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*May the Blessings of this
Holy Season be with you Always.*

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sometimes I feel I have so much to be thankful for, while at other times – less so. Life is filled with ups and downs: what I need to remember is that God is here with me through good times and bad.

I remember times when I felt like I'd hit bottom, and I imagine similar times are ahead. At the moment, I feel as though I am on top. God was there with me when I felt down and low, and I turned to him. Now, feeling up and on top I turn to him less. Clearly this is not what he or I want.

In the first reading today, Micah reminds us of how tough times will come to pass, and how God will be there to provide a sense of peace. Then, in the Letter to the Hebrews, the author writes about sacrifice. Ours no longer being sufficient, Christ makes the ultimate sacrifice for all of us. In the gospel, Luke's portrait of Elizabeth reflects her mindfulness of the highs and lows of life: we learn she has patiently waited for a child and now, being with child, she does not lose sight of God. Instead she gives him praise and glory, just as we should remember to do, in both good times and bad.

Dana Kenny, Charlottetown, PE

Farewell to Father Bene Machado

Father Bene will be leaving our parish to minister in the Amazon region in Brazil, his country of birth. We thank him for generously sharing his time and talents with us. May God bless him abundantly as he continues his ministry in Brazil!



Mass Intentions for Dec. 19 - 26, 2015

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Valentine family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Everest D'Souza
	10:00 a.m.	+Gliceria Talag, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, Lester
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Graham Biggar & Nemesio Jr. & Jose Chua, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Vasanthamalar, Sophia & Kapilan
	7:00 p.m.	+Giuliano Perencin, requested by A. & A. Bertazzon
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Jeanne Ndake, Itoua Martin, Moussa Mariane, Otselet Bony & Avoukou Emmanuel
	7:00 p.m.	+Ernesto Santos, requested by the family
Thursday	8:30 p.m.	+Angelo Nepomuceno, requested by the family
Friday	Christmas Day, no Mass intentions	
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Christiana Gordon, requested by the family

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Lydia De Leon, Freddie Empensando, Ruth Aranjuez, Rowena Torres, Reynaldo Mendoza, Esperanza Cabrera, Hanna Turik, Arlene Spencer, Elsie Miller, Venetia Sharma and Marlene Murphy. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

Ordination of Thomas Kluger

Cardinal Collins has ordained our parishioner, Thomas Kluger, as a Deacon on Sun., Nov. 29th at St. Patrick's Parish in Markham. This is the parish where he spent a year as an intern seminarian. His first Mass will be at our parish on Sun., May 1, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. Please pray for him as he completes his journey towards his priestly ordination.

Family of Faith



Family of Faith

Thank you for your support of the Family of Faith campaign! With your commitments, our parish has met the challenge and has raised 53% of our campaign goal! Your generosity is amazing!

As the campaign moves into its final weeks here, please carefully consider the commitment you can make to this historic campaign, if you haven't already made one. A pledge, redeemed over a five year period, will enable our parish to do so much! With the parish share, we plan to obtain a religious education coordinator along with a youth minister on staff and renovating the sanctuary (altar area).

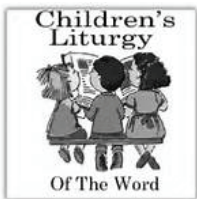
You set the terms on what your pledge will be, and how you would like to pay it. A pledge is a non-binding commitment...if you find that your circumstances change in the future, you can adjust your pledge accordingly.

I would like to publicly acknowledge the dedicated volunteers who have helped our parish with the campaign. On behalf of the parish, thank you for your prayers, time, talent and treasure!

And thank you to each member of our parish family for your continued support of our mission!

Parish Goal	Parish Share	Current Total	%
\$570,000	\$142,500	\$304,300	53%

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the Children's Liturgy of the Word program which is held during the 10:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday. The readings of the Mass are

explained to the children at their level of understanding.

Thank You!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks all parishioners who bought gifts for the Angel Tree and/or donated to their Christmas collection last weekend. Your generosity helps those in need.

2015/2016 Christmas & New Year's Mass (and Office) Schedule

Date	Mass time
Sun., Dec. 20	Regular schedules
Mon., Dec. 21 to Wed., Dec. 23	Regular schedules
Thurs., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve (Office closed at 12:00 noon)	No 7:30 a.m. Mass
	5:00 p.m. Mass
	6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
	8:30 p.m. Mass
Fri., Dec. 25 Christmas Day (Office closed)	8:30 a.m. Mass
	10:00 a.m. Mass
	11:30 a.m. Mass
	2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	No 8:00 p.m. Mass
Sat., Dec. 26 (Office closed)	9:00 a.m. Mass
	5:00 p.m. Mass
Sun., Dec. 27 (Office open 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)	8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 8:00 p.m. Masses 2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
Mon., Dec. 28 to Wed., Dec. 30	Regular Mass times and office hours
Thurs., Dec. 31 New Year's Eve (Office closed at 12:00 noon)	NO 7:30 a.m. Mass
	5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	7:00 p.m. Mass
Fri., Jan. 1 New Year's Day (Office closed)	NO 8:30 a.m. Mass
	10:00 a.m. Mass
	11:30 a.m. Mass
	2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	NO 8:00 p.m. Mass
from Sat., Jan. 2 and on - regular Mass times and office hours	

Valentine's Dinner and Dance

Saturday, February 13, 2015

Our third Annual Parish Valentine's Dinner Dance will be held on Sat., Feb. 13th after the evening Mass in our parish hall. Door prizes, buffet dinner, live entertainment and more!! Tickets are \$35.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children under 12 years of age. Tickets will be available soon.

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