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SUNDAY MASSES:

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

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.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

9:30 SUNG ENGLISH MASS

1st Sunday of Advent

Opening Hymn: 310 – Come Thou, Long Expected Jesus

Kyrie: 205

Creed: *more ambrosiano*

Offertory Hymn: 309 – Creator of the Stars of Night

Sanctus: 208

Agnus: 209

Closing Hymn: 301 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

11:30 USUS ANTIQUIOR

1st Sunday of Advent

Asperges me, Domine

Introit *Ad te levavi*

Kyrie *Salve (ad libitum XI)*

Gradual *Universi qui te exspectant*

Alleluia *Ostende nobis*

Credo 2

Offertory *Ad te Domine*

Sanctus 11

Agnus 11

Communion *Dominus dabit benignitatem*

Vespers and Benediction

Sundays at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church,
1372 King Street West

PARISH FINANCES (NOVEMBER 21/22)

Regular Collection \$2606

Shepherd's Trust \$130

Thank you very much for your generosity.

MAINTENANCE AND DEBT –TODAY!

The final collection for this year towards the Maintenance and Debt Fund will be taken up today, at all Sunday Masses on **November 28/29**. Please make use of envelopes at the back of the church, and please be generous.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2010

... Are now available at the back of the church. Please pick up the box that has your name on it. If you are not currently using envelopes for the regular collection, please take a box without a name assigned to it. Also, kindly put your address on the first few envelopes so that we can make sure that our database is up to date.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

St. Andrew the Apostle

8:00 (+) Sophie & Walter Kotwa, req. by L&B Ezman

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00 Natalie Kivit, req. by Victoria Kuzmarskis

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 (+) Souls in purgatory, req. by Victoria Kuzmarskis

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00 (+) Steve Lipiec, req. by Carole Lipiec

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 (+) Luis Santos, req. by Mary, Mother of God School

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:00 (+) Relatives and friends of parishioners

5:00 (+) Nikolaj & Maria Leben, req. by Antonia Leben

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Is under way! The group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church in the parish hall.

TEEN BIBLE STUDY!

If you are in high school and would like to join other youth in a lively study of Scripture, then come on out! The group meets on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. in the rectory at Holy Family Church. This year we are looking at the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.

ADULT CATECHISM

Want to have a better understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church? Consider joining our adult catechism class! The group meets on Mondays at 7:30 p.m., beginning with this Monday, September 28, at Holy Family Church in the parish hall.

H1N1 FLU VIRUS (SWINE FLU)

The Archbishop has mandated the following measures:

- Temporarily suspend communion on the tongue.
- Please remind your parishioners that if they are feeling sick or ill, it is best for them to stay home.

“To the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto, I recognize the distress these changes to our sacred liturgy may cause for some. Be assured that these are temporary measures only, intended to protect and care for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Please join me in offering prayers for the sick and suffering in our community.”

-Archbishop Thomas Collins

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

Some concern has been raised about the plight of stores and businesses on Roncesvalles during the reconstruction of the street. The two-year upheaval is causing considerable hardship for many vendors: some are in danger of going under, others are at least 40% down from last year. Please consider shopping locally and patronizing the restaurants and other businesses on Roncesvalles to help ease their burden.



CRAFT AND BAKE SALE – TODAY!

Please join the Mary, Mother of God School community in the St. Vincent de Paul parish hall on **Sunday, November 29** from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a delicious homemade brunch/lunch, lots of goodies, and great handcrafted decorations and gifts.

ADVENT FAMILY DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday, December 5, beginning with Mass at 10:00 a.m. and concluding with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 p.m. Single people are welcome too! The theme of this year's talk will be "The Advent of Our God". If you wish to register for lunch, please call the rectory.

EVENING AT THE ORATORY

The next evening takes place on **Wednesday, December 9, at 7:30** in the parish hall at Holy Family Church. The topic is **2012 and All That: Catholic Eschatology**.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, DECEMBER 8

There will be a sung Latin Mass at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church.

"ALMA REDEMPTORIS MATER"

Marion Antiphon for Advent

*Alma Redemptoris Mater,
quae pervia caeli porta manes, et stella maris,
succurre cadenti, surgere qui curat, populo:
tu quae genuisti, natura mirante,
tuum sanctum Genitorem,
Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore,
sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.*

Loving mother of the Redeemer,
gate of heaven, star of the sea,
assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again.
To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,
Yet remained a virgin after as before.
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,
have pity on us poor sinners.

In 1987, Pope John Paul II wrote an encyclical, *Redemptoris Mater* [Mother of the Redeemer]. In this letter the pope writes about Mary's pilgrimage of faith. To conclude the letter, he quotes the ancient *Alma* antiphon and presents it as a reflection on the *wonderment of faith*. For our theological reflection on this antiphon, we quote excerpts here from Pope John Paul II's final paragraphs from the encyclical:

51. At the end of the daily Liturgy of the Hours, among the invocations addressed to Mary by the Church is the following:

"Loving Mother of the Redeemer,
gate of heaven, star of the sea,
assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again.
To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator!"

"To the wonderment of nature!" These words of the antiphon express that wonderment of faith which accompanies the mystery of Mary's divine motherhood. In a sense, it does so in the heart of the whole of creation, and, directly, in the heart of the whole People of God, in the heart of the Church. How wonderfully far God has gone, the Creator and Lord of all things, in the "revelation of himself" to human beings! How clearly he has bridged all the spaces of that infinite "distance" which separates the Creator from the creature! If in himself he remains ineffable and unsearchable, still more ineffable and unsearchable is he in the reality of the Incarnation of the Word, who became man through the Virgin of Nazareth...

52. For, as this prayer attests, the Church sees the Blessed Mother of God in the saving mystery of Christ and in her own mystery. She sees Mary deeply rooted in humanity's history, in the human being's eternal vocation according to the providential plan which God has made for the person from eternity.

She sees Mary maternally present and sharing in the many complicated problems which today beset the lives of individuals, families and nations; she sees her helping the Christian people in the constant struggle between good and evil, to ensure that it "does not fall," or, if it has fallen, that it "rises again."



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