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ADVENT

December 18, 2011 - St. Francis of Assisi's Greccio



Vi siete mai chiesti da dove viene l'usanza di fare il Presepe a Natale? San Francesco d'Assisi, durante i suoi viaggi lungo le strade della regione italiana Umbria, si sentiva pieno di gioia al pensare che il Natale era proprio dietro l'angolo. Voleva che ognuno partecipasse a questa gioia per la festa di tutte le feste. Voleva che il povero e l'affamato sedessero alla tavola del ricco e che ai buoi e agli asini, gli umili animali che ebbero riscaldato il corpo infreddolito di Gesù bambino con il loro fiato, fosse data una razione maggiore di cereali e fieno. Qualche giorno prima del Natale, Francesco mandò a chiamare un nobile di Greccio, un uomo chiamato Giovanni, per il quale Francesco aveva un profondo rispetto per via della sua benevolenza. Francesco quindi gli spiegò che piano aveva in mente. Furono invitati altri confratelli dai vicini luoghi francescani. Tante torce e candele furono necessarie per creare una grande luce quella notte. Donne e uomini lavorarono incessantemente per preparare ogni cosa. Tutto fu pronto nella foresta per la Vigilia di Natale: la mangiatoia, la paglia, il bue e l'asino. Francesco la ispezionò e fu contento. Alla fine aveva trovato il modo per creare una rappresentazione vivente del concetto in cui egli aveva spassionatamente creduto, una rappresentazione che avrebbe commosso anche il più duro dei cuori. La modesta mangiatoia avrebbe mostrato Dio - piccolo, povero, umile. Greccio sarebbe divenuta una nuova Betlemme. Il Bambin Gesù che era stato dimenticato nei cuori di molti fu riportato di nuovo in vita attraverso il suo servitore San Francesco e impresso nella memoria di coloro che si riunirono quel giorno.

Did you ever wonder where the custom of having a Christmas crib came from? As St. Francis of Assisi travelled the roads of the region of Umbria in Italy, he was filled with joy since Christmas was just around the corner. He wanted everyone to share in the joy of this "feast of feasts." He wanted the poor and the hungry to sit at the tables of the rich and oxen and asses, the humble beasts who had warmed the cold body of the baby Jesus with their breath, to be given more than the usual amount of grain and hay. A few days before Christmas, Francis sent for a noble of Greccio, a man called Giovanni for whom Francis had a very special love because of his goodness. To him Francis disclosed the plans he had made. Brothers from nearby Franciscan places were invited. Many torches and candles were needed to make a great light in that night. Men and women worked unceasingly to prepare everything. All had been made ready in the forest by Christmas Eve, the Vigil of Christmas: the manger, the hay, the ox and ass. Francis inspected it and was pleased. At last he had found a way to make a living presentation of the concept in which he passionately believed, in a drama that could not fail to stir even the hardest heart. The lowly manger would show forth God - small, poor, humble. Greccio would become a new Bethlehem. The Child Jesus who had been forgotten in the hearts of many was brought to life again through His servant Saint Francis and stamped upon the memory of all gathered that day.

¿Alguna vez se preguntó usted de dónde viene la costumbre de tener un pesebre Navideño? Como San Francisco de Assis viajó por los caminos de la región de Umbría en Italia, él estaba lleno de alegría ya que la Navidad estaba ya alrededor de la esquina. Él quiso que cada uno compartiera la alegría de esta "la fiesta de las fiestas." Él quiso el pobre y el hambriento se sentaran en las mesas del rico, bueyes y asnos, las bestias humildes que habían calentado el cuerpo frío del bebé Jesús con su aliento, y darle más que la cantidad habitual de grano y heno. Unos días antes de la Navidad, Francisco envió a un noble de Greccio, a un hombre llamado Giovanni por quien Francisco tenía un amor muy especial debido a su bondad. A él Francisco le reveló los proyectos que él había hecho. Invitaron a hermanos Franciscanos de sitios cercanos. Muchas antorchas y velas fueron necesarias para hacer una gran luz aquella noche. Los hombres y mujeres trabajaron sin cesar para preparar todo. Todo habían sido preparado en el bosque antes de la Nochebuena, la Vigilia de Navidad: el pesebre, el heno, el buey y el asno. Francisco lo inspeccionó y estuvo contento. Por fin él había encontrado un modo de ganarse la vida, presentando el concepto en el cual, él apasionadamente creyó, en un drama que no podía fallar en mover aún el corazón más difícil. El pesebre humilde mostraría en adelante a Dios - pequeño, pobre, humilde. Greccio se convertiría en el nuevo Belén. El Niño Jesús que había sido olvidado en los corazones de muchos fue traído a la vida otra vez por siervo San Francisco y sellado en la memoria de todos los reunidos ese día.

Agustin Meneses is to be ordained to the Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Toronto on May 26, 2012 at St. Michael's Cathedral. Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the Bishop or Pastor.

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.



Fr. Paul Duplessie, OFM Cap., Pastor

Cena y Baile del Año Nuevo
New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance
Cena e Ballo di Capodanno



Vendemos los boletos del Baile y Cena del Año Nuevo en la oficina parroquial. Adultos \$75.00 y \$30.00 niños menor de 12 años. Por favor de leer los cartelones para los detalles y menú.

You can purchase tickets for the New Year's Eve dinner and dance at the Parish office. The cost is \$75.00 per adult and \$30.00 for children under 12. See the bulletin board for the menu and details.

i biglietti per la cena e ballo di capodanno saranno in vendita all'entrata principale della chiesa dopo ogni Messa italiana. Il costo è di \$75.00 per persona e \$30.00 per i bambini inferiori ai 12 anni. Venite numerosi così potremo trascorrere una bellissima serata insieme nella gioia e nella fratellanza. **Tickets on sale now in the Parish office!**

Italian-speaking caregiver needed on weekends for an elderly Italian woman. If you can help call Toni at 416-636-0288 or her cell at 416-997-8664



ADVENT RECONCILIATION LITURGY

Prepare your hearts to receive the Lord!

Wednesday / Miércoles / Mercoledì:

DECEMBER 21, 2011-7pm-9pm

Confessions / Confesiones / Confessioni:

On Friday/Viernes/Venerdì: Dec. 23 - 7p-9p

On Saturday / Sábado / Sabato: Dec. 24 - 10a-12p

ORARIO PER LE MESSE DEL SANTO NATALE
HORARIO DE MISAS NAVIDEÑAS
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday December 24, 2011

5pm-Family English 7pm-Tamil
 9:30pm-Italiano 12M- Español & English

Sunday December 25, 2011

8:00am-Italiano 12noon-English
 9:15am-English 1:30pm-Español
 10:30am-Italiano **NO 8pm MASS / MISA**

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE - HORARIO DE MISAS EN AÑO NUEVO - ORARIO PER MESSE DI CAPPODANNO

Saturday, December 31, 2011

8:00am-English 8:30am-Italiano 5:00pm-English
NO HAY MISA de 6:30pm 9:00pm-Tamil

Sunday, January 1, 2011

8:00am-Italiano 9:15am-English 10:30am-Italiano 12n-English
1:30pm-Español NO 8:00PM MASS

Free Preview of Salt + Light TV

Salt + Light is available on many carriers on free preview over the Christmas season including Rogers (channel 240), Shaw (channel 160), Videotron (242) Telus (159), and Cogeco (185).

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Organ donation is a peculiar form of witness to charity. In a period like ours, often marked by various forms of selfishness, it is ever more urgent to understand how the logic of free giving is vital to a correct conception of life. Indeed, a responsibility of love & charity exist that commits one to make of their own life a gift to others if one truly wishes to fulfill oneself. As the Lord Jesus has taught us, only whoever gives his own life can save it. (Lk 9: 24)
 - Pope Benedict XVI



Knights of Columbus are selling fruitcakes for **Campaign Life Coalition**. Let's support Pro-Life!

KOC are also selling raffle tickets for many great prizes! This is their largest fundraiser to support the **Knights of Columbus'** works!

Thank You for making a difference!

We celebrate & congratulate a married couple who celebrate their

60th Wedding Anniversary!

Vittorio & Rita Marino

God bless you & your family!



3rd Sunday of Advent

2010 \$7,604.90

2011 \$7,771.90

Mass Intentions / Intenciones de la Misa
Intenziones della Messa

Monday, December 12

7:15 am Per il sacerdotale & vocazione
8:00 am †OLGuadalupe's protection-Unborn

Tuesday, December 13

7:15 am † Pierina & Antonio Pagliuso
8:00 am † Paolo Sinopoli

Wednesday, December 14

7:15 am † Defunti della Famiglia Fiocco
8:00 am † Tagnani Ardelio

Thursday, December 15

7:15 am † Onofrio, Angela, Vincenzo Arcuri
8:00 am Criselda

Friday, December 16

7:15 am † Giuseppe, Domenico & Antonio
8:00 am † Henry Cardinali

Saturday, December 17

8:00 am † Maria Addolorata Caprio
8:30 am Tommaso Femia

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving
6:30 pm **Misa en Español**

Sunday, December 18

8:00 am † Anunziato & Maddalena Furlano
9:15 am Frank Dodaro
10:30 am † Gerardo & Agnese Di Monte
12:00 pm † Teodora De Cristofaro
1:30 pm **Misa en Español**
8:00 pm For all parishioners

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