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prepare the way...



ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 20th, 2015

*"Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved."*

Psalter Week IV



Parents wishing to baptize their children at Holy Family are invited to approach either Fr. Larry, Fr. David, or Deacon Robert after any of the Sunday masses in order to obtain a Baptism Preparation Package.

PREPARING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016

All children who are preparing for first sharing in Holy Communion will participate in an enrolment ceremony with their parents at any Sunday (Saturday) mass on January 9th/10th and January 16th/17th, 2016. Remember to bring your lambs.

PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION Enrolment for all Candidates

Each candidate will submit his/her letter addressed to Father Larry during the enrolment ceremony at any Sunday (Saturday) mass on **December 19/20, 2015.**

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

We know that the wedding day for a couple is filled with joy, anticipation and hope. The sacrament of marriage begins on the wedding day and then for the rest of their lives the couple learns how to live the sacrament. The married couples in our parish are a sign to us of God's faithfulness and through their witness we are strengthened. If you have celebrated a wedding anniversary in December we shall pray with you and share in your joy on Saturday December 26th, at 5:00 pm, or on Sunday December 27th, at 8:30 am, 10:00 am, or 12:00 noon. Please join us in thanking God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

DOORS OF MERCY St. Patrick's Church, Wildfield



Cardinal Collins has designated 9 sites of pilgrimage, each with the Holy Doors of Mercy, within the Archdiocese of Toronto. St. Patrick's Church, 11873 The Gore Road, Brampton has been designated as a pilgrimage site. From December 14th, 2015 to November 12th, 2016, St. Patrick's will be open every day from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm to receive pilgrims wishing to go through the Holy Doors of Mercy.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

Couples who are registered to be married at Holy Family in 2016, are invited to sign up for marriage classes. The classes will begin **Thursday, January 7th at 7:30 pm** and will continue for eight weeks. The cost is \$150.00/couple. For additional information, please call Lydia in the parish office, 905-857-1938.

LONGEST NIGHT MASS

On Monday December 21st, at 7:00 pm, we will begin Christmas week by celebrating mass with those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. We will have the opportunity to remember them by name and by lighting candles in their memories. Light refreshment to follow..

PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT



Before your family meal, light three purple candles and the pink one on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath, you may light a taper before you pray:

*God of all hope, you have chosen us
to be a witness to your love.
Help us and guide us in all that we do
in your name.
May we rejoice in the coming of your
Son. Amen.*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve
Thursday December 24th
No 10:00 am Mass

4:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm, Midnight

Christmas Day
Friday December 25th
10:00am and 12:00noon

Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday December 26th
5:00pm
Sunday December 27th
8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00noon

**Bishop John Boissanneau
presiding at all masses**

**Please see information board
for complete schedule.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Toronto Airport Chaplaincy

Are you travelling?

December 24th Christmas Eve

4pm Terminal 3, 5:30pm Terminal 1

December 25th Christmas Day

8am, 4pm Terminal 3

10am, 1pm Terminal 1

Bon Voyage!

THANK YOU!!

FROM THE GIVING TREE

Thank you from the Giving Tree Committee for your generous donations to the Santa Fund. We raised over \$5,500.00!! Special thanks to our stellar volunteers who worked so hard to create our successful campaign. Thank you!

PROJECT HOPE

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

Our parish has been matched with an Iraqi family which fled Syria and have been living in a refugee camp in Jordan. The family consists of 2 parents and 4 children, ages 12, 10, and 6. We are in need of housing, furniture, household goods, clothing, etc. If you can assist, please call Lydia in the parish office, 905-857-1938.

STEWARDSHIP

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

DUFFERIN PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD Extended French Program

Parents/guardians are invited to attend an Extended French Information Meeting at Holy Family School, 61 Allan Drive, on Thursday January 14th, 2016, at 7:00 pm. For further information and details, please call 905-905-1300.

**Jesus is coming.
Look Busy!**



Fridays at 7:00pm

The Edge is open to all students in grades 5, 6 and 7.

The EDGE will resume Friday January 8th, 2016.



Saturdays 5:00pm Mass

Life Teen is open to all high school students.

Life Teen will resume Saturday January 9th, 2016

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 you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997, or email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

MOMS & TOTS

Moms, Dads and caregivers with babies and toddlers are invited every Wednesday morning, from 9:30 am - 12:00 noon for refreshments and fellowship. Please join Deacon Robert and his wife Gabrielle for fun, frivolity and a "cuppa". Bring the kids. We have a great selection of toys and refreshments!



SAVE THE DATE!

Defending the Faith Conference

July 29th - 31st, 2016

Franciscan University

Steubenville, Ohio

Registration is now open.



Monday December 21st, 7:00 pm

†Longest Night Mass

Tuesday December 22nd, 10:00 am

In Thanksgiving

Requested by Lucy Chodura

Wednesday December 23rd, 7:00 pm

†Giuseppina Cianfrone

Requested by Julianna & Family

†Ilsa Herzog

Requested by Margaret Dobie & Family

†Marion McGoey

Requested by Barry & Donna-Marie Jacks

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SANCTUARY LAMPS

(December 16th - December 22nd)

Engelbert Sr., Frank & Jozefa Markovic

Shirley Wakeman

Letitia Grant

Franco Funari

Mario & Concettina Di Giovanni

Mario Scarpone

Simone Perri

Jesus is coming.

Do we have room for him?

Let us be human beings
not humans buying this Advent.

Be present to one another.

Take time to listen, laugh, and love.

Create memories that will last
and give joy forever.

Be present to Jesus in prayer
and take time to become more
aware of Christ in one another.

Be more concerned
with how much you love and
not how much you spend.
Let us focus more on who we are
than what we have.

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