



Monday, December 23 Special Intention	8:00 am
Tuesday, December 24 Special Intention	8:00 am
<u>Thursday, December 26</u> ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR Lawrence Victor (Deceased) <i>Requested by Maria Dias</i>	9:00 am
Friday, December 27 ST. JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST Special Intention, In Thanksgiving Requested by May Tam	9:00 am
Saturday, December 28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS Special Intention	9:00 am



Prayer for Infants

O Mary, O Immaculate Mother, I pray thee by the joy that thou felt in the birth of thy divine Son, Jesus, take under thy motherly protection all the babes, who in the whole world today shall, be in the process of birth.

Obtain for them the grace of holy Baptism. Unceasingly protect them; so that in the day when they first receive the loving God, their pure innocent hearts may perceive the beats of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, and may cleave to Him forever. Amen

Marriage Preparation Classes

Monday Evenings: 7 – 9 p.m. Dates: January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10 Also one Saturday, February 1, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

> The classes are held in the parish hall Please call the parish office to register



CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24 – Mass of the Day: 8:00 am

Nativity of the Lord Vigil - Tuesday, December 24 Masses: 6:00 pm, 9:00 pm & Midnight

Solemnity of Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 25 Masses: 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm (No 7:00 pm Mass)

Thursday, December 26 – Saturday, December 28 Mass: 9:00 am

Vigil Holy Family Saturday, December 28 – Mass: 4:30 pm

Feast of the Holy Family Sunday, December 29 Masses: 8:30 am, 10:30 pm, 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 31 - Mass of the Day: 9:00 am

Holy Mother of God Vigil – Tuesday, December 31

Mass: 4:30 pm

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1 Masses: 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm (No 7:00 pm Mass)

Sunday Evening 6:15 pm Confession - Please

note that the priests are not available for Confessions at 6:15 pm on the following Sundays:

SundayDecember 22, 2013SundayDecember 29, 2013SundayJanuary 5, 2014SundayJanuary 12, 2014



Mass for the Unborn

The Feast of the Holy Innocents Saturday, December 28, 2013 at 12:10 pm

St. Michael's Cathedral 65 Bond Street (at Shuter Street), Toronto

2014 Envelope Donation Boxes – Donation envelope boxes are available in the parish hall for pick up. If there are any questions or errors, please contact the office. Please do not use your 2014 envelopes until January 1, 2014; also, previous year envelopes should not be used in 2014. Please record your name and complete mailing address on the envelopes so that we have your correct tax receipt information in the database. Parishioners using preauthorized giving should take a box of envelopes for 2014 to be used for special collections throughout the year.

St. Agnes School Registration - Registration for the Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program for St. Agnes Catholic School will commence January 8, 2014 by appointment only. Evening registration will take place January 15, 2014. Please contact the school secretary at 416-393-5345. The following documents will be needed upon receipt of the application (Baptismal certificate, birth certificate, immunization records and 2 pieces of proof of residence).



Our <u>frozen</u> pans of **Chili** for the **Good Shepherd Refuge** are due in the parish hall by **next Sunday.** The deadline is always the last Sunday of the month, after the last Mass

(7:00 pm). We thank all our loyal chili cooks, and invite anyone who is willing to help us feed the hungry to pick up a pan and recipe from the parish office. The recipe is easy and delicious and makes enough to fill the Good Shepherd pan, with leftovers for your family's dinner. It takes so little effort to help us realize Christ's words: *"For I was hungry and you gave me food."* (Mt 25:35).

Websites for Catholics

www.lifesitenews.com "Our commitment to staying awake and informed is the most important way to save babies, protect families and transform culture!" www.ewtn.com EWTN – Rogers Cable TV; also, EWTN Sirius Satellite Radio www.ncregister.com www.vatican.va (encyclicals) www.womenofgrace.com www.campaignlifecoalition.com www.catholicinsight.com

www.realwomenca.com

SOURCES OF MORALITY: OBJECT, INTENTION AND CIRCUMSTANCES

(Catechism of the Catholic Church #1750-1754)

The morality of human acts depends on: (1) the *object* chosen; (2) the *end* in view or the *intention*; (3) the *circumstances* of the action. The object, the intention, and the circumstances make up the "sources," or constitutive elements, of the morality of human acts.

The *object* chosen is a good toward which the will deliberately directs itself. It is the matter of a human act. The object chosen morally specifies the act of the will, insofar as reason recognizes and judges it to be or not to be in conformity with the true good. Objective norms of morality express the rational order of good and evil, attested to by conscience.

In contrast to the object, the intention resides in the acting subject. Because it lies at the voluntary source of an action and determines it by its end, intention is an element essential to the moral evaluation of an action. The end is the first goal of the intention and indicates the purpose pursued in the action. The intention is a movement of the will toward the end: it is concerned with the goal of the activity... A good intention (for example, that of helping one's neighbor) does not make behavior that is intrinsically disordered, such as lying and calumny, good or just. the end does not justify the means. Thus the condemnation of an innocent person cannot be justified as a legitimate means of saving the nation. On the other hand, an added bad intention (such as vainglory) makes an act evil that, in and of itself, can be good (such as almsgiving) (cf. Mt 6:24).

The *circumstances*, including the consequences, are secondary elements of a moral act. They contribute to increasing or diminishing the moral goodness or evil of human acts (for example, the amount of a theft). They can also diminish or increase the agent's responsibility (such as acting out of a fear of death). Circumstances of themselves cannot change the moral quality of acts themselves; they can make neither good nor right an action that is in itself evil.

