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### Presentation of Lambs

will be held at all Masses on the weekend of December 14 & 15 at all Masses

for First Communion Students of St. Edith Stein, St. Bernard, Parish Religion Class

### Ministry of Social Concerns

The Social Concerns Ministry invites you to help those less fortunate to celebrate Christmas with dignity and joy. We will be collecting gift cards for the St. Vincent de Paul Society who will aid local families with their needs.

Please consider donating a gift card from a grocery, toy, or department store. Cards will be collected after all masses the next two weekends (Dec. 7-8th, Dec. 14-15th). Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

### Christmas Novena and Christmas Schedule of Holy Mass at the Parish

*This year, the Reflections at the Novena Masses in preparation for Christmas will be devoted to the first Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis "Evangelii Gaudium" (The Proclamation of the Gospel in today's world). The Apostolic Exhortation is available for free at the Vatican Website ([www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)).*

The Novena Mass will be held at St. Peter's Mission Church starting on December 15 to the 22nd at 7 PM. The last day of the Novena, December 23 will be celebrated at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School at 7 PM followed by a Parish Fellowship.

*Please note that the evening Masses scheduled at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School Chapel during the Novena Masses are cancelled. Please join us instead at St. Peter's Mission Church*

December 24 (Christmas Eve)

Mass will be celebrated at 5 PM, 7 PM and 10:30 PM at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School  
Mass will also be celebrated at 9 PM at St. Peter's Mission Church

December 25 (Christmas Day)

Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School  
There will be no 7:30 AM Mass at St. Peter's Mission Church

December 26 (Feast of St. Stephen)

Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM at St. Peter's Mission Church  
The Parish Office will be closed for the day

December 27 (Feast of St. John)

Mass will be celebrated at 7 PM at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School Chapel

December 28 (Feast of the Holy Innocents)

Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM at St. Peter's Mission Church



### Mass Intention

#### Saturday (December 7)

5:00 PM +Peter Rondeau

#### Sunday (December 8)

7:30 AM For the whole Parish Community

9:00 AM +Melecio Capillo Sr., Thanksgiving of Cipriano Orfano

11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Ian de Leon

12:30 PM +Hong Ling Akong

#### Monday (December 9)

7:00 PM Open

#### Tuesday (December 10)

7:30 AM Deceased members of the family of Wilma Gomes

#### Wednesday (December 11)

7:00 PM+Res Pinto

#### Thursday (December 12)

7:30 AM Deceased members of the family of Crescencio & Amita Magallano

#### Friday (December 13)

7:00 PM Open

#### Saturday (December 14)

9:00 AM For +Eusebio & Lourdes Naluz, +Rose Periquet,

5:00 PM +Aloysius & Sabina Pinto

If you wish to offer a Holy Mass, you can visit our parish website, call the Parish Office, or at the desk on the weekends.

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

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\$1,403,323.43

Architectural Fees

\$52,444.68

**Total Building Fund Collected**

**\$1,455,768.11**

*Please remember to pray daily for our church building project*

**TIME OF ADVENT, GUIDED BY MARY**



Vatican City, 2 December 2013 (VIS) – On the first Sunday of Advent, the Holy Father appeared at the window of his study in the Vatican Apostolic Palace to pray the Angelus with the faithful gathered in the square. “This day has a special charm”, said the Pope. “It gives us a deep sense of history. We rediscover the beauty of taking the same path together: the Church, with her vocation and mission, and humanity as a whole, populations, civilisations, cultures, all walking along paths through time”.

Pope Francis emphasised that this path never ends. “As in the life of every one of us there is the need to start again, to get up again, to rediscover the meaning and aim of our existence, so for the great human family is it necessary to continually renew the common horizon towards which we all strive”. The Holy Father commented that the best example of this spiritual attitude is that of the Virgin Mary, and her Magnificat, the hymn of the People of God on their path. “Let us allow ourselves to be guided by her in this time of waiting and active watchfulness”.

Following the Angelus, the Holy Father greeted the pilgrims present and mentioned that today is World AIDS Day. “We express our closeness to those who are affected, especially children; a solid closeness in the commitment of many missionaries and workers. Let us pray for them all, and also for doctors and researchers. May every sick person, without exception, have access to the necessary treatment”.

**Bottle Drive**

The special Olympics of Ontario would like to Thank all parishioners in helping the Knights of Columbus collect bottles and cans that netted a profit of \$ 128.50 for our organisation.

Knights of Columbus will be holding a second Bottle & Can Drive in support of Special Olympics of Ontario the weekend of January 11 & 12, 2014.

100 % of all monies collected will be given to Special Olympics of Ontario.

With the Christmas season upon us, we ask all parishioners to keep all your empty bottles of Beer, wine, liquor and cans of beers and bring them on January 11, & 12. Saturday January 11 parishioners can drop off their empties at St Peter's between the hours of 12 noon and 3 PM After all masses at St Joan of Arc Saturday after the 5:00 PM Mass and Sunday after the 9 AM, 11AM & 12:30 PM masses. The Knights of Columbus thank you very much for your support.

**Newman Centre's Mentorship Program**

The Newman Centre is accepting registrations for students and mentors. This program is intended for university students who are looking for guidance in a career field and for experienced professionals who are willing to guide a student and share their knowledge. More information about this initiative is available on the Newman Centre website. For questions, please contact Sonal Castelino at sonal.castelino@newmantoronto.com or 416-979-2468, ext. 244.

Offertory Collection	
November 17, 2013	
Offertory	\$3,374.10
Building Fund	\$4,168.85
St. Peter's Church	\$619.20
Wednesday Collection	\$93.00
Mass Stipend	\$105.00
Beads and Things	\$110.00
Frames	\$60.00
Humanitarian Relief	\$1,373.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,904.00</b>



**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto

will be offering all day confession on December 11, 2013

Fr. Mark has arranged with Fr. Vid for a spot at Merciful Redeemer Church to hear confessions from 3 PM to 6 PM.

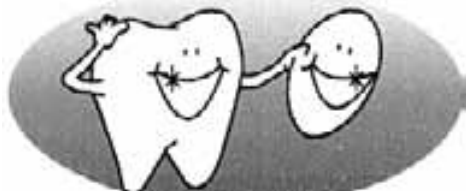
**How to financially support the Parish?**

There are several ways our parishioners are financially supporting the parish:

The Regular Offertory Collection by using the Parish Donation Envelope. If you wish to have your own box of Donation envelope for 2014, please ask Cecilia Vaz at the desk

The Monthly Pre-Authorized Form of Giving Online Donation using your favourite Credit Card via the Archdiocese of Toronto.

For more information, please contact the Desk



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