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prepare the way...



ADVENT

 **Mass Intentions**

Monday, December 19 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Maria Corpus Special Intention
Tuesday, December 20 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Vincenzo Mennite Special Intention
Wednesday, December 21 7:00 am 8:30 am	<i>St. Peter Canisius</i> In Thanksgiving † Gerry Romulo
Thursday, December 22 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Walter Teodoro † Gene Kurlowicz
Friday, December 23 7:00 am 8:30 am 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	† Lucia Vizzaccaro † Adelino Araujo † DECEASED MASS HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION
Saturday, December 24 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm 10:00 pm MIDNIGHT	<i>Christmas Eve</i> 

*** There will be NO Saturday Morning Mass ***

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Wednesday December 21, St. Peter Canisius is considered an apostle to Germany because he led the Catholic Reformation in Austria, Bavaria, and Bohemia. With stupendous energy he preached and taught in parishes, reformed and founded universities, wrote many books including popular catechisms, restored lapsed Catholics, converted Protestants, preached retreats, and found time to care for the sick. In his last 30 years traveling more than twenty thousand miles on foot or horseback, St. Peter Canisius spearheaded the renewal of the Catholic faith in southern Germany. His preaching and catechizing won the hearts of Catholics and attracted nominal Protestants to the church. In Vienna his personal care for plague victims made him a most popular figure. Thus, when appointed diocesan administrator, he was in a position to revive the city's long decadent Catholic community.

His famous *Summary of Christian Doctrine* and two smaller catechisms generated the Catholic Reformation as Luther's catechism had spread Protestantism. The catechisms also helped launch the Catholic press and were translated into 15 languages and reprinted more than 200 times. When open hostility typified relations between Catholics and Protestants, Peter Canisius advised charity and moderation.

 **Baptism**

The Gateway into the Sacramental Life of the Church'

We congratulate the families of:

Layla Grace Baliat

King Guzman

Royce Oliver Jocson Mina



As they are welcomed into the community of faith.

ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN
ON ADVENT AND THE CHRISTMAS MYSTERY

A Jewish scholar who became a Christian and who knew the Old Testament very well and all of the traditions of the Jews, said that at the time of Christ the rabbis had gathered together 456 prophecies concerning the Messiah, the Christ, the conqueror of evil who was to be born and to enter into a new covenant with mankind. Suppose the chances of any one prophecy being fulfilled by accident, say the place where he would be born, was one in a hundred.

Then, if two prophecies were fulfilled, the chances would be one in a thousand. If three prophecies were to coincide in Christ, that would be one in ten thousand. If four, one in a hundred thousand. If five, one in a million. Now if all of these prophecies were fulfilled in Christ, what would be the chance of them all concurring at the appointed moment, not only in place but also in time, as was foretold by the prophet Daniel? Take a pencil and write on a sheet of paper the numeral 1, and draw a line beneath it. Under the line write 84, and after 84, if you have time, write 126 zeros. That is the chance of all of the prophecies of Christ being fulfilled. It runs into millions and millions, trillions and trillions.

The crucifixion of Jesus was foretold in Psalm 22:16-18 approximately 1,000 years before Christ was born, long before this method of execution was even practiced. Some Bible scholars suggest that more than 300 prophetic Scriptures were completed in the life of Jesus. A list of some fulfilled prophecies is on the Jews for Jesus website.

All other religions, without exception, go from man to God, either by contemplation or by a kind of mortification and self-denial. One, for example, is the eightfold path of Buddha. But with our Blessed Lord, religion comes from God to man. We need help and, particularly, redemption from sin.

~ from the book *Through the Year* with Fulton Sheen



The Parish Office will be closed Christmas week and will re-open on Tuesday January 3rd at 9 AM

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Saturday December 24	4 pm , 6pm, 8 pm, 10pm & 12 midnight
Christmas Day Sunday December 25	8 am , 9:30 am, 11 am, & 12:30 pm
New Year's Eve Saturday December 31	5:30 pm
New Year's Day Sunday January 1	9:30 am, 11 am & 12:30 pm
The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday January 8	8 am , 9:30 am, 11 am, 12:30 pm & 6:00 pm

**ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO
CELEBRATES ITS 175TH ANNIVERSARY**

December 17th marks the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, kicking off a year-long celebration of this historic milestone. Originally part of the Diocese of Kingston, on December 17, 1841, Pope Gregory XVI formally created the Diocese of Toronto and named Michael Power its first bishop. The Archdiocese of Toronto is planning numerous historical and spiritual activities to commemorate the 175th anniversary, including a large-scale celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on May 30, 2017. In acknowledging this significant anniversary, Cardinal Thomas Collins remarked: *"It is a tremendous blessing to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto. It is always a joy to express my gratitude to those, past and present, who have made incredible contributions to our city, province and country, inspired by their faith. Over the next year, we will honour the past, energize our present faith community and look forward to an exciting future."*

More information on the Archdiocese of Toronto 175th celebrations can be accessed by visiting: www.archtoronto.org

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IN JANUARY 2017

Kindergarten registration for the 2017-18 school year will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools on January 24-27 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and January 24th from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. **(A snow date has been designated on January 25 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.).*

Children With Differing Abilities

There will be an information session for parent of children with differing abilities including vision, hearing, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays who are transitioning to Kindergarten in September 2016. The meeting will be at: **Catholic Education Centre**, Room 301 on Wednesday, January 11 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.


**Snow date will be January 25 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.*

Parents are also reminded to register their child at their local school.

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For 2017 are in the church hall. Please pick yours up as soon as possible. Please write your name on your envelope for the month of January.

NEW MEN'S GROUP – MERCY CORP

 Calling Fathers, Husbands and Sons to foster spiritual growth and engage in Corporal Works of for adoration, reconciliation and fraternity. Join us every 4th Saturday at 9:30am in the church and 10:00am in the basement meeting room; our next meeting is January 28th.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

 Our weekly Prayer Meetings are finished for 2016 but will resume Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall

HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Church.
Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ben St. Croix.

YOUTH SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR



Registration for **First Holy Communion** and the **Sacrament of Confirmation.**

Is Now Closed

No late registrations will be accepted



Sponsor forms can be submitted to the parish anytime between now and January 20th, 2017.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Sundays in our upstairs meeting room.
Next meeting will be January 22nd 2017

Do you play an instrument or sing?
- consider joining our youth band.

Contact Liann at liannalmeida04@yahoo.ca

** You can complete volunteer hours with this Youth ministry.**

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 tax receipt. Contact Marie Morrison at (905) 821-9012. Or visit stjosephsstreetsville.com for additional details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Office of Formation for Discipleship will be offering the **Lay Pastoral Visitors Training** beginning on January 14, 2017 for three weeks. *This training is designed to prepare lay persons to provide pastoral visits and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins of our parish communities.* Participants are required to attend all three Saturdays. New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend. Please bring your own lunch. There is no cost to attend, however registration is required. Training will be: Saturdays; January 14, 21 & 28 - 10:00 am to 3:30p.m. at **Saviour of the World Chinese Church**, Mississauga. For further information, visit: <https://www.archtoronto.org/our-catholic-faith/programs-and-workshops> or call (416) 934-3400 ext. 523

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Monday mornings from **9:30 – 11:30 am in the upstairs meeting room**

OR Monday evenings from **7 pm to 9 pm in the Church hall**
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