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Deacons: Rev. Mr. David Langley, Rev. Mr. Pedro Guevara-Mann



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, December 24, 6:00PM, 8:00PM & 12:00 Midnight
CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, December 25, 10:00AM, 11:30AM
CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY, December 26, 9:00 AM
+Joao Gomes Faria

THURSDAY, December 27, 8:30 PM
+Manuel Martins

FRIDAY, December 28, 7:00 PM
+Margaret Connolly

SATURDAY, December 29, 9:00 AM
+All Souls

SATURDAY, December 29, 5:00 PM
+All Souls +Silvina Vieira +Fernando Gomes
+Joao Ferreira +Mary & Peter Rydzkowski
+Matthew Talarico +Tobias Rego & Francisco Dias

SUNDAY, December 30, 8:30 AM
*Special Intention for Victor Santos Domingues

SUNDAY, December 30, 10:00 AM
+Kyle Lee

SUNDAY, December 30, 11:30 AM
+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, December 30, 6:30 PM
*Special Intention for Sam & Maria Pisani

2019 NEW PARISHIONER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes

Assigned 2019 Offering envelopes can be picked up at the parish office. *If you would like to start using envelopes again, please take a box with no name on it and complete the New Parishioner Registration form attached and include the completed form with your first envelope offering. If you did not find your envelope number, have moved, or would like to set up Pre-Authorized giving, please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.*

HOLY HOUR

Friday January 4th 2019 at 7:00pm
Come be present with the Lord!

CHURCH IS CATHOLIC

The word “catholic” means “universal”. It is universal both in means, because Christ is present in her, and in mission, because she has a mission to the whole world. The People of God, (while remaining one), must spread throughout the world to help all of humanity return to Christ. All are called to this catholic unity. The Catholic faithful, others who believe in Christ, and all peoples belong to or are ordered to Catholic unity.

The fully incorporated are those who accept the Church’s means of salvation, through Creed, Scripture, and Tradition. This is the visible structure of the Church.

Others who are baptized and are called “Christian” but who do not profess the Catholic faith are still joined to the Catholic Church in many ways. They enjoy a certain, although imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church.

The Church recognizes that in other religions there is search for a God. Any goodness or truth in these is a “preparation for the Gospel”. Just like Noah’s Ark, which alone saved the world from the flood, the Father wants to reunite all humanity into his Son’s Church, who alone can save the world. However, those, who through no fault of their own do not know either the Gospel or His Church, can achieve salvation by seeking God with a sincere heart and by trying to do God’s will. Although God can lead all people to salvation, the Church still has the duty to evangelize all peoples.

REMINDERS

CONFIRMATION & COMMUNION

Registration forms for both Sacraments are due on **December 25th!!**

For those confirmandi who registered for the Confirmation Program (Youth Alpha) the first session is Thursday January 10, 2019 from 6:45-8:4pm in the parish hall.

Confirmation Enrollment Date:

Sunday February 3, 2019 at the 11:30am Mass with Bishop Kirkpatrick. Blue Forms are to be completed and submitted at time of enrollment to the Bishop at Mass.

Communion: Dates to Remember:

January 14, at **10:00am**-Email your **three** choices of communion dates to sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

February 26, 2019 at 7:00pm Last Names from “A”-“L”

February 28, 2019 at 7:00pm Last Names from “M”-“Z”

There will be two priests to hear the children’s confessions and two for parent’s confessions each evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4th Sunday of Advent | December 23, 2018

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Christmas Day and New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) are the two Days of Holy Obligation for Catholics in Canada.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Monday December 24, 2018

6:00pm, 8:00pm, 12:00 Midnight – **OFFICE CLOSED**

Christmas Day - Tuesday December 25, 2018

10:00am, 11:30am – **OFFICE CLOSED - No Adoration**

Boxing Day - Wednesday December 26, 2018

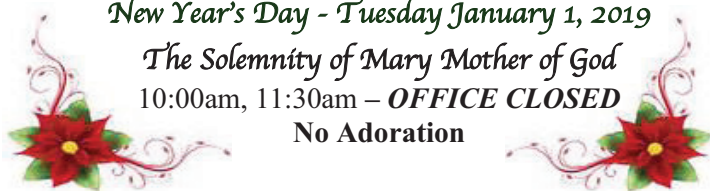
9:00am Daily Mass – **OFFICE CLOSED**

New Year's Eve - Monday December 31, 2018

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - Vigil
5:00pm – **OFFICE CLOSED**

New Year's Day - Tuesday January 1, 2019

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
10:00am, 11:30am – **OFFICE CLOSED**
No Adoration



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

VIGIL: Saturday December 31, 2018 - 5:00pm
Tues, January 1, 2019 – 10:00 am & 11:30am

PARISH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

CHRISTMAS TAKE DOWN

Volunteers needed to help take down the Christmas decorations that adorned our altar this year. If you are free on Saturday January 12, 2019 after the 9:00am Mass, we would love your help! All are welcome.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Communion Breakfast after all morning Masses on Sunday January 13, 2019 in the parish hall. The cost for the breakfast is \$7.00/person or \$20.00/family of 4 and children under 6 are free. All proceeds will go to support Fr. Davis' Orphanage.

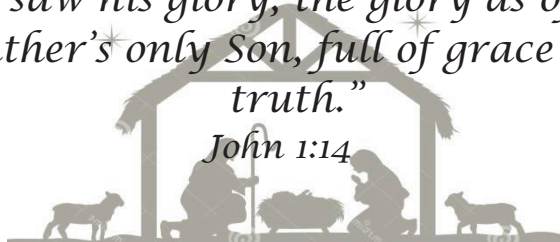


ALPHA SERIES

Alpha is a program which seeks to introduce or hear a new, the basics of our Christian Catholic faith through a series of talks and interactive sessions and discussions. Each talk looks at different questions and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is a program that is run worldwide and EVERYONE is welcome! Centered around food, friends and discussion, we re-introduce ourselves and further explore our faith and the meaning of life. It is a chance to share thoughts and ideas with one another in an honest, friendly and welcoming environment. The first session commences **Tuesday January 15, 2019 from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the parish hall**. Please register ASAP by contacting Ray Reitzel at 905 251 8151 as space is limited.

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."

John 1:14



YOUTH MINISTRY



Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous new year! See you back on January 7, 2019 at 7:00pm!



Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous new year! Lifeteen is back on January 6, 2019 (after the 6:30pm Mass) ready for a lip sync battle!

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

www.vocationstoronto.ca

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or deacon to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org.



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