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## OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Thu. 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## WEEKEND SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

12:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

## ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the month

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

## BAPTISM

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

by appointment.

## NOVENA - ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

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## MARRIAGE

Please contact the rectory one Year in advance of desired date.

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

**Monday, November 28** 8:00 am  
Special Intention

**Tuesday, November 29** 8:00 am  
Special Intention  
Thanksgiving to St. Anthony  
*Requested by Joseph Vaz & family*

**Wednesday, November 30** 8:00 am  
**ST. ANDREW, Apostle**  
Julie Eckelman (Deceased)  
*Requested by Marie Nigro*

**December 1** 8:00 am  
Denis & Jeanne Carr (Deceased)  
*Requested by Bernadette Lacey*

**Friday, December 2** 8:00 am  
Deceased members of the  
Grantham family  
*Requested by Jack & Louise Hayden*

**EXPOSITION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT** 8:00 AM – NOON

**Saturday, December 3** 9:00 am  
**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, Priest**  
Special Intention  
In Thanksgiving, Martin Yeung  
*Requested by Joyce & Wing Yeung*



### Catholic Women's League

#### Annual Poinsettia Sale 2011

Beautiful Poinsettias will again be available in red, white, pink and tri-colour. Prices are the same as last year. Medium - \$17.00, Large - \$28.00.

Orders will be taken after the Masses on the weekends of November 19-20 and 26-27. They may also be phoned in to Gisele Hall at 416-223-7826. **All orders must be in by November 28<sup>th</sup>** and will be ready for **pick up on Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3, after 12:30 pm in the parish hall.**

#### **Annual Pot Luck Supper Tuesday, December, 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**

Bring a friend, a dish to share and come and join in the festivities of the season. There will be a sing-a-long, raffle and a visit from Santa. All the women of the parish are cordially invited to an evening of fabulous food and fun.

There can be no Peace on Earth until  
there is Peace in the Womb.  
Stop Abortion! Women deserve a better  
choice than abortion



### A CHILD IN THE MANGER

#### *A family Christmas Concert*

Blessed Trinity Liturgical Choir  
and Children's Choir  
Including selections from  
Handel's Messiah with orchestra

Narration by Msgr. Ambrose Sheehy

**Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 3:00 pm**  
**Blessed Trinity Church**

Tickets: \$10 with partial proceeds going to St. Vincent de Paul Society of Toronto. Tickets will be available after all Masses. For more information: 416-733-0210 or BTconcerts@gmail.com



### **Gourmet Christmas Cakes (Campaign Life Coalition)**

Want to get your family in a cheerful "Christmas mood" around the dinner table this year? Try serving up a moist, mouth-watering Christmas cake! This year Campaign Life has contracted a new, pro-life baker. Together with the baker, they have developed a brand new recipe, with top quality ingredients. This is their most delicious Christmas fruitcake ever, and is getting rave reviews! The bonus is your purchase helps save babies from abortion and change hearts, by financially supporting the pro-life movement. Small cakes \$15, large cakes \$22 will be on sale in the parish hall **after all the Masses on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.**



### Knights of Columbus

**Knights Christmas Dinner -**

*Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>*

**Executive Meeting – Mon, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**General Meeting – Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Sanctuary Renovation** – Beginning Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> work will begin in our Sanctuary. For this reason, Mass during the week will be in the parish hall at the usual time. On the weekends, Mass will be in the Church as usual. The Blessed Sacrament will not be reserved in the parish hall or church over the next two weeks. Our estimation is that the work will take approximately two and a half weeks to complete.

**Theresians – Donations of ladies toiletries** (hand creams, soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, etc.) will be gratefully accepted for gift bags for the Theresians' Christmas lunch guests on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Our guests are women in transition from St. Clare's Residence, a shelter for abused women. We will need the toiletries by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to provide toiletry donations to this very worthwhile event, please contact Carol Hanlon at 416-494-4507 to arrange for collection. Thank you for your invaluable support.



### Christmas Gift Tree

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be placing their Christmas Gift Tree in the parish hall the first weekend of Advent, **November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**. They are asking that you consider selecting the name of a boy or girl and purchase and wrap a gift for the child in need. **Please bring to the Church your wrapped gift with the tag for the child by Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### Protect Martyrs' & Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons

An outdoor industrial waste transfer and recycling facility is being planned to face the sacred sites of Sainte-Marie among the Hurons and Martyrs' Shrine, across the Wye River. The facility threatens to spoil the natural tranquility and peaceful surroundings of these Canadian heritage and religious sites. While the Jesuits support the work of recycling and the ecological benefits it brings, concern has been raised over the location of the noisy industrial activity.

If you would like to express your concerns over the proposed facility, you are invited to visit: [www.jesuits.ca](http://www.jesuits.ca) to find background information, resources and letter templates to assist with this effort. On November 30, organizers are planning on bringing all the signed letters in a pilgrimage to the Midland Town Council to show opposition to building this outdoor recycling facility next to Martyrs' Shrine and Sainte-Marie.

**Parish Website** – If you have not checked our parish website lately you are invited to log on again. There is an interesting picture gallery there and also the calendar of events for the coming year.

**Sunday Missals** – If you would like to have your own Sunday Missal for the year 2012, they are available in the office for \$5.00 each.

**Vocations** – The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Hansoo 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca)

### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December

**General:** That the nations of the earth, through knowledge and mutual respect, may grow in harmony and peace.

**Mission:** That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that their dignity may always be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.



### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“With this celebration the Lord gives us the grace and joy of opening the new Liturgical Year, starting with its first season: Advent, the period that commemorates the coming of God among us. Every beginning brings a special grace, because it is blessed by the Lord. In this Advent Season we shall be granted once again to experience the closeness of the One who created the world, who guides history and who cared for us to the point of deigning to become a man. This great and fascinating mystery of the God-with-us, indeed, of the God who becomes one of us, is what we shall celebrate in the coming weeks journeying towards holy Christmas. During the Season of Advent we shall feel the Church which takes us by the hand and — in the image of Mary Most Holy, expresses her motherhood, enabling us to experience the joyful expectation of the coming of the Lord, who embraces us all in his love that saves and consoles. While our hearts look forward to the annual celebration of Christ's Birth, the Church's Liturgy directs our gaze to the final goal: our encounter with the Lord who will come in the splendour of glory. For this reason in every Eucharist we “announce his death, proclaim his Resurrection until he comes again”, we watch in prayer. The Liturgy does not cease to encourage and support us, putting on our lips, in the days of Advent, the cry with which the whole of Sacred Scripture ends, on the last page of the Revelation to St John: “Come, Lord Jesus” (22:20)

.....Precisely, the beginning of the Liturgical Year helps us live anew the expectation of God who took flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, God who makes himself little, who becomes a child; it speaks to us of the coming of a God who is close, who chose to experience human life from the very beginning in order to save it totally, in its fullness. And so the mystery of Lord's Incarnation and the beginning of human life are closely and harmoniously connected and in tune with each other in the one saving plan of God, the Lord of the life of each and everyone. The Incarnation reveals to us, with intense light and in a surprising way, that every human life has a very lofty and incomparable dignity. In comparison with all the other living beings that populate the earth man has an unmistakable originality. He is presented as the one unique being, endowed with intelligence and free will, as well as consisting of material reality. He lives simultaneously and inseparably in both the spiritual and the corporal dimension. This is also suggested in the text of the First Letter to the Thessalonians that has just been proclaimed: “May the God of peace himself”, St Paul writes, “sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (5:23).”

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