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ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 17

5:00 Victor Lea *req. by Jeanne & Family*

Lucy Atkinson *req. by Diane & Bob & Family*

Domenico, Flaviano & Filomena Quiquero *req. by Anna Quiquero & Fam*

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 Agostino Compare *req. by his Wife & Children*

Sam Fisher *req. by the Family*

9:30 Frank Ruberto *req. by Teresa Ruberto*

Lucy Atkinson *req. by Tim & Family*

Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski *req. by the Komor & Janusz Families*

11:30 Gimino Cardamone *req. by Fiorina Cardamone & Family*

Giuseppe Elia *req. by Angelo & Theresa Elia*

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, December 19

8:00 Bruno Pietrobon *req. by Gloria & Family*

Joseph & Evelyn Glynn *req. by Rita & Family*

Tuesday, December 20

8:00 Louis & Frances Companer *req. by the Carol & Vince & Fam*

M/M John Di Lella & Louis Di Lella *req. by their Daughter*

9:15 St. Patrick & St. Mary's Schools Mass

Wednesday, December 21 St Peter Canisius

8:00 Dec'd mem. of the Downes Family *req. by Rita & Family*

Aline Cormier *req. by her Dtr: Joanne*

Thursday, December 22

8:00 Eileen Mancuso *req. by Joe & Family*

Harry Bongers *req. by the Bongers Family*

Friday, December 23 St John of Kanty

8:00 Leonard O'Dette *req. by Shirley & Cathy*

Pietro Guerin *req. by his Wife: Maria Guerin*

Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 People of the Parish

6:00 People of the Parish

12:00 People of the Parish

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 People of the Parish

NO EVENING MASS

Children's Sacramental Dates 2017

Confirmation: Saturday, February 25, 2017 @ 5:00 PM.

First Reconciliation: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2017 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

For the parents of children in St. Patrick parish who do not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary elementary schools.

If you wish your child to make their Sacraments here, would you give your name and your child's name to the parish office as soon as possible. We want to be able to keep in touch with you, keep you up to date and meet with you and your child to help you prepare for these important sacraments.

Christmas Gift Campaign

Once again we will be helping spread our Christmas love and joy by providing gifts to some 150 local needy children. We ask that you return your gifts with the tag attached by today Sunday, December 18th!



2017 Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks.



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps!

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Marcy Mallett, Darlene Wancha, Jean Lundy, Michael Brazeau, Phil Huntington

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Patsy Power, Carmela Fruci, Emily Hanover, Drago Bicanic, Nancy Weiss, Wendy & John Calder, Jean Lundy, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Pauline Miner, Manfred Hawlitzky, Edna McDonnell, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gionni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Mary O'Shea, Dr. Andy Fisher, Dorothy Simon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Jill Leronowich, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Guiseppina Paonessa, Phyllis Higgins, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Todd Reid, Muriel Pivarnyk, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Patricia Desrosiers, Helen Rotella, Darlene Wancha, Brian Smith, Maria Benevento, Jeanne S, Gerry Keenan, Armando Alcaraz, Michelle Price

Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

December 10 & 11: \$6,273.86

St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,197.00

Carmelite Missions: \$8,657.25

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2017

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday,

January 22, February 26, NO Baptisms in March or April

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, January 10 & Monday, February 13 at 7:00 pm.

Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations on the birth of your child! If you wish to have your child baptized, please register in the parish (if you haven't already done so). One of the parents must come into the parish office, meet with the pastor or his designate, so we can complete the proper forms, and gather all the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a special evening of preparation for parents and Godparents! Many blessings!

Parish Registration

Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

I am new in the parish and wish to register _____

I wish to use contribution envelopes _____

I have recently moved _____

We have married & wish to update our information _____



Dear Friends:

Today is the 4th Sunday of Advent. Believe it or not, the material for this bulletin had to be in to the publisher by Monday, December 12th!!! So as I am writing, there is a nice gentle snowfall! It is December, and it is Canada! My little dog Molly, is fascinated by the white stuff! This year we will have a full Fourth Week of Advent, as Christmas Day comes on Sunday this year! This 4th Sunday, we pay homage to **Mary and Joseph**.



Isaiah tells us about a young woman who will give birth to a Son, and shall name him Emmanuel! In Matthew's Gospel, we have this prophesy fulfilled! The angel appeared to Joseph telling him **not to be afraid** to take Mary as his wife. We can only imagine their fear. Here was Joseph, engaged to Mary... and she was with child! What would people think? **MARY** said yes without knowing what her **yes** entailed! Joseph also did as the Angel asked. They both trusted God, and knew that with God, **all things are possible**.

God does not ask anything of us, that we cannot handle. **"I will be with you always. Do not be afraid!"** These words said to Mary and Joseph, are also said to us. God never left their side. Mary and Joseph brought Christ to birth, and we know Mary was at her Son's side right to the Cross! God never leaves our side either. And that's Good News! May Mary and Joseph intercede for us, and draw us ever closer to Jesus! And may we always remember to **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!**

Fr. Gerard

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Thanks to Brad Hengeveld (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-20-2016
SORRY FOLKS, WE'RE BOOKED SOLID ...
GOD HIMSELF COULDN'T GET A ROOM HERE
TONIGHT

December 2016 Dates

Sat, December 17: 7:00 PM Christmas Pageant 1st Rehearsal
Thurs, December 22: 7:00 PM Christmas Decorating Evening
Friday, December 23: 7:00 PM Final Pageant Rehearsal

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday Dec. 24th Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Children's Mass with Pageant in Church
4:00 PM Overflow Mass in Parish Gymnasium
6:00 PM Mass with Adult Choir and Caroling
7:30 PM Syro-Malabar Mass (Malayalam language)
12:00 AM Midnight Mass

Sunday Dec. 25th Christmas Day

8:00 AM; 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM (No Evening Mass)

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>

New Year's Eve Mass- Sat 5:00 PM
New Year's Day- Sun 8:00-9:30-11:30 AM
(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and
World Day of Prayer for Peace)
No 7:00 PM Mass

Prayer For Those who Grieve at Christmas

Comforting God, while the world is bright and sparkling, my heart feels laden and has an emptiness that cannot be filled. How can I enter into this season of joy? Instead of entering into the **Rejoice** of Christmas, I long for the sorrow of Lent. I beg you Lord, show me how the two are connected. I ponder the name *Emmanuel* and know that it means "God with us." With us. With me in this world, in this sorrow. If I look beyond my pain, I know that you too, suffered so much in this world. I never understood so clearly before that *Emmanuel* is what your nativity is really about. You are in my world, in my pain. Thank you, Lord, for the loved one you blessed my life with. Grant me now in my grief, a peace. Give me a comfort that might not make the tears go away, but that lets me feel your presence as you take up a place deep in my heart, *with me*.



Christmas Prayer

May the forgiving spirit of Him to whom we dedicate this season prevail again on earth. May hunger disappear and terrorists cease their senseless acts. May people live in freedom, worshipping as they see fit, loving others. May the sanctity of the home be ever preserved. Amen.

Hospital Visits... If you have a family member in hospital, and would like a visit from one of our priests, or wish to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please let the parish office know, 905-354-7451. St. Patrick Parish covers the on-call pager for GNGH from Tuesday 8 AM until Wed 8 AM. The hospital staff can put you in touch with the on-call chaplain at any time.

Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second & fourth Monday of the month, from 7 - 9pm at Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre. **NOTE:**

No meeting on December 26th

For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154

Carmelite Spirituality Group ... You are invited to Mt Carmel Monastery on the second Sunday of each month to explore Carmelite spirituality. Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre, 2 - 5pm www.carmelnlagara.com

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The members of the SSVP again seek your generosity in helping to make this Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate in our city. This year we are anticipating a significant increase in those requiring our help and we would appreciate your financial assistance.

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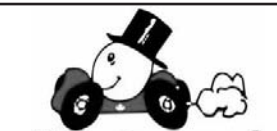
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