# **BLESSED TRINITY PARISH**

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# PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Ambrose E. Sheehy	Pastor
Rev. Eric Gregory Mah	Associate Pastor
Ms. Maria Agovino	Catechist
Mrs. Gail Bailey	Secretary
Mr. John Arruda	Custodian
Mr. Dan Christante	Property Manager

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

9:00 a.m 7:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m 4:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m 5:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m 1:30 p.m.

# SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:45 4:00 Sunday: 6:30

9:45 - 10:30 a.m. 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

# BAPTISM

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 2:00 p.m. by appointment.

# MARRIAGE

Please contact the rectory one Year in advance of desired date.

#### WEEKEND SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil	Mass:	4:30 p.m.
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
	12:15 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Friday:	8:00 a.m.
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.

# ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the month 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**NOVENA - ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX** Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

VOCATIONS Fr. Hansoo Park, Director Vocations 416-968-0997 www.serrahouse.ca www.vocations.ca

# **OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

#### **Elementary Schools**

Blessed Trinity School	416-393-5289
St. Agnes School	416-393-5345

#### **Secondary Schools**

St. Joseph's Morrow Park	416-393-5516
Brebeuf College School	416-393-5508



Monday, December 5 Special Intention Tuesday, December 6 John Banylis (Deceased) Requested by his daughter Wednesday, December 7

**ST. AMBROSE, Bishop, Doctor** Carmen Delgado (Deceased) *Requested by the Nowakowski family* 

8:00 am

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SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Special Intention

Thursday, December 8

Friday, December 9 Kenneth Au Yeung (Deceased) Requested by the family

Saturday, December 10

Vicente Castaneda (Deceased) Requested by the McDermott family



# Catholic Women's League

#### Annual Pot Luck Supper Tuesday, December, 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

Bring a friend, a dish to share and come and join in the festivities of the season. There will be a sing-a-long, raffle and a visit from Santa. All the women of the parish are cordially invited to an evening of fabulous food and fun. In the spirit of the Christmas season, please bring a non-perishable item, such as **canned goods, etc.** These will be collected by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

If you have not picked up your poinsettia order, please do so after Mass today (except for the 7:00 pm Mass).



# Knights of Columbus

**Executive Meeting** – *Mon, December* 5<sup>th</sup> **General Meeting** – *Mon, December* 19<sup>th</sup>



# Christmas Gift Tree

A reminder to all those who participated in the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree Gift Tag Program, that the deadline

for your wrapped gift to be dropped off at the Church is **Sunday, December 4**<sup>th</sup>.



# A CHILD IN THE MANGER

#### A family Christmas Concert

Blessed Trinity Liturgical Choir and Children's Choir Including selections from Handel's Messiah with orchestra

Narration by Msgr. Ambrose Sheehy

#### Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 3:00 pm Blessed Trinity Church

Tickets: \$10 with partial proceeds going to St. Vincent de Paul Society of Toronto. Tickets will be available after all Masses. For more information: 416-733-0210 or BTconcerts@gmail.com



# Gourmet Christmas Cakes (Campaign Life Coalition)

Want to get your family in a cheerful "Christmas mood" around the dinner

table this year? Try serving up a moist, mouth-watering Christmas cake! This year Campaign Life has contracted a new, pro-life baker. Together with the baker, they have developed a brand new recipe, with top quality ingredients. This is their most delicious Christmas fruitcake ever, and is getting rave reviews! The bonus is your purchase helps save babies from abortion and change hearts, by financially supporting the pro-life movement. Small cakes \$15, large cakes \$22 will be on sale in the parish hall *after all the Masses on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.* 



<u>Theresians</u> – Donations of ladies toiletries (hand creams, soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, etc.) will be gratefully accepted for gift bags for the Theresians' Christmas lunch guests on

December 14<sup>th</sup>. Our guests are women in transition from St. Clare's Residence, a shelter for abused women. We will need the toiletries by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to provide toiletry donations to this very worthwhile event, please contact Carol Hanlon at 416-494-4507 to arrange for collection. Thank you for your invaluable support.

# Attention all Confirmation Candidates

Msgr. Sheehy, Fr. Eric Mah, Ms. Maria Agovino will be conducting <u>five Saturday mornings</u> for the candidates from <u>all</u> schools on the following dates:

- Time: 10:00 am 12:00 noon
- Dates: January 21<sup>st</sup>, February 4<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup>, February 25, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012

These mornings are an extremely important part of preparation for the Sacrament

# CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - Mass: 9:00 am

Nativity of the Lord Vigil - Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Masses: 6:00 pm, 9:00 pm & Midnight

#### Solemnity of Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm (No 7:00 pm Mass)

Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> Mass: 9:00 am

Holy Mother of God Vigil – Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> Mass: 4:30 pm

#### Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm (No 7:00 pm Mass)

Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> Mass: 9:00 am

**Young Adults Dinner** – The Blessed Trinity Young Adults group is organizing a dinner event on **Saturday**, **December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm to be held at Baton Rouge**, which is located at Yonge and Empress and Sheppard Avenue. This is a great opportunity to meet other young Catholics from the parish. If you are interested in coming, please send your RSVP to Cathy at ccsmiley33@hotmail.com by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Each person is expected to pay for his/her own meal.

**Sunday Missals** – If you would like to have your own Sunday Missal for the year 2012, they are available in the office for \$5.00 each.

**New Beginnings** - For those who have lost a loved one through death, separation or divorce are invited to an evening at St. Bonaventure's Church hall (1300 Leslie Street, Toronto) for a presentation video called "Tear Soup" followed by a discussion on "How to manage the upcoming Christmas holidays." The presentation will take place on *Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 – 9:30 pm.* No registration required.

For more information, please call 416-921-1163 (ext. 2227) or email jshaughn@cfstoronto.com.

<u>Vocations</u> – If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Hansoo 416-968-0997 or email <u>vocations@vocations.ca</u>



#### SOLEMNITY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

#### Thursday, December 8

"The mystery of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, which we are solemnly celebrating today, reminds us of two fundamental truths of our faith: original sin first of all, and then the victory over it through Christ's

grace, a victory that shines in a sublime way in Mary Most Holy. The existence of what the Church calls "original sin" is unfortunately glaringly obvious, if we merely look around us and first of all within ourselves. The experience of evil is in fact so consistent that it imposes itself and raises in us the question: where does it come from? Especially for a believer, this question is even more profound: if God, who is absolute Goodness, created all things, where does evil come from? The first pages of the Bible (Gn 1-3) respond precisely to this fundamental question which challenges every human generation with the narrative of Creation and of the fall of our first parents: God created all things so that they might exist and in particular he created the human being in his own image; he did not make death but death entered the world through the envy of the devil (cf. Wis 1: 13-14; 2: 23-24) who, rebelling against God, deceived men and women and induced them to rebel as well. This is the drama of the freedom which God accepts to the very end for love, but promises that a woman's son will crush the head of the ancient serpent (Gn 3: 15).

From the very beginning, therefore the "Eternal Design" as Dante would say, has a "fixed goal" (Paradise, XXXIII, 3): the Woman predestined to become Mother of the Redeemer, Mother of the One who humbled himself unto death to restore us to our original dignity. In God's eves, this woman has always had a face and a name: "full of grace" (Lk 1: 28), as the Angel addressed her when he visited her at Nazareth. She is the new Eve, the Bride of the new Adam, destined to be Mother of all the redeemed. This is what St Andrew of Crete wrote: "The Theotokos, Mary, the common refuge of all Christians, was the first to be liberated from the primitive fall of our first parents". And today's liturgy says that God "prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy mother of his Son... and kept her sinless from the first moment of her being ... to let her share beforehand in the salvation Christ would bring by his death" (cf. Opening Prayer for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception).

Dear friends, in Mary Immaculate we contemplate the reflection of the Beauty that saves the world: the beauty of God resplendent on the Face of Christ. In Mary this beauty is totally pure, humble, free from all pride and presumption. Thus the Virgin showed herself to St Bernadette, 150 years ago, in Lourdes, and thus she is venerated at numerous shrines."

Pope Benedict XVI, St. Peter's Square, December 8, 2008

