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Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am

9:30 am (Italian)

11:00 am 12:30 pm 4:30 pm

Lauds: Monday to Friday: 7:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am

Friday: 7:00 pm Saturday: 8:30 am

Confession:

Friday: 6:00 - 6:45 pm Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 pm or by appointment with a priest

Baptism:

2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am Baptismal Class: 2nd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

Friday Exposition & Adoration: 1:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group: Every Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 pm

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Moving? Please contact the Parish Office to update your information.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Welcome to Advent of 2014! A vibrant and alive parish makes every pastor happy. Last week I had a few reasons to be happy.

A week ago Catholic Women's League organized a very successful event: Christmas Bazaar! Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

On Saturday, training of a new group of Altar Servers took place! Thanks for saying — yes!

Last Sunday, Fr. Omar organized a gathering of youth in our Parish. Very well attended! Thank you for coming and for your enthusiasm. Next time, do not hesitate to bring your friends!

This Advent John the Baptist will call us again to 'prepare the way' for the Lord. You may ask, "how do we do it?" At the beginning of Advent of 2014 we want to offer you a few events. Check the schedule in the bulletin, mark your calendars, come and 'prepare the way' for His coming on Christmas Day!

Have a good Advent! Praying for you and your Families! Fr. Pawel

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN: Holy Souls in Purgatory

<u>VOCATION SEEDS</u> If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, at <u>vocations@archtoronto.org</u> or 416-968-0997. Please visit www.vocationstoronto.ca

<u>SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS</u> for the English Masses (except 8 a.m.) will be available starting in December.

PARISH ENVELOPE USERS are asked to write their names on the envelopes for this month. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE that anyone wishing to have their donations included for the year 2013 must be given by Sunday, Dec. 28th. We are unable to pre-date any donations. Thank you for your continued support.

<u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!</u> We are also looking for volunteers to help us with the Christmas nativity scene. Anyone who would like to extend us a helping hand are asked to call the parish office.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Wednesday, December 3rd, St. Francis Xavier, Priest St. Francis Xavier was one of the first Jesuits. He was ordained a priest in Venice and sailed for the East Indies in 1541. In 1542, he landed in Goa and from there set out to preach the Gospel in different lands. He died in, China in 1552. He is patron of the missions.

Thursday, December 4th, First Thursday of the Month. We honour our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest.

Friday, December 5th, First Friday of the Month We honour the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Saturday, December 6th, First Saturday of the Month. We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

St. Nicholas, Bishop. St. Nicholas was the bishop of Myra in Lycia (now part of Turkey). He died in the middle of the fourth century and, particularly since the tenth century, has been honoured by the whole Church.

FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES Please bring pasta, rice, flour and canned food items to the Parish Hall stage. May God reward your generosity.

MARK your CALENDAR

LECTOR Training session has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, December 3rd at 7 p.m.** Attendance is mandatory for those wishing to become lectors.

SMI ADVENT RECOLLECTION on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 8:30 a.m. (Holy Mass) to 12:30 p.m, hosted by the CWL. Breakfast ticket is \$5.00 Available at the Rectory Office and after all Masses this weekend. Fr. Pawel will be our Spiritual Guide with the Theme: "Share the Good News - We are Called to Evangelize."

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY on Monday, Dec. 8th. This Solemnity celebrates the sinlessness and purity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." Extra Mass at 7:00 p.m. Main celebrant: Archbishop Laurence Saldanha. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

SMI-CWL GENERAL MEETING will be held on **Tues.**, **Dec. 9**, starting with Holy Rosary at 7:00 p.m. All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend and discern if this Ministry is for you. Refreshments will be served.

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSIONS – Wed. Dec. 10: Confessions will be heard in our parish at 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

ADVENT SCHEDULE OF CONFESSIONS:

2 priests will be available to hear confessions on Saturdays from 4-5 p.m.

CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES are available for purchase after all the Masses next weekend.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24

6 p.m., 9:00 p.m., 12 Midnight (11:30, Carols)

Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25

8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Italian), 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

There is **NO** 4:30 p.m. Mass this day.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Eve (Wednesday, Dec. 31): 5 p.m.,

Day (Thursday, Jan. 1): 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Italian), 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. There is \underline{NO} 4:30 p.m. Mass this day. Please note that January 1st is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA (starts Nov. 30th) Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES Parents of Gr. 8 children in public or private schools or Catholic schools outside our area who interested in registering their children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Easter season are asked to call the office to register.

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ST. ANDRE BESSETTE CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE on Friday, Dec. 19th starting at 6:30 p.m. (cocktails) at the Premier Place Banquet Hall, Vaughan. \$60 per adult, \$25 per child under 12 yrs old. For info or for tickets, please call 289-553-1610.

ROSE OF SHARON SERVICES FOR YOUNG MOTHERS CHRISTMAS BASKETS 2014 With the holidays just around the corner, Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers is preparing for Christmas Baskets for over 175 young families this year. We have been blessed in the past to receive support from the community and we are reaching out to once again ask for your help to provide gifts for young mothers and their babies in need at this special time of year. The agency will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and clothing, as well as food and toiletries for mothers and their babies up to December 12th at 361 Eagle St. in Newmarket. Please contact our office at 905.853.5514 ext.232 or visit www.therose.ca for more information.

1a di Avvento - 30 novembre 2014

Quante cose, infatti, tu cerchi di procurarti in questa vita, senza aver mai la possibilità di goderne! Se qualcuno ti accusasse per questo motivo, gli risponderesti che ti consideri sufficientemente consolato delle tue fatiche, pensando ai figli e ai nipoti. Se, nella più avanzata vecchiaia, ti metti a costruire splendidi palazzi, che spesso la morte ti impedisce di

terminare, se pianti alberi che daranno frutti solo molti anni dopo la tua morte, se acquisti poderi e un'eredità di cui diverrai proprietario solo dopo molto tempo, se, insomma, ti procuri altri simili beni di cui non potrai mai godere i frutti: ebbene, tutto questo lo fai per te, oppure per coloro che saranno vivi dopo di te? Non è dunque una completa follia non turbarsi in questi casi per il trascorrere del tempo quando esso è la causa che ci priverà della ricompensa delle nostre fatiche, e d'altra parte scoraggiarci e intorpidirci quando si tratta del cielo, per un rinvio che però servirà ad aumentare il tuo guadagno senza che i tuoi beni passino in mano d'altri e servirà a farti godere personalmente tutti i doni che ricevi?

Pensa, inoltre, che questo rinvio non è affatto così lungo. Il giudizio di Dio è alle porte e non siamo certi che la fine di tutte le cose non venga nell'epoca in cui viviamo; non possiamo essere sicuri che non giunga tra poco il terribile giorno in cui vedremo quel tribunale così temibile e severo. Numerosi segni si sono già compiuti: il Vangelo è già stato annunziato a quasi tutta la terra, e le guerre, i terremoti, le carestie sono arrivati: quel giorno, perciò, non può essere molto lontano. Tu dici di non vedere questi segni: ebbene, proprio questa tua incredulità è il segno più grande. Nessuno, al tempo di Noè, vide segni premonitori del diluvio, che portò la morte in tutto il mondo: mentre gli uomini non pensavano che a divertirsi, a banchettare, a sposarsi e a fare tutte le cose che erano soliti compiere, di colpo furono sorpresi da quella spaventosa inondazione, che fece giustizia di tutti i peccati. La stessa cosa accadde agli abitanti di Sodoma: mentre vivevano tra le delizie e non avevano il minimo sospetto di quanto stava per capitare loro, proprio in quel momento furono arsi vivi dai fulmini infocati che piombarono su loro.

Ricordandoci di questi esempi, teniamoci sempre pronti a partire da questa vita. Anche se il giorno della fine comune non fosse così prossimo, il giorno della morte di ciascuno di noi, vecchi e giovani, è sempre alle porte. In quel momento non sarà più possibile andare a comprar l'olio per accendere le nostre lampade e, nonostante le nostre preghiere, non potremo ottenere il perdono, anche se intercedessero per noi Abramo o Noè, Giobbe o Daniele (cf. Mt 25,1ss). Finché, dunque, ci resta un po' di tempo, dobbiamo usare in anticipo e copiosamente la facoltà di parlare e di chiedere grazie, dobbiamo procurarci olio abbondante e mettere tutto in deposito in cielo. Se faremo così, nel momento opportuno e quando ne avremo estremo bisogno, ritroveremo e potremo godere di tutti i beni; per la grazia e la misericordia di nostro Signore Gesù Cristo (S. Crisostomo Giovanni, Comment. in Matth., 20, 5 s.).

AVVISI

- 1. Se usate le buste per le offerte, vi si prega di scrivervi il vostro nome durante questo mese.
- Mercoledì, 3 dicembre, alle 7pm. si convocano a riunirsi in chiesa tutti i lettori.

MASS IN	TENTIONS	Nov. 30-Dec. 6
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	Deceased parishioners,
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	Relatives and friends of SMI
	11:00 a.m.	parishioners, & those mentione
	12:30 p.m.	in the book of remembrance
	4:30 p.m.	and All Souls envelopes
MON.	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Libera Mastro
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+Emilio & Antonietta Celotti
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Filomena & Mario Corbo
	7:00 p.m.	+Francesco & Rosa Ali
		+Calogero Ciccarrelli
		+Egidia Cerzini
		+Diana Vautour
		+Leslaw Kostrzewa
		+Ryszard Kostrzewa
		+Irena Jakubowska
		+Herbert, Catherine, & Patrick
		Paxton
		Roman & Wood Families
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		Winton Families
		Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	+Alma Gibbons
		+Paola Borgacci
		+Riordan Family
		+Bunda Kim & Deceased Family
		Members
		+John Fiorante
		Intentions of Sylvia & Tom
		Intentions of Anna Ahlowalia
		+Departed Legion of Mary
		Members

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Dekharmenjan, Tanya DiPersio, Maria DiZio, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Milberg Gibbons, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Carmel Harrison,

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris

Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Elena Iacobelli, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Mary Malandrino, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Marguerite McRae, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Anthony Morse, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Luigi Nucci, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou,

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