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*May the Blessings of this
Holy Season be with you Always.*



4th Sunday of Advent ~ 20 December 2015

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." — Lk 1:41-42

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (2001), 1998, 1970 CCD.

First Reading + Micah 5:2-5a
Second Reading + Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel + Luke 1:39-45

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 21

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, December 22

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

**6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Mass for the UNBORN – K of C

Wednesday, December 23

8:00am+Norman ALLEN, RIP – J/G Megraw

Thursday, December 24

5:00pm+Bing GIBSON, RIP – Family

7:30pm+Rosemary O'LEARY, RIP – Family

12:00MN+Kurt/Elizabeth STIEGWARDT, RIP – B Baumfeld

Friday, December 25

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Brayen PUF EK, RIP – A Pufek

Saturday, December 26

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Rosemary O'LEARY, RIP – J Young

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, December 27

9:00am+Rita CRUMP, RIP – J Crump

10:30am+Rosemary O'LEARY, RIP – J/R Vandervoort

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Discovering the true meaning of Christmas.

It is the 50th anniversary of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, which first aired on December 9th, 1965. The sound-track by jazz pianist Vince Guaraldi has long been a part of the musical background for our family Christmas celebrations. The music still sounds surprisingly fresh and contemporary.

The TV special is a Christmas-time staple and the "Charlie Brown Christmas tree" has become a cultural icon. In the show, Charlie Brown's failure at tree shopping is redeemed when his scraggly little tree is beautifully decorated, but the real story is about discovering the *true meaning* of Christmas. The show ends with this:

Charlie Brown: I guess you were right Linus. I guess I really don't know what Christmas is all about. Isn't there *anyone* who knows what Christmas is all about?

Linus: Sure Charlie Brown, I can tell you what Christmas is all about —

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown!

Yes, Christmas is the celebration of the single most important event in the story of mankind: the birth of a child in an obscure village in Judea — an event that occurred in the silence of God but which is now loudly proclaimed.

Even if you are not a Christian, you cannot deny that this event changed the entire course of human history. The intellectual foundation of Western culture is Christianity.

The historian Cardinal Brandmuller has stated:

There is nothing that could be truer than the Catholic faith — and wherever the Catholic faith, Catholic truth and Catholic moral principles are put in action, the world, despite all human shortcomings, is put in order.

St. Paul tells us that the unbeliever sees the Catholic faith as foolishness but, for those who believe, it is the "power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men." Faith and reason are the two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth. And nothing can be truer than the Catholic faith.

As we celebrate again this year the coming of Jesus into the world for the redemption of mankind, we embrace the true meaning of Christmas. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Merry Christmas!

Help for the Homeless

We are asking for your support to bring the following items to either Confirmation Sessions, St. Paul's Church Masses, Edge Nights and Life Teen Nights.

- Adult Winter Clothing, especially socks, coats, shoes, boots mitts, gloves, scarves, shirts, pants, blankets, belts, new underwear hygiene products, food gift cards.

- Edgers (grade 6-8) will also be baking/wrapping cookies.

- Life Teen (high School teens) will be sorting, bagging, and then delivering the items to homeless on Toronto streets on December 29.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

The Jubilee Year of Mercy begins on December 8, 2015 and concludes on November 20, 2016. Eight holy doors in the Archdiocese of Toronto open on Sunday, December 13. Visit <http://bit.ly/mercyholydoors> for a list of Holy Doors and information on obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence.

In this Year of Mercy (announced by Pope Francis) why not consider a daily reading of the The Divine Mercy delivered free by email to your phone or computer. Follow this link. <http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/divinemeracy>



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9 - 12

Tuesday, December 29th

ROAD TRIP!

Street Patrol, Food & Clothing Handouts
in Toronto

Email: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

Or Text Dave 647-237-1348



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

Extended EDGE Night

Wednesday, December 30, ~ 2:00pm – 8:30p.m.

Tobogganing, Dinner & Movie

To help the youth grow a deeper understanding of the season of Christmas and how we are called to say yes to Jesus Christ in our lives.

(If no snow that day, come to the church for games)

2016 Offertory Envelopes

The 2016 Sunday Offertory Envelopes are now available at the Entrances of both Churches. The boxes will be in **Alphabetical and numerical order**.

*For at least the first month of January, please record your name and full address (including your *gn* number and Conc/Side Road numbers) on the front of the envelope.

**I have cleaned up our data base so as names and numbers are in order and deleted numbers of envelopes that have not been used. If you wish to contribute to the parish, please pick up a new box and fill in the registration form and drop it in the collection basket. We thank you for your support.

PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Confessions

Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm
(before 5:00 pm Mass)

Every Tuesday 6:15-6:45 pm

There will be *no* confessions on December 24th.

NOTE: All Sunday Masses for the weekend of December 26 & 27 will be at regular Mass times.

Christmas Mass Times

At Saint Paul the Apostle Church

Thurs. December 24th at 5p.m.; 7:30p.m. & 12 midnight

Friday, December 25th at 10:30 am

At Immaculate Conception Church

Friday, December 25th at 9:00 am

New Year's Eve Mass Times:

At Saint Paul the Apostle Church

Thursday, December 31 at 5:00 pm

Friday, January 1st at 10:30 am

At Immaculate Conception Church

Thursday, December 31 at 12 midnight

Friday, January 1st at 9:00 am



Christmas Smiles Campaign:

In the past we have raised over several hundred dollars to give a healthy meal to children in developing countries. This year

we would like to raise enough money to keep supporting Olena. (\$396.00/yr)

After each mass until New Year's Day, bring your children to the Crèche on the altar where you will see the Christmas Smiles Container and tell them what alms giving is about. Along with the joyful noise, this special moment teaches the importance of charity and stewardship and helping those in need.

Thank You!

The Catholic Women's League wish to thank everyone who donated clothing and toiletries to My Sister's Place. The group home was just trilled to have received these items especially at this time of year. Thank you ladies for kind your support.



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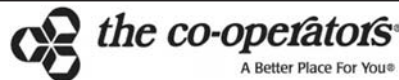
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