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Rev. Msgr. Ambrose E. Sheehy - Pastor

Rev. Eric Rodrigues - Associate Pastor

Mrs. Gail Bailey - Secretary Mr. John Arruda - Custodian

Mr. Dan Christante - Property Manager

Prepare the way...



ADVENT

**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

Monday, December 20	8:00 am
Special Intention	
Tuesday, December 21	8:00 am
Teresa Lam (Special Intention)	
<i>In Thanksgiving</i>	
Wednesday, December 22	8:00 am
Lorraine Nelson (Deceased)	
<i>Requested by Bernadette Vuong</i>	
Thursday, December 23	8:00 am
Lawrence Victor (Deceased)	
<i>Requested by Maria Dias</i>	

Christmas Schedule**Christmas Eve Vigil - Friday, December 24th**

Mass: 8:00 am

Masses: 6:00 pm, 9:00 pm & Midnight

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25th

Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm

(No 4:30 pm Mass)

Feast of the Holy Family - Sunday, December 26th

Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm

Monday, December 27th, Tuesday, December 28th,
Wednesday, December 29th and Thursday, December
30th

Mass: 9:00 am

NEW YEARS SCHEDULE**Vigil Mater Dei**Friday, December 31st (New Years Eve)

Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of GodSaturday, January 1st (New Year's Day)

Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm

(No 4:30 pm Mass)

Holy Day of Obligation We are obligated to attend Mass on all Sundays of the year. We are also obligated in Canada to two Holy days of Obligation, Christmas and New Years Day.

Sacrament of Reconciliation This advent be reconciled to God; make the Sacrament of Reconciliation a part of your preparation for Christmas. Msgr. Sheehy, Fr. Rodrigues and visiting priests will hear confessions on:

Saturday, December 18th	9:30 am – 11:30 am
Monday, December 20th	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**'THE JOURNEY'
Sunday, December 19th**

Come and celebrate Christmas with Michael Coren (TV Host of 'Michael Coren Live'). On **Sunday, December 19th at 3:00 pm**. Blessed Trinity Choir, Children's Choir and all of our musicians will recount the story of the Holy Family in words and music. With Jesus, Mary and Joseph as our guide and inspiration, they will reflect on the journey of our ancestors and present day refugee families to this country. **Proceeds from this concert will support the Blessed Trinity refugee family.**

**Knights of Columbus**

General Meeting: Monday, December 20th at 7:30 pm

Executive Meeting: Monday, January 3rd at 7:30 pm

General Meeting: Monday, January 17th at 7:30 pm

Membership Drive: The first membership drive in the new year will take place on Sunday, January 23rd after all Masses.

**Catholic Women's League**

**Annual Dinner Dance
"Dancing Under the Stars"
Saturday, January 29, 2011**

Tickets (\$45) are now available. Please call Velma Letterio at 416-226-0590. Please mark it on your calendar.

First Executive Meeting for 2011: Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 10:00 am.

Marriage Preparation Classes

Classes begin on **Monday, January 10, 2011** and continue for the next six Mondays until February 28, 2011, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, plus one Saturday on February 12, 9:30 – 1:00 pm. The class meets in the Parish Hall. Please register by calling the office at 416-226-0262.

**Mass for the Unborn
Feast of the Holy Innocents**

Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Cathedral, 65 Bond Street, Toronto on **Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at 5:30 pm**. Archbishop Collins thanks all those active in the cause of life. All are welcome.

Midnight Mass with Pope Benedict

Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation will be broadcasting the Christmas Eve Mass with Pope Benedict XVI. The Mass will be broadcast live at 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve and rebroadcast Christmas Eve at 11:00 pm and Christmas Day at 3:30 am. For more information please contact 416-971-5353 or www.saltandlighttv.org.

Kolbe Eucharistic Mini-Retreat - On **Saturday, January 8th**, Fr. Henry McErlean O.S.A. will speak on **"Born for Glory"**. This mini-retreat will be held from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm at St. Brigid's Church, 300 Wolverleigh Blvd., Toronto. All are welcome. For more information please go to website www.kolbeapostolate.com.



Our frozen pans of **Chili** for the **Good Shepherd Refuge** are due in the parish hall by **next Sunday**. The deadline is always the last Sunday of the month, after the last Mass (7:00 pm). We thank all our loyal chili

cooks, and invite anyone who is willing to help us feed the hungry to pick up a pan and recipe from the parish office. The recipe is easy and delicious and makes enough to fill the Good Shepherd pan, with leftovers for your family's dinner. It takes so little effort to help us realize Christ's words: *"For I was hungry and you gave me food."* (Mt 25:35).

Vocations – "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife..." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him. Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to ministerial service, **contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997 or e-mail vocations@vocations.ca website: www.vocationstoronto.ca**

Sunday Missals – If you would like to have your own Sunday Missal for the year 2011, they are available in the office for \$5.00 each.



2011 envelope donation boxes are available in the parish hall for pick up. If there are any questions or errors, please contact the office. Please do not use your

2011 envelopes until January 1, 2011 and previous year envelopes should not be used in 2011.

"Let us permit that She preach that very penance through us; Let us open our hearts and permit Her to enter and let us give Her our heart and soul our body and our all without restriction or limitation. Let us consecrate ourselves totally to Her, without any limit, that we may be Her servants, Her sons, Her property and possession unconditionally; that we may be that instrumentality through which She is able to live in the world to speak to it and act in it."

St. Maximilian M. Kolbe

END OF YEAR AND BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR

We finish one year and begin another, we finish one thing and we start another. When will all this come to an end? At the end of time? Not quite. At the end of time there will be a final beginning and no end in sight thereafter!

In the meantime we continue to experience endings and beginnings that mark the journey to our final goal, which is God. We need to view all these beginning and endings as reality checkpoints. Are we going in the right direction? Will the road we are on take us to God?

The success of many events we celebrate in this life depends on the time we invest in preparing for them. The more we take it to heart and the more effort we put into it, the better chance we have to succeed. The foretaste of success galvanizes us to spend our energies and resources to achieve the goal.

What about the planning for that beginning-without-end we call everlasting life? We are told to live in the present, to take one day at a time since each day has troubles of its own; yet the foretaste of the future might give us the extra strength to embrace today and to start anew at the end of each day, each project, and each year with renewed enthusiasm. Think how happy you are to get a new outfit or move into a new house? Soon that outfit or house will not be new anymore. On the other hand, every moment in God's presence is a breath of fresh air in our life that only gets better and brighter with the passing of time, and our future has no end. The new self we discover with every change is part of the process that allows us to grow into the being who will stand before the throne of God for all eternity.

What is there that should inspire us to re-invent ourselves at every ending, help us endure the present, energize us day in and day out, stimulate our imagination, and allow us to wonder in contemplation? It is the joyful vision of all the blessed in the presence of the Lamb on the throne singing hymns of praise and thanksgiving. As St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "No eye has ever seen, nor ear heard, nor heart conceived what God has prepared for those who love him!" (1 Cr 2:9) Today might not be so overwhelming when enhanced by the image of tomorrow!

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