ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

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SUNDAY MASSES:

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Sunday liturgy)

8:30 a.m. English Mass 9:30 a.m. Low Mass

(Usus antiquior/1962 Missal)

11:00 a.m. Sung English Mass

12:30 p.m. Sung Mass

Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More (Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Before every Mass on Sundays Daily for 15 minutes before all Masses.

WEEKDAY MASS:

8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. Saturday

MARRIAGES:

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

BAPTISMS: On Sundays by appointment.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: 647-727-8758

PARISH CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Mr. Peter Bishop: 416-535-7646

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

(Archdiocese of Toronto): 416-733-9944

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

11:00 SUNG ENGLISH MASS Advent III

Entrance Hymn: 302 – Saviour of the nations, come

Kyrie: Mass XVII (*Adventus*)

Seasonal Responsorial Psalm Refrain:

"TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL."

Credo: 202 – Kyriale Romanum III

Offertory Hymn: 303 – On Jordan's bank the Baptist's

cry

Sanctus: 203 – Mass XVIII "Great Amen" - ADVENT Agnus Dei: 204 – Mass XVIII

Communion Hymn: 307 – Rorate caeli desuper

(Mode I)

Communion Hymn Refrain:

"RORATE CAELI DESUPER ET NUBES PLUANT JUSTUM."

(Drop down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.)

Concluding Hymn: 301 – O come, O come,

Emmanuel

Organ Postlude: Hymn Verset, "Conditor alme siderum"/ "Dear Maker of the starry skies" (Jean

Titelouze)

PARISH FINANCES FOR DECEMBER 4

Regular Collection: \$3,132 (Weekly Budget: \$2,900)

For the first time since May, we have made our budgeted amount two weeks in a row. Thank you!

Maintenance & Debt: \$1,951 (Monthly Budget: \$3,500)

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Boxes of envelopes for 2017 are available at the back of the church. Please pick up the box that has your name on it. If you do not find a box that has your name on it, pick up one of the unassigned boxes and make it your own. Also, kindly put your name and address on the first few envelopes so that we can make sure that our database is up to date.

Please note: Holders of envelopes numbered 225 and higher have been assigned new numbers.



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 Kay Wick, req. by Antonia Leben

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 (+) Albina Fuhrmann

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor

8:00

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

In honour of Bl. Antony Grassi of the Oratory,

Priest

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

10:00 (+) Friends and relatives of parishioners 5:00 (+) Romeo & Alfonsa Mancini, req. by Mary Mancini

THE BOOKSTALL

Come to the bookstall after your Mass to buy 2017 calendars, missals, Christmas cards and Fr. Daniel's book, The Lion of Münster.

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP

Come join mothers for coffee, tea and snacks for the next meeting, **December 15 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m**. Babies and preschoolers are welcome!! For more information about the organization and dates of meetings visit: www.CatholicMomsGroup.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – TODAY!!

There will be a special collection at all Masses for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your donation will provide food for those in our area who find themselves in need of help over the Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

As is customary in our parish, a second collection will be taken up at each of the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

BLESSED ANTHONY GRASSI



Anthony Grassi was born in 1592, in Fermo, Italy. Anthony was the oldest child of five born to a devout middle class family. He was a good natured and intelligent boy, and quickly gained the respect and admiration of his teachers and peers.

From his childhood, Anthony

attended the Oratory at Fermo and received spiritual direction from Fr Flaminio Ricci, who had known St Philip personally. When he was nearing seventeen, he presented himself to the community as a postulant.

Anthony's natural intelligence and love of learning made his studies for the priesthood a pleasant time in his life. He acquired an encyclopedic knowledge of the Bible, the Fathers of the Church, and the teachings of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

One year, on his annual pilgrimage to the Holy House of Loreto, Anthony was struck by lightning and knocked unconscious. This left him with a deeper devotion to Blessed Virgin; and from that time on sought all the more to dedicate himself completely to God's Will.

In 1625, Anthony went on a pilgrimage to Rome, where he visited all the places that St. Philip used to frequent and sought to learn as much as he could about St. Philip from Fr. Pietro Consolini who had known the Saint intimately. Anthony meditated on this knowledge and applied it in his own life for ten years before imparting it more explicitly to others when he was elected superior of the Fermo Oratory in 1635. He was re-elected superior every three years until his death.

In 1671, as Blessed Anthony lay dying he said with great joy, "What a beautiful thing it is to die a son of Saint Philip." There is no better end to an Oratorian vocation,

There will be a Sung English Mass in honour of Blessed Anthony at Holy Family Church at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15.

BREAKFAST MORNINGS

Come join us in the parish hall after the Thursday morning Mass. A light breakfast of coffee, juice, cereal, pastries and yogurt will be served.

Relying on Your goodness, O God, we humbly ask You, through the intercession of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, to give perfect vision to our eyes, that they may serve for Your greater honor and glory. Saint Lucy, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions. Amen.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

February 6- March 13, 2017

Where: Holy Family Church -- Parish Hall 1372 King Street West, Toronto, ON M6K 1H3

When: Monday Evenings, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., beginning on 6 February 2017 and running for seven consecutive weeks.

Cost: \$100 per couple getting married at Holy Family or St. Vincent de Paul Church; outside of these churches \$150 per couple.

Registration: Takes place at first session. But please contact hf@oratory-toronto.org or 416-532-2879 if you are planning to come. It helps us to know how many people to expect.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

(Said every day from December 16-24)

Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment
At which the Son of God was born
Of a most pure Virgin
At a stable at midnight in Bethlehem
In the piercing cold
At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,
To hear my prayers and grant my desires
(mention request here).

Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed
Mother.

Mass Schedule for Christmas

CHRISTMAS EVE Saturday, December 24

Confessions from 4:00 – 5:00 & 7:15 – 8:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Mass for Catholic Parish of St Thomas More (Ordinariate of the Chair of St Peter)
7:30 p.m. Carol Service
8:00 p.m. Sung Mass in English

Please note there will not be a Mass at midnight at St. Vincent de Paul. The Mass at midnight at Holy Family Church will be a Solemn High Mass, Usus Antiquior.

CHRISTMAS DAY Sunday, December 25

8:30 a.m. Mass in English 9:30 a.m. Low Mass in Latin, Usus Antiquior 11:00 a.m. Sung Mass in English 12:30 p.m. Sung English Catholic Parish of St Thomas More

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