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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

T'is the Season to be Jolly!



Wishing you the light of faith, peace, love, and all the deepest joys which the Christ Child brings to you, your family and loved ones.

The Pastoral Team of Annunciation Parish:
Fr. Jude Coyle, Fr. Joseph Nguyen
Fr. Jon Bromley, Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan,
and the entire parish staff, extend to you best
wishes and prayerful greetings for a Happy and
Blessed Christmas.

CHRISTMAS

The Christmas Season celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. For the Church, only the Easter celebration of the Lord's death and rising is more important than the Christmas season.

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Monday, December 26th is the Feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr.

Tuesday, December 27th is the *Feast of St. John,* apostle & evangelist.

Wednesday, December 28th is the *Feast of the Holy Innocents*, martyrs.

Saturday, December 31st is the *Feast of St. Sylvester I*, pope.

Join us in prayer in communion these great saints and all saints in heaven at the 9:00AM Mass on weekdays.

WHAT DOES THE GOSPEL TEACH ABOUT THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIRTH AND INFANCY OF JESUS?

At Christmas the glory of heaven is shown forth in the weakness of a baby; the circumcision of Jesus is a sign of his belonging to the Hebrew people and is a prefiguration of our Baptism; the Epiphany is the manifestation of the Messiah King of Israel to all the nations; at the presentation in the temple, Simeon and Anna symbolize all the anticipation of Israel awaiting its encounter with its Saviour; the flight into Egypt and the massacre of the innocents proclaim that the entire life of Christ will be under the sign of persecution; the departure from Egypt recalls the exodus and presents Jesus as the new Moses and the true and definitive liberator.

WIN GREAT PRIZES!

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. 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, 2012. the Theme for this coming year is "We Will All Be Changed" (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:51-58). First prize is an iPad 2 (16GB), second prize is an Amazon Kindle Fire 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 9, 2012.** Email your essay to editor@catholicregister.com 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.

CWL NEWS: SPIRITUAL BOUQUET OFFERINGS

We are asking our parishioners to offer any numbers of Masses, Communions, Rosaries and other prayers they may wish as their gift to the ordinandi. This spiritual banquet will be presented to the ordinandi in March. These spiritual offerings may be noted after Sunday Masses at the Religious Articles Booth.

INSIDE Annunciation Church:

THANK YOU FROM GOOD SHEPHERD'S CENTRE:

Dear Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishioners,

We would like to thank you for generously participating in Good Shepherd's Ministries' 2011
Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your kind gifts have helped to fill the shelves of Good Shepherd Centre's pantry. Your thoughtfulness will result in hundreds of thousands of hot, nutritious meals for Toronto's homeless and hungry. Your generosity makes it possible to serve more than 1,000 meals each day. With your support of the meal program at Good Shepherd Centre, you feed the hungry and welcome the stranger 365 days a year.

Thank you for remembering those in need in our community. Thank you for supporting the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Thank you for making a difference.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING SESSION



For children who are interested in serving Mass at Annunciation Church: there is a training session on **Saturday, January 7th at 11:00AM**. Please contact the Parish Office to sign-up.

NEWEST CATHOLIC MEMBERS...

The following children were welcomed into our worshipping community recently through the Sacrament of Baptism: Toni Gabriella Fakunle, Jayden Jo-

seph Fernandes, Charlize Paulette Lagos Maramba, Anthony Harindra Liyanage. Please keep these children in your prayers.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Please remember in your prayers all those parishioners who have gone to their rest in Christ, particularly those we remember who died recently:

Yvonne Headecker-Walden.

WEEKDAYS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 26th, 2011 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (Boxing day)

Mass at 9:00AM ONLY
Office CLOSED

Tuesday, Dec. 27th, 2011—Friday, Dec. 30, 2011

Mass at 9:00AM ONLY Office hours: Tuesday CLOSED, Wednesday to Friday 8:30AM to 4:00PM

Saturday, December 31st, 2011
NEW YEAR'S EVE: Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God

Masses at 5:00PM & 7:00PM [No Confession] Office CLOSED

Sunday, January 1st, 2012
NEW YEAR'S DAY: Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God

Masses at 9:30AM, 11:00AM, & 12:30PM

Monday, January 2nd, 2012
Mass at 9:00AM
Office CLOSED



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

December 25—December 31

Our lamps are lit:

- In loving memory of our beloved Alfonso (Jun) Dizon, a very loving, gentle, caring and devoted husband, father, son and brother. We are with you always too. We love and miss you so much. Requested by Lyn, Chris, Patricia and family.
- In loving memory of Antonio Figueira. So deeply loved, missed and eternally cherished. Requested by Dad, Mom, and your loving sister Kerry Ann.

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