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SUNDAY MASSES
 Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES
 Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m.
First Friday only: No Morning Mass 7:00 p.m.
 (Mass followed by Adoration)

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Joseph Kalluvila, O. Carm., Pastor	Tel/Voice Mail
Fr. Felix Antony, O.Carm., Assoc. Pastor	Ext 228
Fr. Sebastian Joseph, O.Carm., Assoc. Pastor	224
Rev. Mr. John Cannon, Deacon	223
Kate Watkiss, Pastoral Associate	222
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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Dec 21	Zephaniah 3.14-18; Luke 1.39-45
Tues	Dec 22	1 Samuel 1.24-28; Luke 1.46-56
Wed	Dec 23	Malachi 3.1-4;4.5-6; Luke 1.57-66
Thurs	Dec 24	2 Samuel 7.1-5,8-12,16; Luke 1.67-79
Fri	Dec 25	Isaiah 62.11-12; Luke 2.15-20
Sat	Dec 26	Acts 6.8-10;7.54-59; Matthew 10.17-22
Sun	Dec 27	Sirach 3.2-6,12-14; Colossias3.12-21; Luke 2.41-52

CHURCH

Tues	Dec 22	Adult Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 23	Band Practice 8 – 9:30 p.m.

SEMINAR ROOM

Wed	Dec 23	Prime Time Crafts 2 – 4 p.m.
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Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: THURSDAY, DEC 24th
 At the Church: 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM, 10:00 PM,
 And 12:00 MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: FRIDAY, DEC 25th
 At the Church: 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
 (Note: There will not be an 8:00 AM or 4:00 PM Mass)

FEAST DAY MARY MOTHER OF GOD
 VIGIL MASS, THURSDAY, DEC. 31st at 5:00 PM
NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES, FRIDAY, JAN. 1st
 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

December 20th at 6:30pm

Please join us in the Church. A lovely family evening that helps us put Jesus into our Christmas preparations.

Merry Christmas

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

THURS., DECEMBER 24 th	OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 th	OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, DECEMBER 28 th	OFFICE CLOSED
THURS., DECEMBER 31 st	OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
FRIDAY JANUARY 1 st , 2016	OFFICE CLOSED

Perhaps you've been wondering about ... the upcoming Feast of the Holy Family and how it might apply to our parish family. As we are thinking about resolutions for this New Year. Here is a paraphrase of the Prayer of St. Francis that in this parish family we might grow as the instruments of the Lord's presence as part of our New Year's resolutions.

Lord, make our parish the instrument of your presence. Help us to depend not on collections and committees, but on a lively faith.

Keep us open to build bridges between people, and not isolate into factions.

Guide us to find words that encourage and affirm rather than criticize or belittle.

Give us the sensitivity to listen to the needs and hurts of others and not to react with cynicism or selfishness.

For we believe that it is ours to build community where there is isolation,

To proclaim gospel wholeness where there is brokenness, And to replace the shallow promises made by our world with the promise and the presence of the Risen Lord.

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Family of Faith

Campaign

Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of Toronto

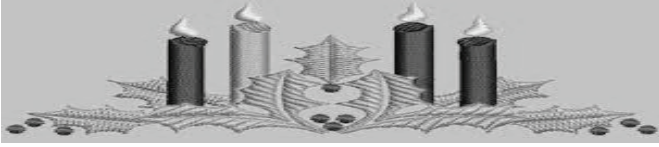
The Family of Faith Campaign is underway at St. John of the Cross Parish thanks to the efforts of a wonderful group of volunteers. In the coming weeks we will keep you informed of the progress of our campaign. The Family of Faith is designed to support parishes and provide assistance in other areas too. Like any family, we must ensure that our home – our church – is cared for, maintained and improved. Through this we are investing today what we have for our future and for our growing children

A part of the vision in the parish is to see the basement completed for use with all our ministries.

Please pray

Parish Goal	Amount Pledged
\$745,000	\$292,700

Fourth Sunday of Advent & A Time To Prepare



ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY GROW+NG +N FA+TH

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

4th Sunday in Advent

Obedience to God's Will

"Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved."

When was it hardest for you to trust in God's plan for you, as Mary did?

COMING SOON!

An opportunity to explore video series "Catholicism" with Rev Robert E Baron.

This highly acclaimed series will be the beginning of a discussion and faith sharing time

Mark your calendars

Monday evenings beginning **January 18th**.

No fee but registration is required.

Call Kate 905-821-1331 ext 226

PRIME TIME CLUB (for individuals 50 and over)

Activities are: Monthly Potluck in Nessinger Hall, monthly Luncheon at a local Restaurant.

Contact Mary Wong @ 905-824-8537

Crafts: Wednesday from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

Contact Barb @ 905- 819-9099 for info.

New members are always welcome. Membership fee is \$10.00 per year. Contact Raymonde 416-564-4484.

Ministry to the Bereaved

- > The ministry is intended to offer spiritual support and the healing comfort of God to all who mourn a loss through death.
- > Support is offered in a group setting or on an individual basis.
- > Our ministers journey with the person through their grief, offering consolation and compassion as wounded healers.
- > This ministry is offered to all who feel ready to take this step in their journey of grief.
- > We ask that the person who wishes to begin this program, contact the parish office personally.
- > Please pass on the word and let us be a parish of compassion and consolation, reaching out to those who suffer alone.
- > Our next 6 week group session begins October 30th at 6:30p.m.
- > Individual sessions are scheduled on mutually convenient times.
- > Contact the parish office 905 1331 or
- > Muriel Haney 905 507 1581

Children's Liturgy



Is in need of new leaders for the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday noon Mass. Volunteers with this Ministry will lead sessions for our children. There will be a training session in January 2016. If you would like to help please call Kate at 905 821-1331 ext. 226.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2016

are available for pick-up in the Rotunda. Envelopes are arranged numerically. Parishioners who do not know their envelope number can check the list on the table by the envelopes. Boxes are labelled with your name and address. Please verify your name and address on the box. Please pick-up at your earliest convenience.

If you have had a change of address in the past year please notify the Parish Office by filling out a "change of address" form as soon as possible. Thank-you

Offering Envelopes



2016 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

As of January 1st, 2016 please use your 2016 Envelopes.

DO NOT USE any previous year's envelopes. Envelopes not picked-up will be re-instated in the computer and given out to new parishioners, assuming that you have moved out of the area. Year will be finalized on the computer the last week of January, 2016 and the 2015 Tax Receipts will be available for pick-up shortly thereafter.

CHURCH YEAR END

Thank you to all those who donated this year. If you would like to make a donation to be included on your 2015 tax receipt, please do so before noon on Saturday, December 26th.

This will allow us to record the amount on the computer and deposit the money by, December 31st, 2015.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDENTS AGE 14-18-WIN GREAT PRIZES!

It is again time for the Friars Student Writing Award, which is an invitation to write a 500 word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2016. The theme will be "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God." (1 Peter 2:9) Students should read this passage and respond to the following statement. **"Despite division in Christian unity, explain why all Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants should still be considered a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people."** Prizes include an iPad Pro, a Kobo Aura and an annual subscription to the Catholic Register. Deadline is Jan 8th, 2016. E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or fax to 416-934-3409. Include full name, email address, phone number and name of school.

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