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First Reading: Numbers 6.22-27
Second Reading: Galatians 4.4-7
Gospel: Luke 2.16-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 02nd @ 9:00: Memorial:
 St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

Ernest King

Tuesday, January 03rd @ 9:00 am: Ferial:

Castillo Sirugo Tenio+ & All Souls

Wednesday, January 04th @ 9:00 am: Ferial:

Aricomary Anthony+

Thursday, January 05th @ 9:00 am: Ferial:

Shirley Farooqui

Friday, January 06th @ 7:30 pm: Ferial:

**Patrick & Eileen McCartan
 Linda Roach+**

Saturday, January 07th @ 9:00 am: Memorial:
 St. André Bessette, Religious

**Maureen Callan+
 Vincente Luciano Berte+
 Margaret Walsh**

FIRST COMMUNION—Parent Catechesis

First Communion Catechesis for registered young people of the parish will be on Monday, January 16th @ 7:00 p.m. OR Tuesday, January 17th @ 7:00 p.m.



Parents may attend **either** of the meetings so that you are up to date on the steps needed to complete the process for your child's First Communion.

2012 ENVELOPES

Your 2012 Sunday Offering envelopes are ready to be picked up in the foyer. If you had envelopes last year and cannot seem to find your 2012 box, please call Judy at the Parish Office. For the first month we request all parishioners to fill out names and addresses when you use these envelopes. \$ amounts should always be mentioned. New parishioners should complete a Welcome Card to register and pick up a box without a label.

The 2012 envelopes are NOT to be used until January 01st.

BIBLE STUDY

Our winter programme begins on January 18, 2012 with the study of the "Book of Exodus". Parishioners who have already signed-up may purchase their set of books at the CWL kiosk in the foyer. Cost: \$20 (Set). Extra books have been ordered for any parishioners who wish to join. More information and details will follow.



✠ PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR R.C.I.A. INQUIRERS, CATECHUMENS, CANDIDATES AND NEOPHYTES
 ✠ PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Helen O'Connor	Garry Sankar	Phyllis Crowley	Joe O'Neill	Al & June Williams	Nicky Passaro
Kayden De Silva	Lourdes Tabinga	Alfredina Codanedo	Thelma Lew-a-King	Maria Melilli	Victor Marinos
Fredrick Daranjo	Doug Daly	Ava Calandra	Jennifer Lacuata	Joseph Balant	Dominic Amorini
Justin Cassell	Patty Ryan	Catherine Sinka	Bernadette Assam	Seanne Van Sluytman	Vira Da Ré
Dianne Sonogo	Ferdinand Manelo	Margaret Santos	Santina Taccone	David Duarte	Jomar Magtoto
Bernard Faria	Krishna Ramlochah	Helen Nolan	Drago Zibert	Roger Hill	Jake McCarthy
Francis Vieira	Jose Momtiel	Douglas Pike	Hilcias Martinez	Claudia Pereira	Matthew Lee Wuk Len
Patricia Vanier	Nora Wright	Amanda Jeffs-Ryland	Everett Fletcher-Riley	Eileen Dasilva	Lee-Len
Michael MacDonald	Deborah Brent	Gina Forgione	Sayed Yusuf	Giovanni Caporusso	Lena Hyland
Sheri Choi	Christopher Ramgadoo	Terry O'Sullivan	Ranan DeSilva	John Bennett	Marie Amyot
Sharon Clarke	Joan Leung	Carl Nelson	Rita Ciani	Anthony Grasso	Kathleen Bourne
Vern Mathison	Leanne Lewis	Veronica Tammaro	George Tollar	Sheila Vieira	Nathan Lindo Jenkins
					MariaTeresa Cavaiola

Please pray for our friends at Winbourne Park.
 ✠ **Please pray for the Deceased:**

- Robert Badielli





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Judaism, on New Year's Eve, at the start of the festive meal, people dip sliced apples into honey as a symbol of asking God to grant them a sweet new year. As they eat the sliced apple dipped in honey, they pray: "Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the tree. May it be Your will, Lord our God and God of our ancestors, that you renew for us a good and sweet year."

I pray that God will bring all of us a good and sweet year!

Each New Year always brings us great promise and hope, and we make some form of a New Year's resolution to be better than we were in the previous year. And we know, based on our experiences and our faith, that we can't achieve our goals, dreams or bring our New Year's resolutions to fulfilment and fruition by ourselves. We need God's grace to be able to do this.

I pray that 2012 will bring you God's abundant blessings and graces to fulfill your dreams and your heart's desires.

At the close of 2011, as I reflect on this past year, I am grateful to God for sending me to St. Francis de Sales Parish, and for allowing me to meet so many wonderful people, who are filled with zeal, energy, generosity, faith, hope and love!

I am truly grateful to all our parishioners, especially those who have been so generous with their time and talent and for being involved in the different ministries within our parish. I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart, and I look forward to working with you for many, many more years!

God's blessings!

CONTINUING & ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Copies of the Durham Catholic District School Board's Continuing Education Winter/Spring 2012 Course Guide are located at the back of the Church. Courses are offered in Computers, High School Credit Courses (day/night school and correspondence), English as Second Language, etc. Please pick up a copy of the Course Guide.

YOUTH PROGRAM

The Youth Program finally begins in our Parish, on Friday, January 20th 2012, 6:30 pm.—8:00 pm. at St. Patrick Catholic School Library on Delaney Drive. All young people of the parish from Grade 5 to 8 are encouraged to take this opportunity to come out, make new friends, and get involved.

BAPTISM

Saturday, January 07th at 5:00 pm.

Fiona Mitchell Fleming
Taya Mulan Adrianna Clarke
Alexis Sierra Elizabeth Ragusa
Valentino Alessandro Rinaldi

Sunday, January 08th at 10:00 am.

Michaela Naomi D'Souza
Decklan Robert Deonarine
Carson Robert William Machado

Sunday, January 08th at 12:00 noon

Emma Maria Jarvis
Cooper Steven Driscoll



CONFIRMATION

There is a very important information meeting for the parents of our registered Confirmation Candidates. The young candidates are also invited on **Monday, January 23 @ 7:00 pm. or Thursday, January 26 @ 7:00 pm.**



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES FEAST

The feast of St. Francis de Sales is January 24th. This year the Men of St. Francis are organizing the Annual International Family Potluck on the weekend of January 21 & 22. Keep that weekend available to come and join in the festivities. More details to follow.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas season from Saturday, December 24th—Friday, January 06th 2012. We will resume regular hours on January 07th.

Grade Eight Parent Information Night

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School will be hosting a Grade Eight Parent Information Night on Thursday, January 19th, at 7:00 p.m. Come and learn about Archbishop Denis O'Connor C.H.S., the high school curriculum and the course selection process for grade nine. All parents of grade eight students planning to attend Archbishop Denis O'Connor are encouraged to attend. There will be a tour of the school for interested parents. Tours will begin at 6:15 p.m. with the last tour beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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