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ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Week at Blessed Trinity

Monday, December 19

6:00 am Simbang Gabi - Novena Mass
8:00 am Mass + Ron Stewart

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
7:30 am	Liturgy of the Hours	Church
6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus	Trinity Room
7:00 pm	Exercise Class	Parish Hall

Tuesday, December 20

6:00 am Simbang Gabi - Novena Mass
8:00 am Mass + Deceased members of the Fox family

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
7:30 am	Liturgy of the Hours	Church
6:00 pm	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	Church
2:00 pm	North York Retirees	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Legion of Mary	Trinity Room
7:00 pm	Lessons & Carols	Church/Hall

Wednesday, December 21

6:00 am Simbang Gabi - Novena Mass
8:00 am Mass + James Lee

7:00 pm Mass + Nely Siapno; + Eva Bardowell
+ Omer Mockler; + Guillermo Baquero family;
+ Mario Morelli

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
7:45 pm	BT Prayer Group	Trinity Room

Thursday, December 22

6:00 am Simbang Gabi - Novena Mass
8:00 am Mass + Juan Chin

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
7:00 pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal	Parish Hall

Friday, December 23

6:00 am Simbang Gabi - Novena Mass
8:00 am Mass S.I. Poonam Therese

Saturday, December 24

6:00 am Simbang Gabi - Novena Mass
9:00 am Mass + Catherine Chan

NATIVITY OF THE LORD VIGIL MASSES

4:00 pm **Children's Mass** (all are welcome)
8:00 pm and 12:00 midnight

Sunday, December 25

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:30 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm (no 7 pm Mass)



Simbang Gabi (Mass at Dawn) - Commencing on Friday, December 16 at 6:00 a.m., we will have a **Nine-Day Novena Mass in preparation for Christmas**. Mass at dawn is a centuries old Filipino tradition offered to the Blessed Virgin Mary, honouring her motherhood. Mary said "YES" and became the instrument for God to bring Christ into the world, Our Saviour – God born in the flesh! Coffee and tea will be served after Mass in the parish hall, and it is requested that you bring something to eat for breakfast (sandwich, danish or bagel) before beginning your day. Everyone is welcome.



Knights of Columbus

Follow the Council on twitter @kofc11681

General Meeting: Monday, December 19, 6.30 p.m.

Win Great Prizes! – It is time once again for the **Friars' Student Writing Award**. Students aged 14 – 18 are invited to write a five hundred word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2017. The Theme for this coming year is "*Reconciliation – The love of Christ compels us*" (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-20). Students should read the above Scripture passage and respond to the following statement in the essay: As the Christian world reflects on the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation (1517-2017) and after reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-20, discuss the main obstacles to Christian reconciliation and ways to overcome them, based on your own experiences. The **deadline for entries is January 13, 2017**. E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org. For more information and a list of prizes, see bulletin board in parish foyer.

Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference

On **February 18, 2017** 2nd annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Step Up". The day will strengthen and challenge men to become the man God created them to be. Mass, Adoration and Confession will take place. All information and tickets – www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/. info@ServiamMinistries.com.

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. vocations@archtoronto.org.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO
CELEBRATES 175TH 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 names 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."* More information on the Archdiocese of Toronto 175th celebrations can be accessed by visiting: www.archtoronto.org.



**Society of
St. Vincent de Paul**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul wishes to thank all the parishioners who donated to their 2016 Christmas Wish Tree Project. Your donations of \$10,675 will certainly make a

difference at this time of year to the 53 families they serve in the community. Thank you again for your generosity and support!

North York Retirees Club - The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 20, 2:00 – 3:00 pm** in the Blessed Trinity parish hall. The guest speaker will be Richard Fiennes Clinton on the topic of **"Toronto Summers of our Past"**. All retirees are cordially invited to attend.

Euthanasia/Assisted – Did You Know?

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object to helping to kill their patients see a direct referral as being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. Eight other provinces in Canada have adopted protocols to protect doctors and institutions. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and to write directly to the Ontario government.



St. Patrick's Day Pub Night –

Blessed Trinity will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Pub Night on **Saturday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall**. Join us for an evening of fun that will include plenty of pub-style food and drink, Irish dance caller, raffle, auction, door-prize, and more! Tickets are only \$20 and will be available early in the new year. All proceeds will go toward supporting the Blessed Trinity Youth Ministry.

2017 Offertory Envelopes – The boxed sets of envelopes for 2017 are available in the parish hall. Please record your name and complete mailing address on the first few envelopes, so that we have your correct tax receipt information in the database. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Confessions** - On Saturday, December 24 and 31, there will be no Confessions before the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- **Donations** to be included in the 2016 tax year must be received at the parish by 5 p.m., December 31, and clearly marked 2016.
- The **parish office** will be closed December 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2016. On the evening of Wednesday, December 28, the parish will be open.

Children's Christmas Eve Celebration –

On Christmas Eve we celebrate the holy feast of the birth of Jesus. It's close to the longest and darkest night of the year to show that when Christ comes he will banish the darkness and bring light and life to all people. **At 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve, we will celebrate a Children's Mass**, and the children will have a special role to play in our liturgy. The children will process as a symbol of God breaking into the darkness by sending his Son into our broken world, bringing his light and love and mercy. Fr. Ed is going to read the story of the birth of Jesus. All are welcome.



Fr. Charles 60th Birthday Parish Hall,
January 8, 2017, following 12:15 p.m.
Mass

- **CWL Dinner Dance** – Parish Hall
Saturday, February 25, 2017
- **St. Patrick's Dinner Dance** – Parish Hall
Saturday, March 11, 2017
- **Lenten Mission** – Church
Saturday, March 18 – Wednesday, March 22, 2017
- **Confirmation – Grade 7** – Church
Thursday, May 4, 2017
- **First Holy Communion – Grade 2** – Church
Saturday, May 6, 2017

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