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*Prepare the way...*



# ADVENT



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, December 24** 9:00 am  
Special Intention

**Wednesday, December 26** 9:00 am  
**ST. STEPHEN, the First Martyr**  
Lawrence Victor (Deceased)  
*Requested by Maria Dias*

**Thursday, December 27** 9:00 am  
**ST. JOHN, Apostle, Evangelist**  
Myoshil Savina Park (Deceased)  
*Requested by Amos*

**Friday, December 28** 9:00 am  
**THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs**  
Special Intention

**Saturday, December 29** 9:00 am  
Francesco Crudele (Deceased)  
*Requested by Marie Lecce*



**PRAYER BEFORE THE MANGER**

No one, whether shepherd or wise man, can approach God here below except by kneeling before the manger at Bethlehem and adoring Him hidden in the weakness of a new-born child." (CCC 563)

Lord Jesus, as I kneel before your manger in adoration, let my first Christmas word be: 'Thank You'. Thank you, Gift of the Father, for coming to save me from my sins.

Without You I do not know even how to be human. The characteristics of Your human body express the Divine Person of God's Son. And in that wondrous expression, Lord, You reveal me to myself. Thank you for that saving revelation in Your sacred humanity. As the Christmas liturgy proclaims, "In Christ, Man restores to man the gift of everlasting life." Thank you for coming as one like myself to save me from myself.

You came as a baby because babies are irresistible and adorable. You came as a baby because You want our first impression of God Incarnate to be that of one who does not judge. How I long to be united with You in every way. May I never be attracted to the allurements and charms of the world. May I love You always, at every moment, with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. May the tenderness, the dependency, and the mercy that You reveal in Your infancy become the hallmarks of my life.

Newborn Savior, the very silence of Your Incarnation proclaims that the answer to the misery, the strife, and the meaningless of life cannot be found within us. You alone are the answer. As I kneel before You, Eternal King, I surrender to You all my selfishness, self-absorption, self-indulgence, self-righteousness, self-assertion, and self-exaltation. Even as I adore You on this night of Your birth, rid me of the nagging desire to be adored.

Word became flesh, You make Your dwelling among us. And You do not live Your life for Yourself, but for us. And You enable us to live in You all that You Yourself lived. Help me to embrace this truth with all my mind and heart. Come and live Your life in me. Empty me of my willfulness, my petulance, my hardness, my cynicism, my contemptuousness. Fill me with Your truth, Your strength, Your fortitude, Your purity, Your gentleness, Your generosity, Your wisdom, Your heart, and Your grace. O Emmanuel, may the assurance of Your unfailing Presence be for me, the source of unending peace. May I



**Catholic Women's League**

**Annual Dinner Dance**  
**Saturday, January 26, 2013**

Tickets are now available. Purchase tickets by the end of December and be eligible for a free bottle of wine with your dinner. These make a good Christmas gift. Mark it on your calendar. Please contact Velma Letterio at 416-226-0590.

**Attention all Confirmation Candidates**

Msgr. Sheehy, Fr. Eric Mah and Maria Agovino will be conducting five Saturday mornings for the Confirmation candidates from all schools on the following dates:

Place: Blessed Trinity Parish Hall  
Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 am  
Dates: January 19<sup>th</sup>, January 26<sup>th</sup>, February 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013

These mornings are an extremely important part of preparation for the Sacrament.



Our frozen 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.

**Vocations** – Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If God is calling you, contact: Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997

never fear my weakness, my inadequacy, or my imperfection. Rather, as I gaze with faith, hope, and love upon Your incarnate littleness, may I love my own littleness, for God is with us. Endow my life with a holy wonder that leads me ever more deeply into the Mystery of Redemption and the meaning of my vocation and destiny.

Longed-for Messiah, Your servant St. Leo the Great well wrote that in the very act of reverencing the birth of our Saviour, we are also celebrating our own new birth. From this night on, may my life be a dedicated life of faith marked by holy reliance, receptivity, and resoluteness. May I make my life a total gift of self. May my humble worship of Your nativity manifest how much I seek the Father's kingship and His way of holiness. The beauty of Your holy face bears the promise that Your Father will provide for us in all things. This Christmas I renew my trust in God's goodness, compassion and providence. I long for the day when You will teach us to pray, "Our Father.."

May Your presence, Prince of Peace, bless the world with peace, the poor with care and prosperity, the despairing with hope and confidence, the grieving with comfort and gladness, the oppressed with freedom and deliverance, the suffering with solace and relief. Loving Jesus, You are the only real joy of every human heart. I place all my trust in You.

Oh, Divine fruit of Mary's womb. May I love You in union with the holy Mother of God. May my life be filled with the obedience of St. Joseph and the missionary fervour of the shepherds so that the witness of my life may shine like the star that leads the Magi to Your manger. I ask all this with great confidence in Your Holy Name, Jesus Christ. Amen

John Cameron. O.P.



Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul

### Saint Vincent de Paul Society

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank all the parishioners for their generosity and assistance in making the annual Christmas Gift Project a success. These gifts will bring a lot of joy to the families we

help. We would also like to thank the many volunteers who helped to sort and deliver the gifts. **A Merry Christmas to All!**

### **A Gift of Music: 75 Years of Song**

**January 21, 2013 – 7:30 pm**

**Roy Thomson Hall (60 Simcoe St. Toronto)**

For 75 years, St. Michael's Choir School has been putting the joys, aspirations, dreams and solemnities of this city to song. To honour, support and celebrate this tradition, the Alumni present a benefit concert "A Gift of Music: 75 Years of Song". Monies raised will be used to fund the school's jubilee tour to Italy and the Vatican, as well as support bursaries and scholarships for students in financial need. For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact [www.agiftofmusic.ca](http://www.agiftofmusic.ca) and the Roy Thomson Hall Box Office 416-872-4255.



## **CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Mass of the Day: 9:00 am

### **Nativity of the Lord Vigil - Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Masses: 6:00 pm, 9:00 pm & Midnight

### **Solemnity of Nativity of the Lord**

Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

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

Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

Mass: 9:00 am

### **Vigil Holy Family**

Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> – Mass: 4:30 pm

### **Feast of the Holy Family**

Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

Masses: 8:30 am, 10:30 pm, 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm  
(note: no confessions on this day)

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – Mass of the Day: 9:00 am

### **Holy Mother of God Vigil – Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Mass: 4:30 pm

### **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

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

Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

Mass: 9:00 am

### **Sunday Evening 6:30 pm Confession**

Please note that the priests are not available for Confessions at 6:30 pm on the following Sundays:

Sunday	December 23, 2012
Sunday	December 30, 2012
Sunday	January 6, 2013
Sunday	January 13, 2013



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