to follow the great desires of our heart. They teach us not to be content with a life of mediocrity, of "playing it safe", but to let ourselves be attracted always by what is good, true and beautiful... by God, who is all of this, and so much more! And they teach us not to be deceived by appearances, by what the world considers great, wise and powerful. We must not stop at that. It is necessary to guard the faith. Today this is of vital importance: to keep the faith. We must press on further, beyond the darkness, beyond the voices that raise alarm, beyond worldliness, beyond so many forms of modernity that exist today. We must press on towards Bethlehem, where, in the simplicity of a dwelling on the outskirts, beside a mother and father full of love and of faith, there shines forth the Sun from on high, the King of the universe. By the example of the Magi, with our little lights, may we seek the Light and keep the faith. May it be so.

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