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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 24*2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 16**Psalms 89 Luke 11:67-79*

5:30 pm The Parish Community

9:30 pm The Parish Community

12:00 midnight The Parish Community

Tuesday, December 25

10:00 am The Parish Community

12:00 noon The Parish Community

Wednesday, December 26*Acts 6:8-10m 7L54-59 Psalm 31**Matthew 10:17-22*

No Mass

Thursday, December 27*1 John 1:1-4 Psalm 97**John 20:2-8*

5:30 pm Jan Pabian +

Friday, December 28*1 John 5, 2:2 Psalm 124**Matthew 2:13-18*

5:30 pm Irene & John Kozubik +

Saturday, December 29*1 John 2:3-11 Psalm 96**Luke 2:22-35*

5:30 pm Elva Bryson

Sunday, December 30*1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 Psalm 84**1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Luke 2:41-52*

8:30 am Int. of the Parish Staff

10:00 am Int. of the Friars

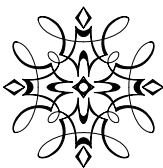
12:00 noon The Parish Community

7:00 pm Deceased Friars

Monthly Comparison for: November

Offertory	2011	2012
Envelopes	\$17,725	\$18,193
Loose	\$4,835	\$5,190
PAG*	\$7,840	\$7,797
Total	\$30,410	\$31,179

* Pre-Authorized Giving
Contributions for the Building
Maintenance Fund were
\$2,343.00



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Peace and Goodness to all!

Welcome to our St. Joan of Arc Christmas liturgies. Our celebrations of the Word of God, remember the Nativity of God with us in the miraculous birth of Jesus. We hope you feel the warm embrace of God's love in this Church and community as we gather to experience the Gospel proclaimed in word, and celebrated in sacramental worship and praise of God, who has become one with all humanity and all of creation by his birth through Mary the humble virgin mother of God.

The liturgy at the vigil Mass on Christmas Eve re-enacts the gospel in a simple pageant to retell the story with the spontaneity of a new generation of children. How simply they spark wonder in this old story made ever new with each generation. We thank all of the families and adults who create this spectacle of faith brought forward to this year. In the liturgies that follow we celebrate the traditional patterns that lead us to remember the foundational truth, "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

The first recorded enactment of the Nativity was in Greccio Italy in the 13th century as St. Francis of Assisi brought the scene together to realize the poverty God entered so we would know the powerful presence of Love in human life.

Throughout the Christmas season the story unfolds to speak of the beginnings of the Life, teachings and passion of the Lord Jesus Christ who has become one with us so we might become one with God. The gospel mission of the Church is to live and broadcast this good news to all people of every nation, religion, and human lifestyle. St. Joan of Arc Parish is dedicated to living this mission with a broad diversity of people united in faith to serve this loving purpose. We hope you feel at home here, and are filled with Christmas love and joy.

We are deeply grateful to the Stewards of our parish whose dedicated services are the foundation of our parish life and worship. We give special thanks to our music ministers, Chris McConnell our music director, Susan McElcheran the director of our 10:00 Choir and all of our musicians, and choir members as they lead us in praise and worship in this holy season. We are grateful to all of our liturgical ministers for their hospitality and service. Thanks also to the many who decorated the Church so beautifully and all whose generosity make it possible. Thank you to all who work behind the scenes in so many ministries, committees and services that manifest the gospel in Christian life and worship through the parish.

We as Franciscan Friars of the Atonement are privileged to serve this parish as it continues to bring this good news to life. We welcome all who enter here, members, new residents, and visitors with gladness and great joy.

May God fill you all with choicest blessings this Christmas and may you have a New Year filled with new life that is the gift of this blessed Season.

In the Love and Joy of Christ Jesus,

Fr. Dan

Please pray for:

The Sick: Susan, Orest Cariati, Ken Burns
The Deceased: Mr. Carl Wallace

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

December 24 5:30 pm Children's Liturgy
9:30 pm Christmas Liturgy
12:00 Midnight Christmas Liturgy

Christmas Day

December 25 10:00 Christmas Mass
12:00 noon Christmas Mass
No Evening mass
December 26 Offices closed. No mass.

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

December 31 5:30 pm
January 1 10:00 am & 12 noon
No Evening mass

Win Great Prizes!

Students aged 14 – 18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2013. The Theme for this coming year is "What does God require of us?" (cf. Micah 6:6-8) First prize is an iPad mini (16 GB), second prize is a Kobo Arc and third to sixth prizes are a one-year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be published in the Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is January 18, 2013. E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or FAX it to 416-934-3409. For further information call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 404. Don't miss this opportunity!

A question presented to Rosanne:

How much money have Fr. Dan's 2012 Triathlons brought in?
Answer: Total of: **\$12,735.25**



*May your hearts be filled with Light
and Hope this Christmas, as we
Celebrate God among us! May you
Enjoy a Happy, Blessed Christmas!*

*Fr. Dan Callahan, SA,
Rosanne Kelly, Anne Francis
Cyndy O'Grady & Cathi Richardson*

THIS WEEK

Plenary Indulgence

During the year of Faith proclaimed from Oct. 11, 2012 to Nov. 24, 2013, His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins has granted the gift of a Plenary indulgence to the faithful of the Archdiocese who:

- Are truly repentant, duly confessed, communing sacramentally and pray according to the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. And
- visit by way of pilgrimage, St. Michael's Cathedral, St. Paul's Basilica, Martyr's Shrine, Marylake Shrine and or a parish church on the day of its titular feast, and take part there in some sacred function or a least pause for an apt time of recollection with pious meditations. Concluding with the recitation of the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in a legitimate form, invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary and, according to the case, to Holy Apostles or Patrons. Or
- on the feast day of St. Michael participate in Holy Mass or in Liturgy of the Hours adding the profession of faith in any legitimate form at any church, and/or, on the feast day of Corpus Christi participate in a parish procession.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

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