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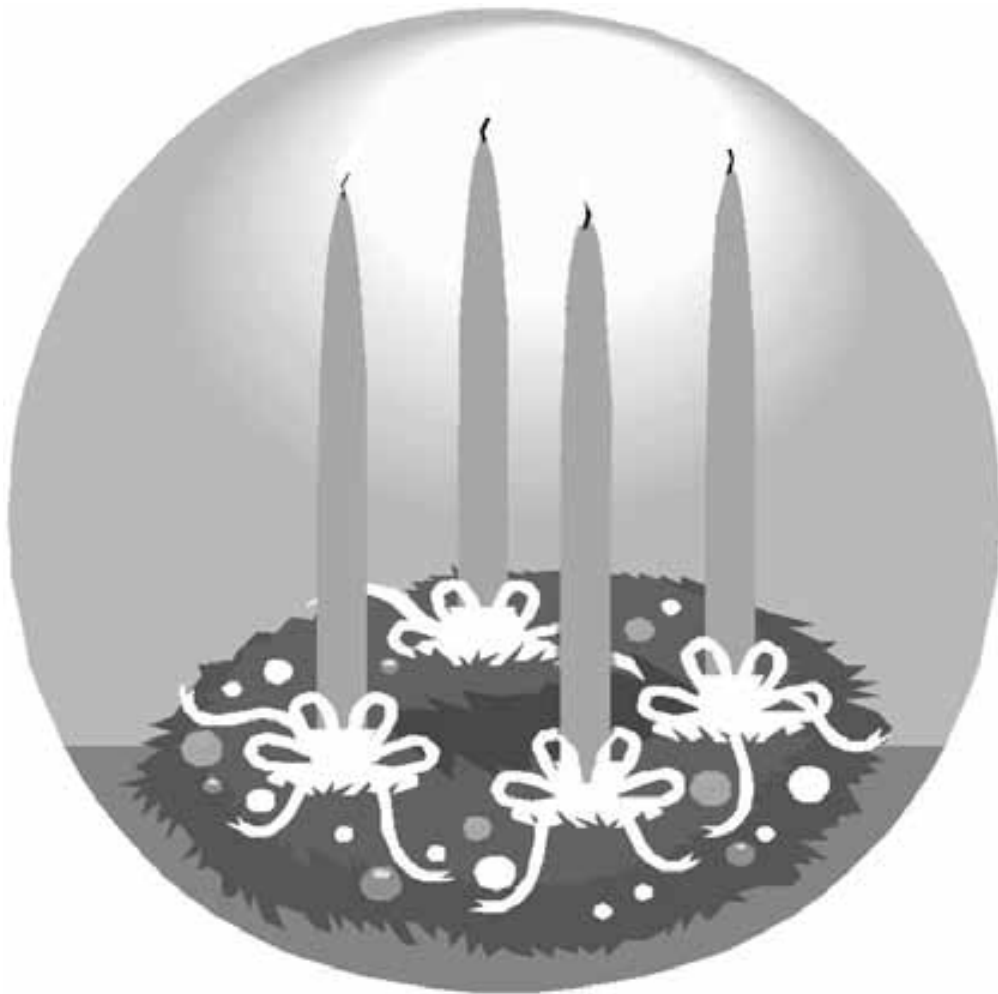
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*May the Blessings of this
Holy Season be with you Always.*

FROM THE DESK OF FR. BONIFACE



As you may know I went to university to study biology and I remember the first rule of science to this day. "Too many coincidences is not a coincidence". So looking at my own life especially the last few months I began to see a pattern. Thinking of the Immaculate Conception, I am grateful that in my life, by my parents I was taught the importance of the Eucharist, that it is Jesus and to be a good Catholic, to be loyal and loving to Christ, you must be where He is, go to Him in every moment of life for He can fulfill and bring us joy in a way no one else can. And I think to myself, how I want to spread this message to all people. Coincidence well, maybe not, God knowing after all that I would be prepared from my birth for this.

Also, as you know this year, I had an infection for a bit and it lay right beside a blood vessel. It could have easily spread, but it didn't. Coincidence, a little bit of a stretch.

I have seen many people humble me by telling me that the Church looks nice and how it helps them focus on Christ and pray. I am truly humbled because even though our artist Carlos and his team did wonderful work and had good ideas, I am not usually associated with creating beauty. And it is truly humbling to think God can work through me like this. Coincidence...well everything can be a coincidence. But too many coincidences aren't a coincidence. Jesus was born to open our life to God's love and grace and if in this Christmas season, especially at Christmas Mass, we come early to think of all God has done for us, we will notice how much He has given us.

I know many reading this has in their past, present and in their near future so many more powerful presences of God in their life, what a present we can make to Him if all the baptized, the universal priesthood at Mass were to offer Christ our thanks as he is born this Christmas day.

For is it not true in life that the more love I give the more love fills me and the more I demand the less I have of it? Christ came to give us love in abundance. My dear friends with all of our hearts let us receive it and offer it to Him and to all others that we meet.

May God grant you a Merry Christmas!

Upcoming January 2013 Events

Attention: Confirmation Facilitators

Please be advised that there will be a meeting with Fr. Boniface on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Wanted

We are in need of Facilitators to conduct Confirmation Classes for 6 weeks on Saturdays at 12:00 noon to 1:30pm. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Boniface if interested in volunteering for this very important Sacrament.

December Schedule

Please make note of these dates!

Saturday, Dec 22nd – 9:30am – 4:00pm – Church Decorating
Saturday, Dec 22nd & Sunday, Dec 23rd – Poinsettias to Church
Saturday, Dec 22nd – 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
Sunday, Dec 23rd – 7:30pm – Novena (Spanish) in Chapel
Monday, Dec 24th – 9:30am – Mass of the Day
Monday, Dec 31st – NO MORNING MASS

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Monday, December 24th

- ❖ 6:00pm Mass
- ❖ 8:00pm Mass
- ❖ 9:30pm Spanish Mass and Novena
- ❖ 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25th

- ❖ 10:00am
- ❖ 11:30am

Boxing Day – Wednesday, December 26th

- ❖ 9:30am (Daily Mass)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - December 29th & 30th

- ❖ REGULAR MASS TIMES for Saturday and Sunday

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Monday, December 31st, 2012

- ❖ 6:00pm (Holy Day of Obligation)

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Tuesday, January 1st, 2013

- ❖ 10:00am (Holy Day of Obligation)
- ❖ 11:30am (Holy Day of Obligation)

Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday, January 6th 2013

Returning to normal Mass schedule

NOVENA IN SPANISH

There will be a Novena in Spanish Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 7:30pm to Sunday, December 23, 2012 at 7:30pm. December 15th only in the Large Meeting Room. All other evenings will be in the Chapel.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS

Confirmation Candidates are asked to attend any Mass on the weekends of January 12/13 or January 19/20 and enroll in the program for immediate preparation for Confirmation. In so doing, they publicly state that they wish to live an active Catholic life style. We will give them a cross to wear as a symbol of that commitment. Confirmation Candidates are asked to bring in the Inscription Promise (yellow form) to any of these Masses. These will be given out at their schools the week of January 7th.

If you have not handed in a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate or purchased the Confirmation Book, you must come to the Parish Office during business hours to do so. These items are required before the start of the Confirmation Classes the first week of February.

Please pray for these young people that they may always be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

OUR FAMILY of SAINTS

In the beginning the word was with God and was God. From the beginning of the Prologue of God.

St. John – Dec 27

St. Stephen – Dec 26

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs – Dec 28

St. Thomas Becket – Dec 29

The Holy Family – Dec 30

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

5:00pm Saturday, December 22nd

- + Judite Costa & Manuel Pinto Silva by Son
- + Victor Latoszek by Wife & Children
- + Sidonio Marques by Augusto & Laura Marques
- + Grant Robinson by Wife – Julia & Family
- + Laurentina & Manuel Leto by Joaquim Neto & Family
- + Joseph Giglio by Rosa Neto & Benita Fresco
- + Craig Hofland by McEvenue Family
- + Fernando Gomes by Wife & Children

Sunday, December 23rd

- 8:30am + Ignazio Polizzi by Wife
- 10:00am + Tony Toich & Mato Zic by Mary Toich & Family
- 11:30am + Gerard Eek by Vilma LaRoche & Family
- 4:45pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

Please note: there are no Mass Intentions for December 24th and 25th – Please see the Christmas Mass Schedule.

9:30am Wednesday, December 26th

- + Joao Gomes Faria Jr. by Augusta Barros

8:00am Thursday, December 27th

- + Craig Hofland & Nancy Bova by Patty Hofland

7:00pm Friday, December 28th

- + Gioacchino Cristina and Pietro Asaro by Wife

9:30am Saturday, December 29th

- + Victor Santos Domingues by Celso & Maria Domingues

5:00pm Saturday, December 29th

- + Manuel Borges by Jose & Maria Viveiros
- + Celeste Joaquina & Jose Marques by Laura & Manuel Marques
- + Manuel Ferreira & Filomena de Jesus by Bernardette Ferreira
- + Jose Raposo by Wife – Maria & Family
- + Walter Szczepanik by Rak Family
- + Quintino Cavallo by Wife- Assunta & Family
- + Jose Francisco Rodrigues by Wife & Children
- + Teresa Silva & Aurora Gonsalves by Family
- + Manuel Borges & Joe Paz by Rosa & David Oliveira

Sunday, December 30th

- 8:30am + Manuel Dias by Wife & Children
- 10:00am + Carl Berndt & Laurence Mainville by Brenda Dainton & Family
- 11:30am + Joao & Manuel Laranjeiro by Emilia Laranjeiro & Family
- 4:45pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”

Marriage Preparation Classes

Holy Martyrs of Japan is proud to present Marriage Preparation Classes on Friday, January 25th from 7:30pm to 9pm and on Saturday, January 26th from 10am to 4pm and on Friday, February 1st from 7:30pm to 9pm and on Saturday, February 2nd from 10am to 4pm. Cost of this course is \$80.00 per couple, Lunch will be provided. If you are planning on getting married next year, you should be signing up for these very informative classes. Please call the Parish Office for registration 905-775-2065 or see Father after any Mass or drop by the Office for Registration Forms.



All Lifeteen events start following the 6:30pm Sunday Youth Mass

All EDGE events start at 7:00 to 8:30pm on Monday evening in the Parish Hall.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Sunday to Sunday...

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY MARTYRS

Mon Dec 24 – Office Closed and will reopen on Thursday, Dec 27th

NOTICES

Please note that there will be NO Adoration on Tuesday, December 25th, or Tuesday, January 1st. Adoration will resume again on Tuesday, January 8th 2013.



The Parish Office will be CLOSED on the following dates:

December 24, 25, 26 & 31.

Also January 1 & 2

Holy Martyrs of Japan and the Social Committee

Are proud to present 1 hour of free skating on Saturday, January 5th from 11:30am to 12:30am at the New Leisure Centre – Green Arena.



Free Hot Chocolate and Goodies for all that attend. So get your skates out and bring the kids for an enjoyable hour of fun, frivolity and fellowship.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please check and ensure that you have your right number on the box. If there are any changes to names or addresses, please fill out the forms located on the Lobby counter and give to one of the Clergy. If you are unsure of your envelopes number, please ask one of the Clergy to look up your number in the binder located in the Sacristy.



If you are a new member, please fill out the New Parishioner Form or fill out the information required on the envelopes so that we may enter your particulars in our data base for income tax receipts, and give form to Father.

If the address on the box is incorrect, please fill out the form for Change of Address in order for the Parish Office Staff to change your records accordingly as we have received several returned mail with incorrect address information. **Add your envelope #.**

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Per-Authorized Giving Plan to assist in the support of our Parish through your regular Sunday offering. Sharing through the Pre-authorized Giving Plan means your Sunday offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will be deposited to the parish account. Please come to the Parish Office during office hours.

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