



## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, HIGHLAND CREEK

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Saturday 5:00 p.m. Baya Arts

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Isis Rebello

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Jason Gotera

Sunday 7:00 p.m. Barbara Sullivan

**Organist:** Gerard Johnston

### Place for Prayer

The Chapel in the Rectory basement is open daily from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. for individuals or small groups

### Masses

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

First Fridays: 7:30 p.m.

First Saturdays: 7:00 p.m. (Pilipino)

Weekdays: 9:00 a.m. Mon. to Sat. (Rosary 8:25 a.m.)

### Confessions

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (or on request)

### Baptisms

Please contact St. Joseph's Parish Office at 416-282-0370 to register for the preparation.

### Marriages

Couples planning to be married must provide one year notice and are required to take a Marriage Preparation Course. At least one of the parties should be a parishioner. Initial inquiries should be directed to the Parish Office during office hours.

### Care of the Sick

Requests for prayers, visitation and/or Communion for the sick or housebound available upon request. Call 416-282-0370

### Parish Facilities

Reservations inquiries for the Parish Hall and Meeting Rooms should be directed to the Parish Office.

### Parish Ministries

Altar Servers	Eric Pinto
Bereavement Ministry	Joan Doyle, Margaret Wilton
Building Committee	Doris McKeogh
Catholic Women's League	Lucia Vacca
CFC Foundation for Family & Life	Leo & Jane De Guia
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Phil & Winnie Martin
Facility Management	Joanne Cline
Finance Council	Tom Wetzel
Knights of Columbus	Roy Van Veen
Lectors	Susan Hall-Jennings
Legion of Mary	Dawne Williams & Rohini Furtado
Liturgy for Children	Lavern Walters
Prayer Group	Jean Fernandes & Wavell D'Souza
RCIA	Donna Tomie
Refugee-Outreach Committee	Carmela Gaudet
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Tom Deluca
Screening Committee	Therese Baduria
Seniors 50+	Joe Van Pinxteren
ShareLife	Pat Sheehan
Sunday School	Angie Bernard
Wedding Co-ordinator	Ingrid Stalteri
Ushers	5:00 p.m. Peter Almeida
	9:00 a.m. Benny Cyncora
	11:00 a.m. Val Felix
	7:00 p.m. Matthew Ramdial & John Ramdial
Youth Ministry	Angela Bernard

### Parish Schools

Cardinal Leger	600 Morrish Road	416-393-5419
St. Brendan	186 Centennial Road	416-393-5359
St. Dominic Savio	50 Tideswell Blvd.	416-393-5467
St. Jean de Brebeuf	101 Dean Park Road	416-393-5394

### Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.  
1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



# First Sunday of Advent, Year A December 3rd 2017

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK December 2 to December 9

Sat. December 2	9:00 am	† Jose Desa
	5:00 pm	† CWL Members living and deceased
Sun. December 3	9:00 am	† Raymond Boudreau
	11:00 am	For the People of our Parish
	7:00 pm	Intention of Paul Family
Mon. December 4	9:00 am	† Souls in Purgatory
Tues. December 5	9:00 am	† Michael D'Souza
Wed. December 6	9:00 am	Intention of the Cenacle Group
Thurs. December 7	9:00 am	Intention of Lillian Partington
Fri. December 8		<b>Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	9:00 am	Intention of Claudette Udarbe & Family
		Intention of Denis Gracias
		† Pete Shehan
		† Desmond Dewhurst
		† Senator Tobias Enverga Jr.
Sat. December 9	9:00 am	† Virginia & Caetano Pereira
	5:00 pm	† Rosario Calandra



## PARISH MINISTRY - CONTACTS

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** General Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month in Room 2. Rosary at 7:10 p.m. followed by a meeting. Contact Lucia Vacca at 416-283-3536

**FAITH ENRICHMENT:** Thursdays at 9:30 -10:45 a.m. in Room 2. Contact: Bonnie Washer at 416-284-5772 or Louise at 416-283-5055

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS:** General Meetings every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2. Contact Roy Van Veen at 416-281-0132

**LEGION OF MARY:** Meetings every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1, Legion of Mary Juniors at 6:30 p.m. Contact: Dawne Williams at 416-284-8699 or Rohini Furtado at 647-827-5964.

**LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST PROGRAM:**

**PRAYER GROUP:** Meetings every Thursday 7:30 p.m. Rosary at 7:45 p.m. (Praise and Worship, Reflection on the Sunday Gospel, or a Biblical Teaching & Fellowship). Contact: Jean Fernandes at 416-281-4182 or Wavell D'Souza at 416-498-0948

**REFUGEE OUTREACH COMMITTEE:** Meets on the last Saturday of the month after the Gatherings. Contact Carmela Gaudet at 416-283-8151

**SENIORS 50 + CLUB:** Lunch, cards, scrabble and companionship from 12:00 - 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall every Wednesday. Seniors Mass is on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Contact: Joe Van Pinxteren at 416-284-4213.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:** Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in Room 3. Contact: Tom De Luca at 416-606-9260.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Contact Angela Bernard @ youthministry@stjosephstoronto.org

## REFLECTION

The first Sunday of Advent alerts us to the season of Christmas, when we celebrate God's climactic breaking into time and space.

But it also reminds us how unexpectedly God appears in our midst. We must be ready. In today's gospel Jesus cautions us that he will come suddenly as unexpectedly as a burglar! In our day to day concerns we may forget that now is the time to be converted from sin and to put on the Lord Jesus who saves us.

For the Day of the Lord (symbolized by light) is dawning. Isaiah's prophecy looks toward that final day when all peoples will stream to God in worship and rejoicing. In the presence and light of the Lord the world will finally know the peace for which it yearns. Christ's coming in glory at the end of time will surprise all of us, their hearts can prepare the world to experience the joy of God's presence. Then the whole human community will recognize the Prince of Peace and discover their Father's house. (Sunday Mass Book For Canada)



## CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

**The Archdiocesan Day of Confessions is scheduled for:**

Thursday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**The Parish Advent Reconciliation Service is scheduled for:**

Monday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m.

## KORO PILIPINO

Cordially invites you to join the celebration of **SIMBANG GABI**

(Mass of Advent: Dec. 15 to Dec. 24, 2017)

Dec. 15, Fri.	8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	St. Bartholomew Ch.
Dec. 16, Sat.	7:30 to 8:30 p.m.	St. Joseph's Parish
Dec. 17, Sun.	8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	St. Bartholomew Ch.
Dec. 18, Mon.	8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	St. Bartholomew Ch.
Dec. 19, Tues.	7:30 to 8:30 p.m.	St. Joseph's Parish
Dec. 20, Wed.	8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	St. Bartholomew Ch.
Dec. 21, Thurs.	7:30 to 8:30 p.m.	St. Joseph's Parish
Dec. 22, Fri.	8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	St. Bartholomew Ch.
Dec. 23, Sat.	7:30 to 8:30 p.m.	St. Joseph's Parish
Dec. 24, Sun.	9:00 to 9:30 p.m.	St. Joseph's Parish
	(Carols)	
	9:30 to 10:30 p.m.	St. Joseph's Parish
	(Mass)	

**St. Bartholomew is located at 59 Heather Road (Brimley & Sheppard)**

In true Filipino culture and tradition, there will be light refreshments after the mass. Everyone is welcome. Bring your family and friends to celebrate with the Koro Pilipino and the Filipino community. There is a celebration of Pilipino Mass every first Saturday of the month at St. Joseph's Parish. Pilipino Mass is sponsored by the Filipino Neighbourhood Association of Highland Creek (FNAHC) with the approval of the Filipino Catholic Mission, Archdiocese of Toronto.

**For more information, please contact one of the following members:**

Yoly del Mundo	416-560-5736
Lita Calalang	416-286-7524
Alice Siervo	416-283-7515
Agnes Alix	416-835-5226

## SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

### Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

**3rd Parent Meeting:** Sunday, February 4th  
@ 1:00 p.m. in the Church  
**Repeat:** Monday February 5th  
@ 7:00 p.m. in the Church

### Confirmation

Confirmation classes will begin in January 2018.  
Class lists will be posted in the Narthex in December.

## CHRISTMAS POSTAL STAMP

The tradition of religious Christmas Postage Stamps is no accident. This was the result of a resolution presented and accepted by The Catholic Women's League of Canada in its 85th Annual National Convention, who urged Canada Post to include a Nativity-related theme in future Christmas stamps. As Catholics we are very privileged to have these annual religious stamps produced by Canada Post, however, this tradition must be supported by us in order for it to continue.

The Christmas Postage Stamp for 2017 is an early 15th Century Renaissance painting by Tommaso di Stefano Lunetti entitled: *The Adoration of the Shepherds*.

This masterpiece is housed at the Art Gallery of Toronto and it depicts the gospel of Luke when angels announced the birth of Jesus to humble shepherds.

**It is important that you ask for this specific stamp from your local Post Office as they are available during the Christmas season only. You are welcome to use them throughout the year. Please grace your Christmas mailings with these special stamps to ensure this tradition endures.**



## VOCATIONS

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Father Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



## CHRISTMAS BELLS EVENT

Taking place this coming Saturday,  
December 9th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Join us for a very fun event for the family!

This includes carol singing for our parish's choirs, Bingo, face-painting and crafts for the kids. Santa will be making a guest appearance and families will have a chance to have a printed photo made with him.

Come for the fun and celebration of the "most wonderful time of the year" along with your friends and family!

St. Joseph's is wheelchair accessible

## CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES

Once again Mr. Roy Fox will be selling Christmas cakes in the Narthex on the weekends from December 3rd to December 17th.

Sales will occur after Saturday's 5:00 p.m. mass and Sunday's 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. masses.

No sales on Sunday evening.

These traditional Fruit Cakes are made by the Monks residing at Val Notre Dame Abbey and are \$18.00 each.

For special orders please call:  
Roy Fox @ 416-286-5798



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

### **There's still time!**

All donations, large or small are appreciated and can be placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Box after Mass or dropped off at the Church and office.

If you know of any family in the parish that could use some extra help for this season please do not hesitate to call us at 416-282-0370 extension 217

**Thank you and God Bless!**

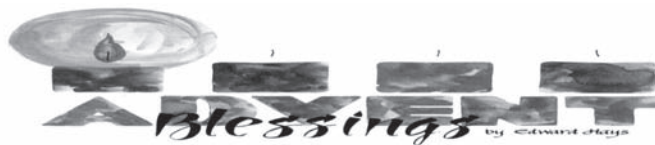
## HOSPITALITY MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH

*I was a stranger and you welcomed me. (Matthew 25:35)*

Can we do more than we are already doing to make our Parish a place where all are welcome? Yes we can. Can we do more to welcome people to our Sunday Masses? Of course we can and we should. Hospitality is an essential part of what our Lord expects of us. Fortunately we already have an active Ushers Ministry that we can build on and integrate into a comprehensive hospitality team of ushers, greeters, etc. If you feel called to serve our community as a member of this team, please talk to any of the Priest, Deacons or call our Parish Office at 416-282-0370.

## DURING THIS ADVENT....

"Take time to be aware that in the very midst of busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in the Bethlehems of our homes and daily lives. Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary yet is wondrously present." (Edward Hays)



## FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All parishioners are invited to join us in a night of Christmas Caroling at local senior homes on **Sunday December 10th. Join us at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall** as we go out and spread the Christmas spirit to those in need of some cheer. The singing will be followed by a social in the Church Hall at 8:00 p.m. For further information please contact Carlo Vacca 416-283-3536





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