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**"Pray for us O Holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ."**

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 1 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm	<i>The Solemnity of Mary</i> 
Tuesday, January 2 8:30 am	<i>Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzus</i> † Basil Smith
Wednesday, January 3 7:00 am 8:30 am	In Thanksgiving † Guido Valente
Thursday, January 4 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Philomena Rodrigues † Angela Conte (Di Maso)
Friday, January 5 7:00 am 8:30 am 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	† Pires Mendonca † Carmelo Pinizzotto † Kenneth Courtepatte † The Bolster Family Holy Hour & Benediction
Saturday, January 6 9:00 am	† Marcelina Campos † Philomena Lobo-Pires



The Parish Office will re-open on
Wednesday January 3rd at 9 AM



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil : Sunday, December 31, 2017 - 6:00 pm
Masses: Monday, January 1, 2018
9:30 am - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

*** There is NO 8:00 am Mass or 6:00 pm Mass ***



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Vigil Saturday, January 6, 2018 5:30 pm
Masses: Sunday, January 7, 2018
8:00 am - 9:30 am - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm

WORLD DAY OF PEACE - JANUARY 1

MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES:

Men and Women in search of peace

In a spirit of compassion,

*let us embrace all those fleeing from war and hunger,
or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty and
environmental degradation to leave their homelands.*

The wisdom of faith fosters a contemplative gaze that recognizes that all of us “belong to one family, migrants and the local populations that welcome them, and all have the same right to enjoy the goods of the earth, whose destination is universal, as the social doctrine of the Church teaches.

~ From: Message Pope Francis for the celebration of the 51st World Day of Peace

NEW YEAR’S MESSAGE FROM FR. NEIMAN D’SOUZA

As 2017 comes to a close, I am sure there are many reasons we give thanks to God as well as many things we wish had turned out differently this past year. For instance, it is a special treat to have a seminarian intern, Joshua Lobo, assigned here at the parish. I am sure that many of us enjoy his joyful spirit and thoughtful reflections. At the same time, I know there are a minority of parishioners who are concerned with growing number of staff members with beards. Scripture provides little comfort for those who stumble over stubble: **“You shall not round off the hair on you temples or mar the edges of your beard.”** (Leviticus 19:27 RSV)

This past year we concluded the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady cares deeply for her Son, Jesus Christ, and therefore also for the Church, which is His Body. For the Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God, perhaps we may consider being more sensitive this year to the maternal role of Our Lady in the Church and our maternal role as a Church. A particular joy is the welcoming and care of young families and children in our parish. Apart from intercessory prayer for young people and families, which is certainly important, perhaps we might also consider volunteering to assist with the sacramental preparation for First Communion and Confirmation. Another consideration would be to make a special effort at masses to greet and interact with young families at Church. Sometimes it is hard to bring the little ones to Jesus. These precious treasures make noises regardless of the length and quality of the homily. Perhaps this year, with more compassion and joy, in union with Mary, we may be inspired to do more to care for children, so that with Jesus, they may increase “in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.” (Luke 2:52 RSV).

2017 Tax Receipt - Important Information

For your 2017 tax receipt, all donations must be made on or before December 31st, 2017. Any donations received after December 31st must be applied to 2018. Thank you for your cooperation.

COFFEE HOUR FOR JANUARY



Will be **Tuesday January 9th**
following the 8:30am Mass.
Come join us for fellowship and treats!

WISDOM - GOD’S VISION FOR LIFE

“Wisdom is seeing with God’s eyes.” – Pope Francis





Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. Drawing on the the wisdom literature of the Bible—Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes—Wisdom will teach you how to actively seek out sound guidance and increase your sense of peace in navigating life.


Join us for this **8 week study starting January 8th.**
Morning group at 9 am or evening group at 7 pm. Cost is \$25 for the book and registration or \$5 for registration only.
Register with the parish office or email
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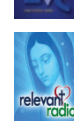
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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IN JANUARY 2018

Kindergarten registration for the 2018-19 school year will be held at [all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools](#) on January 15 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday January 17 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **(A snow date has been designated on Wednesday January 16 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.).*

Children With Differing Abilities

There will be an information session for families of children with differing abilities including vision, hearing, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays who are transitioning to Kindergarten in September 2018. The meeting will be at: **Catholic Education Centre**, Room 301 on **Thursday, January 25 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.**

**Snow date will be Monday January 29 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.*

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

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

No Prayer Meetings - from Wed Dec 13 to Dec 27, 2017 Will resume from Wednesday, January 3, 2018

OUR FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Church.

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Ben St. Croix

A man suffering from a dreaded skin disease came to Jesus and said *"If you wish, you can make me clean"*. Jesus was filled with pity, and reached out and touched him.

"I do want to," he answered, "Be clean!" (Mark 1:40 and 41) Does Jesus love us today, any less than he loved this man? Of course not! Jesus always wants to help us, just as any good father wants to help his children. So come and join us, let us step out in faith and place our trust in our Heavenly Father.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

April 4 To June 13, 2018

YOUTH SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR



Confirmation Sponsor forms are due back January 25-27 with the sponsor meeting date selection sheet. *For up-to-date information please check the Sacraments bulletin board in the church hall.*

FEATURED ON FORMED.ORG



Watch: CONVINCED *Why would anyone become Catholic ?* (1 HR 29 MIN). Why would intelligent, successful people give up careers, alienate friends, and cause havoc in their families...to become Catholic? As he was considering his own move into the Church, Donald Johnson traveled around the country to get the story for himself, from some of today's most interesting and articulate Catholic voices.



Read: NIGHT'S BRIGHT DARKNESS *A Modern Conversion Story.* Staunch atheist Sally Read converted to Catholicism in the space of nine electric months. In 2010, Read was heralded as one of the bright young writers of the British poetry scene. Feminist and deeply anti-Catholic, she was writing a book about female sexuality when, during her research, she spoke with a Catholic priest. The interview led her on a dramatic spiritual quest that ended up at the Vatican itself, where she was received into the Catholic Church.



Kids: Watch THE GIANT KING (12 min). When Rabbie goes to a distant town to sell his carvings, he finds the town besieged by a fierce and destructive giant. The townspeople despair, but Rabbie suggests that if the giant were treated like a king, he might behave like one. The message of this heart-warming fable is charming: *that which is loved will reveal its loveliness.*



Listen: FROM ATHEISM TO CATHOLICISM *My Conversion Diary* (65 min). is a popular writer and speaker from Austin, Texas. In this compelling presentation, Jennifer Fulwiler recalls her spiritual journey - one that ultimately led her to enter the Catholic Church after a life of atheism.

To view logon to formed.org and find under: WATCH, READ or LISTEN (Registration is free with parish code V9WRHN)

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 \$200 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.

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