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PASTORAL TEAM

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Rev. Gerry Steyn	Deacon
Sr. Necy Guan, Fdcc	Pastoral Assistant
Sr. Linda Carandang, Fdcc	Pastoral Assistant
Mrs. Fatima Chan	Secretary



Mass Schedule for Christmas and the New Year**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

December 28 (Vigil of the Feast of the Holy Family)

Mass will be celebrated at 5 PM at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School

December 29 (Feast of the Holy Family)

Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM at St. Peter's Mission Church

Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School

December 30 (Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas)

Mass will be celebrated at 7 PM at St. Peter's Mission Church

December 31 (Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; New Year's Eve)

Mass will be celebrated at 5 PM at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School

Mass will be celebrated at 7 PM at St. Peter's Mission Church

January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

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

January 2 (Feast of St. Basil)

Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School Chapel

Presentation of Lambs

will be held on the weekend of December 21 & 22 at all Masses for First Communion Students of St. Faustina School and St. Simon Stock School

**Mass Intention****Saturday (December 21)**

5:00 PM Open

Sunday (December 22)

7:30 AM For the whole Parish Community

9:00 AM +John Da Silva, +Dolores Santamina

11:00 AM +Tomas Ramos

12:30 PM Open

Monday (December 23)

7:00 PM For the Parish Community

Tuesday (December 24)

5:00 PM For the Parish Community

7:00 PM For the Parish Community

9:00 PM For the Parish Community

10:30 PM For the Parish Community

Wednesday (December 25)

9:00 AM For the Parish Community

11:00 AM For the Parish Community

12:30 PM For the Parish Community

Thursday (December 26)

9:00 AM Thanksgiving of St. Stephen's Community (Goa)

Friday (December 27)

7:00 PM Open

Saturday (December 28)

9:00 AM For our parish benefactors and their families

5:00 PM Open

If you wish to offer a Mass, you can fill the form on our parish website or call the parish office.

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

Invested in the Archdiocese

\$1,406,323.43

Architectural Fees

\$59,450.68

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,465,774.11

Please remember to pray daily for our church building project



The Pope dedicated his final catechesis on the Creed to its last article: "I believe in life everlasting", focusing in particular on the final judgement.

"When we think of Christ's return and of His final judgement, which will show, up to the very last consequences, the good that each person will have done or omitted to do during his or her earthly life, we realise that we find ourselves before a mystery that overwhelms us, that we cannot even imagine. A mystery that almost instinctively arouses in us a sense of fear, and perhaps even trepidation. However, if we reflect closely on this fact, it cannot but enlarge the heart of a Christian, and constitutes a great reason for

consolation and trust".

Pope Francis explained that "in this respect, the witness of the first Christian communities is very interesting, since their celebrations and prayers were generally accompanied by the exclamation 'Maranatha', an acclamation made up of two Aramaic words which may be understood either as an entreaty: 'Come, Lord!', or as a certainty nurtured by faith: 'Yes, the Lord is coming, the Lord is near'. It is the exclamation in which all of Christian revelation culminates, at the end of the marvellous contemplation offered in the Apocalypse of St. John ... in which the Church, bride in the name of all humanity, turns to Christ, her spouse, in the hope of receiving His embrace, full of life and love. If we think of the judgement in this way, all fear and hesitation makes way for expectation and profound joy. It will be the moment in which we will be judged as finally ready to be clothed in the glory of Christ".

A second reason for trust is offered to us by "the realisation that, at the moment of judgement, we are not left alone. ... How good it is to know that, in that situation, we can count on Christ, our advocate before the father, and upon the intercession and benevolence of many of our brothers and sisters who have preceded us on the path of faith ... and who continue to love us in an indescribable way! The saints already live in the presence of God, in the splendour of His glory, praying for us, for those who still live on earth".

A third element is offered to us by the Gospel of St. John, when he states that "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him". "This means, then, that the judgement is already in process, throughout our existence. This judgement is pronounced in every instant in our lives, as reflected in our acceptance in faith of salvation, present and through the work of Christ, or in our incredulity and our consequent self-centredness. Salvation means opening oneself to Jesus. If we are sinners, the Lord forgives us, but we must open ourselves to Jesus' love, which is greater than all things; and opening up means repenting".

"The Lord Jesus gave Himself, and continues to give Himself for us", concluded the Holy Father, "to fill us with the grace and the mercy of the Father. We can become in a certain sense our own judges, condemning ourselves to exclusion from communion with God and with our brethren. ... therefore, let us never tire of keeping watch over our thoughts and attitudes, so that we might have right now a foretaste of the warmth and splendour of the face of God, which in eternal life we will contemplate in all its fullness".

If you have a change of status or address recently, please advise
Fatima, our Parish Secretary.

We will be closing the Financial Record for the year and issuing Tax
Receipts in the new year.

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, 11 AM & 12:30 PM masses. The Knights of Columbus thank you very much for your support.

Please support our Squires by purchasing the Car Magnet that reminds people to put Christ in Christmas.

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.

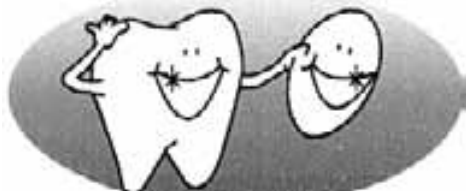


Building Committee Meeting

The Building Committee will be meeting on Monday, January 13, 2014 at the Parish Rectory starting at 7:45 PM.

The Fundraising Committee Meeting

The Fundraising Committee Meeting will meet on Monday, January 20, 2014 at St. Peter's Mission Church starting at 7:45 PM



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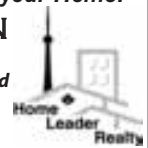
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