



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 15 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Special Intention – Unborn Babies † Malcolm Wilson
Tuesday, December 16 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Manuel Correa † Paul Toan Nguyen
Wednesday, December 17 7:00 am 8:30 am	In Thanksgiving † Antonio Jr. & Magdalena Bautista
Thursday, December 18 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Cesar Necia † Urbano DaCosta Branco
Friday, December 19 7:00 am 8:30 am 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	† Margit Varga † Alexander, Anna & Donald Rocha † Brandon Moreira † Manuel Fonte † HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION
Saturday, December 20 9:00 am	† Walter Teodoro † Marisa Cavillin

NOVENA MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS

Novena Masses in preparation for the Nativity of the Lord will be said here at St. Joseph's Parish from **December 16 to 24, 2014** at 5:45 am.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

St. Joseph Parish	December 16 at 7 pm
Merciful Redeemer	December 17 at 7 pm
St. Francis Xavier	December 18 at 7 pm
St. John of the Cross	December 15 at 7 pm

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve	4 pm , 6pm, 8 pm, 10pm
Wednesday December 24	& 12 midnight
Christmas Day	8 am , 9:30 am, 11 am,
Thursday December 25	& 12:30 pm
New Year's Eve	5:30 pm
Wednesday December 31	
New Year's Day	9:30 am, 11 am
Thursday January 1	& 12:30 pm



REJOICE, THE LORD IS NEAR

Today the liturgy urges us to rejoice because the birth of the Lord is approaching: in fact it is only 10 days away. In his Letter to the Thessalonians, the Apostle exhorts us thus: "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances.... May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ". This is a typical Advent exhortation. Advent is the liturgical season that prepares us for the Lord's birth, but it is also the time of expectation for the definitive return of Christ for the last judgement, and St. Paul refers, in the first place, to this second coming. The very fact that the conclusion of the liturgical year coincides with the beginning of Advent suggests that "the beginning of the time of salvation. is in some way linked to the "end of time". This exhortation typical of Advent always applies: "The Lord is at hand!".

In today's liturgy the prospect of Christ's coming at Christmas, so near now, seems to prevail. The echo of joy at the Messiah's birth resounds in the Magnificat, the canticle that wells up in Mary during her visit to the elderly wife of Zechariah. Elizabeth greets Mary with the words: "And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord" (Lk 1:43-45). Advanced in age and by now beyond all hope of possible motherhood, Elizabeth had realized that the extraordinary grace granted her was closely linked to the divine plan of salvation. The son who was to be born of her had been foreseen by God as the Precursor called to prepare the way for Christ (cf. Lk 1:76) And Mary replies with the words of the Magnificat, repeated in the responsorial psalm today: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.... He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name".

~ Homily of JOHN PAUL II, Third Sunday of Advent Dec 15, 1996

VOCATIONS

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe.

Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day?

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director**, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca for more info.



'The Gateway into the Sacramental Life of the Church'

We congratulate the families of:

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THANK YOU ST. JOSEPH PARISHIONERS

For World Mission we raised \$1,092.00.

For Shepherds Trust we have raised \$8,254.00 to date.

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

We will be welcoming our special guests this Sunday afternoon. Please keep them in your prayers over this Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who provided items for their gift bags and have volunteered to organize and host this event.

CATHOLIC SPONSORSHIP 1 YEAR COMMITMENT

Since 1989, the Human Family in Christ has been taking care of poor children in Bolivia through a sponsorship program. A donation of \$180 a year provides food, clothes, medicine and scholastic material to a sponsored child. Sponsors will receive a photo and information on the child's family background. The sponsor will also receive a receipt for income tax purposes.

Contact Marie Morrison at (905) 821-9012.

Or visit stjosephsstreetsville.com for additional details.

CATHOLICS WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thank You to everyone that contributed to the great success of our Christmas events. The Bake & Craft sale last weekend netted almost \$2,000.00. The sale of Tree of Hope Angel ornaments were sold out and we will be donating \$1,193.00 to The Human Family in Christ.

Thank You & God Bless to all who helped with donating, selling and organizing these events.



OUR LADY'S PILGRIM STATUE

Those wishing to have Our Lady of Fatima statue visit their home for nine (9) days, please call the Parish office (905) 826-2766, to arrange for members of the Legion of Mary to bring the statue and join the host family for prayers.



LOST & FOUND

Over the year(s) many rosaries, car & house keys, gloves, glasses etc have been left behind at the church. Please check the Lost & Found Box in the usher's room off the main entrance of the Church or with the Church Office.



FIRST COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION 2015

REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED.

First Communion dates will be available this Weekend (December 6/7) in the church office.

Confirmation dates have been given out. If you did not get your date, please contact the parish office.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 2015

....at St. Joseph over 2 weekends.

Friday March 6, 8pm-10pm & Saturday March 7, 10am-5pm
Friday March 13, 8pm-10pm & Saturday March 14, 10 am - 5pm. Couples must attend both days both weekends!

To register please call the parish office: 905-826-2766

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016

.... will take place at our elementary schools (listed on the bulletin cover) on:

Monday, January 26 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 29, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, January 30 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

* Snow Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 7:00 pm. - 9:00 pm.

Information about how to register can be found at dpcdsb.org/CEC/Schools

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION

The annual special collection for SVDP, our wonderful group that assists our less fortunate brothers and sisters is this weekend.



Last Christmas SVDP provided Christmas gift baskets and assistance for 200 families as well as providing ongoing assistance throughout the year to those in need. You may drop the special St Vincent de Paul envelope into the collection basket over the next 2 weeks.

Your support is needed and greatly appreciated!

The BIBLE STUDY



Acts of the Apostles provides us more than a history of the First Christians - it is the story about the Early Church with the Holy Spirit as the protagonist. Christ did not leave His Apostles alone - He sent the Holy Spirit to guide, instruct and equip them. Enrich and deepen your faith as you learn how the Apostles continued Christ's mission on earth through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Join us for **ACTS: THE SPREAD OF THE KINGDOM**, a 20 week study Monday evenings at St Joseph parish hall beginning Jan 5th (from 7pm -9pm).

Cost is \$5 to register - \$35 for materials.

For more information or to register: Call Michele at 905-826-2766 or email: michele@stjosephsstreetsville.com.

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