

Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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prepare the way...



ADVENT

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Monday December 23– No Mass
Tuesday December 24-CHRISTMAS EVE
 5pm-Pro Populo
 7 pm-Pro Populo
Wednesday December 25– CHRISTMAS DAY
 9:30 am-Pro Populo
 11:30 am-Pro Populo
Thursday December 26–No Mass
Friday December 27-No Mass
Saturday December 28-5 pm-*Deceased members of the Vespa & Tedesky Families, Michael & Nick Greco, Nicolina Nero, Resilde DiPietro, Luigi Beltrano, Carmine & Marietta Filice, Bernard Columbus, Irving Roche*
Sunday December 29
 9:30 a.m. – Pro Populo
 11:30 a.m. –Pro Populo

PRAY TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



The two blue candles by Our Mother of Perpetual Help can be lit for your intention (\$5 each). The shrine is located by our Blessed Tabernacle. We encourage all of our parishioners to take a moment and offer a prayer for these intentions:

Valerie Nisbett

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Monday: Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma
Tuesday: Rev. James McSharry
Wednesday: Christmas Day
Thursday: Rev. Martin Mikulski, S.A.C.
Friday: Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v. Dei.
Saturday: Rev. Franjo Sprajc

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14
 Colossians 3.12-21
 Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23

“Take the child and his Mother and flee to Egypt”



SUNDAY OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

Sunday October 13th \$6,580.75
 Building Fund \$912.75

Thank you for your support!

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Parish Office will close at noon on Tuesday, December 24th and reopen for regular hours on Monday, December 30th. On Tuesday December 31, the office will close at Noon. Regular office hours will resume on Thursday, January 2, 2019. Fr. Don and the staff at Annunciation Parish would like to wish everyone a most Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Mass times are 5 pm and 7 pm.
 Christmas Day Mass times are 9:30 am & 11:30 am.
 Please note there is **NO MIDNIGHT MASS.**

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

The traditional Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI on December 24th, 2019. Carols will begin at 11:30PM, followed by mass at 12AM.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers to take people communion in their homes. Presently, we have two people who are doing this, however we are in need of more help! Please consider volunteering! For more information, please call the parish office at 905-388-2078 Ext. 200.

BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM

Annunciation of Our Lord Parish is looking for couples interested in joining our Baptismal Ministry. This team assists Fr. Don in the preparation and the service of Baptism. Your participation is only required approximately twice a year. Training will be provided. If you are looking to get involved with the parish, this is a rewarding Ministry! For more information please contact Ida Caruso at 905-387-5162.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

There are still many boxes of envelopes to be picked up in the hall beside the Parish Center. Please be sure to pick up your envelopes ASAP!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



The executive would like to wish all members and their families a Blessed Christmas and safe and Happy New Year.

Our next **general meeting** will be on Thursday January 9 at 7 pm in the parish centre. This will be our election night for the new executive. All members are encouraged to attend.

OUT OF THE COLD SOCK DRIVE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council is sponsoring a "***Socks Drive***" during the months November & December for "***Hamilton Out of the Cold.***" Although their main goal is to provide hot, nutritious meals for those in need, but they also need clothing items, such as sock to help those less fortunate. Please help us out and donate at least one pair of socks. Our goal is to donate at least (100) pairs of socks. Drop off in boxes located in the narthex and office entrance. Thanks for your continuous support.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

For Catholics, Christmas is about so much more than gifts: it is the promise, through the birth of Jesus, of goodness and light coming into our lives. Do your children know this is the focus of Christmas? Advent and Christmas are perfect times to highlight the "reason for the season". Read stories about the Advent wreath so they understand what each candle symbolizes; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!); be sure the tree is adorned with symbols of the faith; read family Advent reflections daily during Advent; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, including Christmas Day. Faith sets a foundation on which to stand and Christmas is a perfect time to bring Christ into your family activities!

HEALING AFTER AN ABORTION

It Is Possible - Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. At Project Rachel we offer a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

CANADA POST



Canada Post has once again printed Christmas stamps with a Christian theme and they are available now. When you are purchasing stamps, please request these special stamps to ensure that Canada Post will continue the practice of printing religious themes on the stamps each year!

MARRIAGE TIP FROM THE DIOCESE

At Christmas we gather with loved ones to share gifts, eat great food and build joyful memories. Sometimes we get caught up on the glitter and glam of the season and forget to take time as a couple to decide how much money, time and energy we can expend during the season. This year why not sit down in advance and decide how much you can do as a couple/family. Weave into your plans time for the two of you to take a quiet moment with each other. During Advent and Christmas, take time to pray and share important faith moments with each other. Trying these initiatives could make this Christmas your best yet!

POPE'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: THE FUTURE OF THE VERY YOUNG

In his prayer intention for the month of December, Pope Francis calls us to pray "that every country decides to take necessary measures to make the future of children a priority, especially the future of children who are suffering today."

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CONQUEST and CHALLENGE Youth Ministry
Registration for the 2019-2020 Year
IS NOW OPEN!

We are very happy to announce that registration for the 2019-2020 year is now open. We will be offering the program, twice a month on Tuesdays from 5:45pm – 7:30 pm.

Beginning December 17, 2019 –
OPEN HOUSE/COME & SEE

KICK OFF DATE: January 21, 2020

We hope to see you all back! Please pick up a registration form at the Narthex or by calling Mrs. Tess Perez at 905-388-2078 to register and/or for more information.

Participants: Open to any Boy (Conquest) and Girls (Challenge) from Grades 4-8

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