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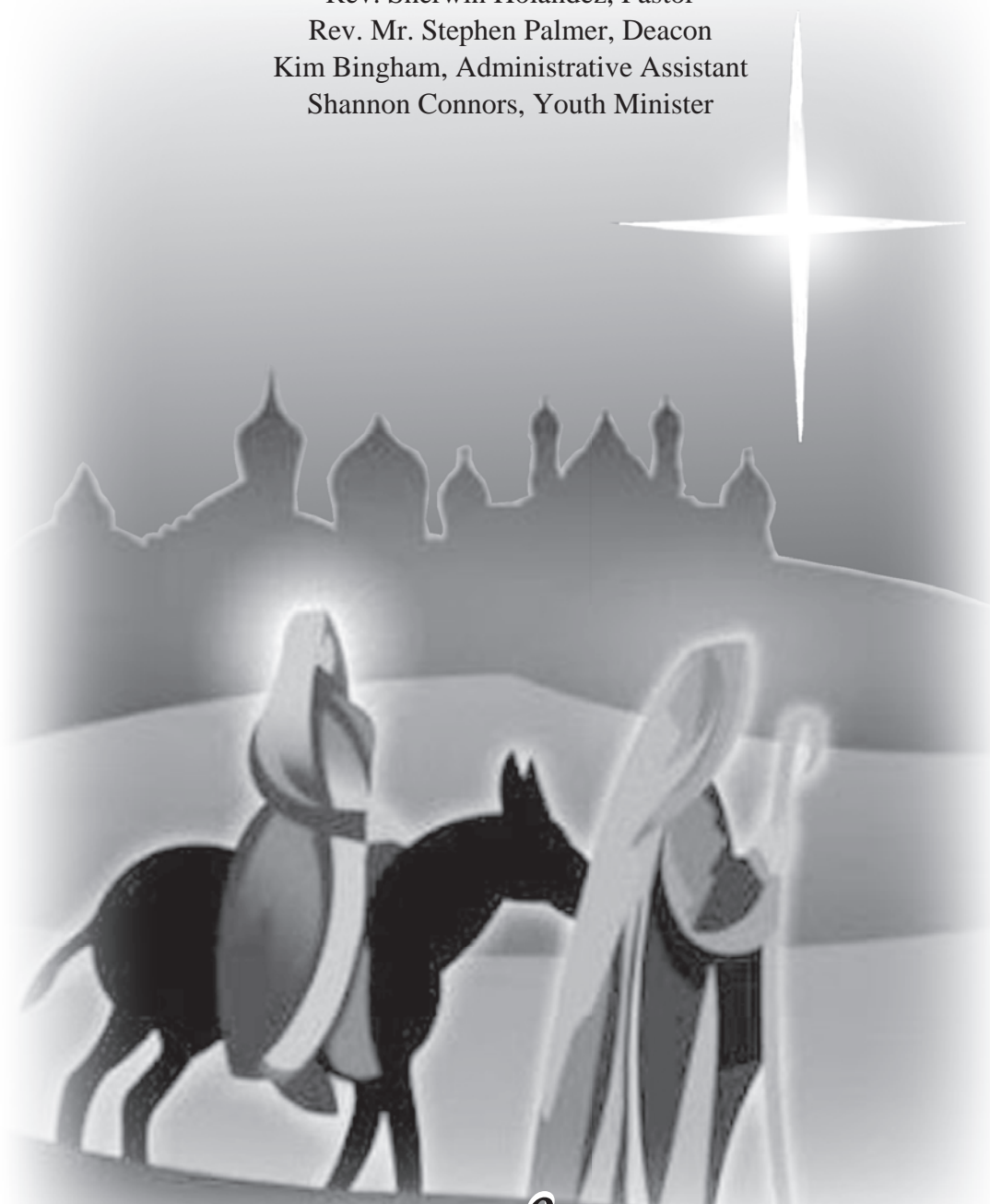
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## **Our Lady of the Lake**

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### **Pastoral Team**

Rev. Sherwin Holandez, Pastor  
Rev. Mr. Stephen Palmer, Deacon  
Kim Bingham, Administrative Assistant  
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*prepare the way...*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24 – May the Lord come in; he is King of glory.

### MASS INTENTIONS

We join in prayer with those who have requested that Masses be offered for their loved ones, living or deceased.

Tuesday, December 20 to Sunday, December 25

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am (K)

+David Coates

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm (K)

Longest Night Mass

Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30am (K)

Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30am (K)

+ Gladys McNab

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Call the office to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list for one month. Please keep the following people in your prayers. Iolanda Cinelli, Celina Dekker, Olga Fernandes, Lidwina Gho, Marika Gilligan, Wallace Goodman, Andrew Horvath, Carol Klahm, Grant Madill, Chris Mastrobuono, Susan Robinson, Janis Scully, Joe Thompson

### VISITS TO SHUT-INS

We are happy to take Communion to those in our parish who cannot worship with us because of illness or infirmity. Contact the office at 905-476-0097. If you would like to be involved in this Ministry, contact Helen Bromley at 905-535-1861 or at [hbromley2009@hotmail.com](mailto:hbromley2009@hotmail.com) or Joe Thompson at 905-960-0502 or [t.josephcathy2@gmail.com](mailto:t.josephcathy2@gmail.com)

### DAILY TV MASS

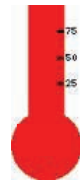
#### NATIONAL CATHOLIC BROADCASTING COUNCIL

The Daily TV Mass is now available Monday-Saturday anytime from anyplace. Take a moment to visit their new website at [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com) to watch the Daily TV Mass and to find out more about how to stay connected with our faith. Please feel free to call the NCBC at 1-888-383-6277 for more information.

### POPE FRANCIS @ Pontifex

From the official Twitter page of His Holiness Pope Francis this past week. *May Advent be a time of hope. We go to encounter the Lord who comes to encounter us- December 11<sup>th</sup>.*

### COLLECTION UPDATE



Weekly Offertory including  
Building Maintenance Fund:  
Target: \$6,800  
December 10/11  
\$3,818.50 - 56%



Edge starts up again on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> in the Fr. Christopher Room in Keswick. For kids in grades 6-8.



Lifeteen starts up again on January 5<sup>th</sup> with dinner at Mandarin Restaurant. This group is for young people in grades 9-12.

### VOCATION SEEDS

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18, 2016  
“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We need many hands on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> following the morning Mass to clean, hang wreaths, and decorate Our Lady of the Lake. This will require some strong men also as the Nativity set and the Christmas tree are large. If you are available and wish to help, please call the office at 905-476-0097 or email [parish@immaculateconception.on.ca](mailto:parish@immaculateconception.on.ca) Thank you.

### POINSETTIAS FOR DECORATING CHURCHES

We will have a special collection for Christmas flowers for decorating both churches. Donations can be made in memory of loved ones. Please take Christmas Flowers envelope and write the names of your loved ones on the envelope. These will be available after all Masses.

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed from December 24 to Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Churches will be open for regularly scheduled Masses.

### **KNITTERS' GROUP**

Knitters meet in the Fr. Christopher Room on Tuesdays from 10am to noon.

### **THURSDAY MORNING SOCIAL**

Refreshments and fellowship after Thursday 8:30am Mass in Keswick. Everyone welcome.

### **PILGRIM VIRGIN HOME VISITATION PROGRAM**

Pilgrim Virgin Statue will be brought to your home and remain with your family for two weeks. Please see sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

### **LORETTO MARYHOLME**

#### **NEW IN 2017: 3-Day Silent Retreats**

"Silence is a presence, a receptivity, a readiness, a waiting, a listening... Silence is the special sacrament of God's presence..." *Edward Farrell*. Take time to receive the gifts of silence waiting for you. Accommodation, meals, spiritual direction are offered as part of these days. Jan. 10-12, Feb. 7-9, Mar. 7-9, Apr. 11-13, May 9-11, June 6-8, Oct. 10-12, Nov. 7-9. Visit [www.lorettomaryholme.ca](http://www.lorettomaryholme.ca) or call 905-476-4013.

### **CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA**

We have a few copies of Fr. Victor Amole's book, *Light Unto My Path* available for sale. Please contact the office if you are interested. \$15 each.

### **LONGEST NIGHT MASS**

In Remembrance of all our loved ones who passed away within the past year we are having The Longest Night Mass on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Keswick. Following the Mass there will be a small reception in the Fr. Christopher Room.

### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION UPDATE**

We will resume our previous Mass schedule beginning the week of December 26<sup>th</sup>. We will have an extra Mass this week on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am at Immaculate Conception on the Feast of Saint Stephen.

### **SALT + LIGHT**

Please take a copy of the latest edition of SALT + LIGHT magazine available at the back of the church.

### **FRENCH IMMERSION ENROLMENT**

St. Thomas Aquinas Elementary School is currently accepting registration or their French Immersion program for children entering grade 1 in September 2017. The deadline for registration is January 26, 2017. Visit: [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca) for more information.

### **EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE**

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Now that euthanasia/assisted suicide is legal in Canada, doctors in Ontario are being forced to help arrange for the killing of their patients. If your family doctor or surgeon objects to providing a referral for assisted suicide/euthanasia, they could be fined, disciplined or even removed from their practice. Many may be forced to retire or move outside of the province if the provincial government does not recognize their freedom of conscience. Please visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca).

### **CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve – 5pm Immaculate Conception, 8pm and Midnight at Our Lady of the Lake.

Christmas Day – 8:30am at Immaculate Conception and 11am at Our Lady of the Lake.

New Year's Eve – 4pm at Our Lady of the Lake and 5:30pm at Immaculate Conception

New Year's Day – 8:30am at Immaculate Conception and 11am at Our Lady of the Lake

### **ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO CELEBRATES 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

December 17 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."

For more info visit: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Kindergarten registration begins Jan 9 in all York Catholic schools. We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where we emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is infused with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Register your child at our local Catholic school. Visit: [www.ycdsb.ca/admissions](http://www.ycdsb.ca/admissions).

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