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prepare the way...



ADVENT

 Mass Intentions	
Monday, December 21 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Norbina Medeiros † Giuseppe Cichello
Tuesday, December 22 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Walter Teodoro † Guadalupe & Mariano Talag
Wednesday, December 23 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Alejandro & Visitacion Reototar Special Intention
Thursday, December 24 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm 10:00 pm MIDNIGHT	<i>Christmas Eve</i> 
Friday, December 25 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm	<i>Christmas Day</i> 
Saturday, December 26 9:00 am	† Francis Mendonca † Gino Barbazza

Merry Christmas from St. Joseph Parish

Just in time for Christmas, we are excited to announce that St. Joseph parish has subscribed to a dynamic new online platform called FORMED. Every parishioner will have 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device, including your computer, smartphone and tablet (with internet access). With FORMED you'll find video programs that explain the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, receive Bible studies on a variety of topics and includes inspiring audio talks. And you'll find presenters like Dr. Tim Gray, Dr. Edward Sri, Dr. Mary Healey, Chris Stefanick, Dr. Scott Hahn and a lot more. They're all part of our parish subscription. It truly is the Catholic faith - on demand.

To log on to Formed you will use a temporary login name and password until Formed.org is setup for Canada. Once Canada is setup, we will provide information in the bulletin on how to sign up.

Here is how to log in:

1. Go to www.formed.org
2. Click the "Login" button on the top right hand corner of the home page.
3. For username enter "international@formed.org"
4. For password enter "formed" (case sensitive)



More information about formed will be in our special Christmas bulletin to be handed out at our Christmas Masses. You are welcome to take extra copies to pass to friends and family who have questions about the faith and may benefit from this wonderful resource.

The Holy Birth is at Hand

The celebration of the Holy Birth is at hand. In the Divine Newborn, whom we will place in the manger, our Salvation is made manifest. In the God who makes himself man for us, we all feel loved and welcomed; we discover that we are precious and unique in the eyes of the Creator. The birth of Christ helps us to become aware of the value of human life, the life of every human being, from the first instant to natural death.

Let us prepare ourselves, dear friends, to meet Jesus, the Emmanuel, God with us. Born in the poverty of Bethlehem, he wants to be the travelling companion of each one of us on our life's journey. In this world, from the very moment when he decided to pitch his "tent", no one is a stranger. It is true, we are all here in passing, but it is precisely Jesus who makes us feel at home on this earth, sanctified by his presence. He asks us, however, to make it a home in which all are welcome.

The surprising gift of Christmas is exactly this: Jesus came for each one of us and in him we have become brothers. The corresponding duty is to increasingly overcome preconceptions and prejudices, to break down barriers and eliminate the differences that divide us, or worse, that set individuals and peoples against one another, in order to build together a world of justice and peace.

With these sentiments, dear brothers and sisters, let us live the last hours that separate us from Christmas, preparing ourselves spiritually to welcome the Child Jesus. In the heart of the night he will come for us. It is his desire, however, also to come in us, to dwell in the heart of every one of us.

So that this may occur, it is indispensable that we are open and that we prepare ourselves to receive him, ready to make room for him within ourselves, in our families, in our cities.

May his birth not find us unprepared to celebrate Christmas, forgetting that the protagonist of the celebration is precisely him!

~ FROM: BENEDICT XVI Homily 4th Sunday of Advent December 2006

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE	
Christmas Eve Thursday December 24	4 pm , 6pm, 8 pm, 10pm & 12 midnight
Christmas Day Friday December 25	8 am , 9:30 am, 11 am, & 12:30 pm
New Year's Eve Thursday December 31	5:30 pm
New Year's Day Thursday January 1	9:30 am, 11 am & 12:30 pm
The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday January 3	8 am , 9:30 am, 11 am, 12:30 pm & 6:00 pm

Baptism

'The Gateway into the Sacramental Life of the Church'

We congratulate the families of:



Julien BARBOSA
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As they are welcomed into the Catholic Church

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 2016



Friday, Feb. 19: 8pm-10pm & Saturday Feb. 20: 10am-5pm; Friday, Feb. 26: 8pm-10pm & Saturday, Feb. 27: 10am-5pm. Couples must attend all four days. To register, attend at the Parish Office to complete registration form.

Vita Centre



Vita Centre a project started by the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League to support women with unplanned pregnancies, has reached the 25th anniversary. Again this year, they are seeking donations of disposal diapers and wet wipes. Please place your donations in the boxes in the front lobby of the church.

CHILDREN WITH DIFFERING ABILITIES - KINDERGARTEN 2016

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 Tuesday, January 12 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Snow date, Wednesday, January 13 7:00 - to 8:30 p.m. **Parents are also reminded to register their child at their local school.**

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Prayer Services every Wednesday 7 pm – Parish Hall

Next DMPG Youth Group Meeting will be on Saturday, January 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the basement meeting room.

HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS

*Wednesday, January 27 at 7 p.m. in the Church
Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Pierre Farrugia*

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2016

Envelope boxes **for 2016** are in the Hallway between the office and the hall in **numerical order.** For those using PAG (pre-authorized giving), your envelope box is still available if you wish to use for those additional envelopes for collections outside of the monthly deductions. Those left behind in January will be cancelled and the numbers redistributed to new parishioners. We thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this regard.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & ADDRESS ON YOUR ENVELOPE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

FIRST COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION 2016 OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

First Holy Communion dates were made available the Weekend of December 5/6. If you did not get a date contact Andrew at sacraments.streetsville@gmail.com.

SUPPORT FOR RECENTLY SEPARATED OR DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Support for Recently Separated or Divorced Catholics Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a 6 week group program for adult men and women coping with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Group participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. The group will run on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 to 8.30 beginning January 5th to February 9th, 2016 at our Central Office, 1155 Yonge Street (Summerhill Subway Station). For further information, please contact Alex Lopechuk at 416-921-1163.

THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE



Is always seeking volunteers to assist with the expansion of this faith-based program. The Rosary Apostolate is a group of volunteers who are devoted to Mother Mary and who are willing to share their love by teaching elementary school students how to pray the Rosary. Teaching children about the Rosary and the Mysteries will keep our faith alive for generations to come. If you are interested in becoming a Rosary Apostolate Visitor or would like additional information, please contact: Margaret Stanley 905-567-8371 or Aileen Haig 905-607-6851.

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.*

CHURCH HISTORY FAITH STUDY - EPIC



Have you ever been curious, confronted or criticized about some element of Catholic history? As Catholics, we are heirs to a remarkable heritage. The history of our Faith is so much more than a list of facts and dates. It is a fascinating story of adventure, rebellion, tragedy, and triumph. A story 2,000 years in the making, one word best describes Catholic history: *Epic*. This highly praised 20 week Study gives an understanding of Church history that enables us to have a greater sense of meaning and identity as Catholics.

Join us **Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church Hall starting January 4th.**

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