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 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Baya Arts
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 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

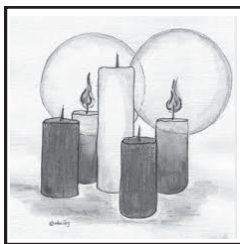
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| Building Committee | Doris McKeogh |
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| CFC Foundation for Family & Life | Leo & Jane De Guia |
| Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers | Phil & Winnie Martin |
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| 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

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| Cardinal Leger | 600 Morrish Road | 416-393-5419 |
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| 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.



Second Sunday of Advent Year A December 10th 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

December 9 to December 16

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| Sat. Dec. 9 | 9:00 am | † Virginia & Caetano Pereira |
| | 5:00 pm | † Rosario Calandra |
| Sun. Dec. 10 | 9:00 am | † Alison DeSilva |
| | 11:00 am | For the People of our Parish |
| | 7:00 pm | † Lorna Gomes |
| Mon. Dec. 11 | 9:00 am | † Jim Malcolm |
| Tues. Dec. 12 | Our Lady of Guadalupe | |
| | 9:00 am | † John Wallner |
| Wed. Dec. 13 | 9:00 am | † Terrence Kelly |
| Thurs. Dec. 14 | 9:00 am | Intention of Deborah Fernandes |
| Fri. Dec. 15 | 9:00 am | † Desmond Dewhurt |
| | | † Desmond D'Souza |
| | | † Senator Tobias Enverga |
| Sat. Dec. 16 | 9:00 am | † Winnie Chinniah |
| | 5:00 pm | † Natalie & Vitorino Rodrigues |

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.

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 Next General Meeting on Monday November 13th @ 7:00 pm

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

John the Baptist cries "Repent!" in the wilderness of a godless world. His message is simple yet demanding: Turn toward God, change your hearts, confess your sins. He rebukes those who would be baptized without inner conversion, for rites alone do not save. He preaches the imminence of God's reign, about to begin in Jesus' public ministry. But where John prepares the way for Jesus with stern language, Isaiah promises a king of David's line "we recognize him to be Christ" who will bring in the messianic era of peace, justice, and knowledge of God. He will be like a new shoot springing from an old root, giving new life to our withered lives. God's presence will be paradise; on his holy mountain we will learn to "know" God by experiencing him. Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire, cleansing and purifying as John could not. He prepares us for this encounter with God. Then we will be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit listed by Isaiah, gifts possessed first in their fullness by Jesus himself.

(Sunday Mass Book For Canada)

GOOD SHEPHERD

PROVIDE-A-MEAL PROGRAM 2018

The casseroles parishioners prepare feed the needy who visit the Good Shepherd Refuge on Queen Street East.

How the program works:

A lidded casserole container and recipe are provided.

You can find them in our Office's vestibule.

Prepare the same meal once a month.

Drop off the **FROZEN** casserole on the dates provided below **between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. after the Saturday mass in the west parking lot.**

It's a simple plan that provides many in need

To participate or have any questions please contact:

Annie Alkins: 416-283-7420

DROP OFF DATES

**For 2018: Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5,
Jun 2, Jul 7, Aug. No pick up, Sept. 8,
Oct. 13, Nov. 3, Dec. 1**

KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS

Christmas Caroling tonight! (Sunday Dec. 10th)

All parishioners are invited to join us in a night of Caroling at local senior homes. Join us at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall and we will go and spread the Christmas spirit to those in need of cheer. The singing will be followed by a Social in the Church Hall at 8:00 p.m.

THEOLOGY ON TAP EAST

**Monday, Dec. 11 @ 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Boston Pizza
400 Progress Avenue**

Faith Connections and local parishes invite young adults (19-39) to join in an evening of thought-provoking Theological discussion in a comfortable and relaxed setting, with special guests: Llorene & Renard Romero, Leanna Cappiello and Leslie Gyulay. Munchies provided, cash bar. Please come and bring a friend!

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 POSTAGE 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 them 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

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director at The Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org



EDGE Families will experience a "Star is Born": the birth of Jesus, when God the Son left heaven to become human live with us! Let the LOVE of Christ fill Christmas. For information please call the Youth Minister, Angie Bernard at 416-242-8429.

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**



MOTHER TERESA ON ADVENT

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern" (Mother Teresa)



ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses:

4:30 p.m. Christmas Feature presented by Celebration Group
5:00 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Carol presentation by St. Joseph's Folk Group
7:30 p.m. Mass
9:00 p.m. Carol presentation by Philipino Mass Group
9:30 p.m. Philipino Mass
11:15 p.m. Carol presentation by Senior Choir
12:00 a.m. Mass

Christmas Day Masses: 9:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. choir)
11:00 a.m. (Senior Choir)

New Year's Eve Masses: 9:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. Choir)
11:00 a.m. (Senior Choir)

5:00 p.m. (St. Joseph's Folk Grp.)
New Year's Day Masses: 9:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. choir)
11:00 a.m. (Senior Choir)

7:00 p.m. (Celebration Group)

Epiphany of the Lord: 9:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. choir)
(Sunday, Jan. 7) 11:00 a.m. (Senior Choir)

7:00 p.m. (Celebration Group)



Christmas Play December 24, rehearsal on Dec. 17
Calling all young parishioners from 3 years old to Grade 8. Come join our Christmas Play with **rehearsal on Dec. 17th at 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.** The presentation will take place on December 24 at 4:30 to 4:50 p.m. before the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Participants should arrive at 4:00 p.m. on the day of our performance. Thank you, Angie Bernard 416-242-8429

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