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Saturday 5:00 p.m. Baya Arts 9:00 a.m. Isis Rebello Sunday 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

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9:00 a.m. Benny Cyncora Val Felix

11:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m. Matthew Ramdial & John Ramdial

Youth Ministry Angela Bernard

#### **Parish Schools**

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#### **Parish Office Hours**

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

1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



# Third Sunday of Advent Year A December 17th 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK		
Decmeber 16 to December 23		
Sat. Dec. 16	9:00 am	† Winnie Chinniah
	5:00 pm	† Natalie & Vitorino Rodrigues
Sun. Dec. 17	9:00 am	† Giuseppe Cornacchia
	11:00 am	For the People of our Parish
	7:00 pm	† Vineznzo & Maria Giordano
Mon. Dec. 18	9:00 am	Intention of Marylou & Brian
		Halferty
Tues. Dec. 19	9:00 am	† Bernadette D'Nova
Wed. Dec. 20	9:00 am	† Ercole Raponi
Thurs. Dec. 21	9:00 am	† Martin Coyle
Fri. Dec. 22	9:00 am	Intention of Maria Guya
		Intention of Cuong Vu Family
		† Ena, Neville & John DaSilva
		† Rosa Dizon
		† Vinzi Moione
Sat. Dec. 23	9:00 am	† Hannoriah Fitzgerald
	5:00 pm	Intention of Royce D'Souza &
		family



## Parish Advent Reconciliation Service Monday December 18 @ 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. Next one on Jan. 15th 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 Next meeting on Jan. 18th.

**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

at youthministry@stjosephstoronto.org

#### REFLECTION

For Isaiah the image of wasteland represents the state of humanity unredeemed. But God is coming to save us, and the prophet calls on the wilderness to break into bloom. Just as nature's beauty reflects the Lord's approaching splendor, our lives should radiate joy. For God's people are about to

be made whole; he is ransoming (redeeming) us.

Everlasting happiness will replace the suffering we experience while exiled from God. In the gospel Jesus applies to himself Isaiah's words about the Messiah who saves the poor, the ill, the disabled. Jesus himself will bring in the age of joy. But in his prison cell John the Baptist questioned whether Jesus fit the Messiah's description; John's message had emphasized vengeance. Jesus' ministry will perfect our understanding of how God saves: the role of God brings healing, it is not imposed by might or in wrath. Those who witness Christ's work are even more blessed than John, the one who prepared his way.

(Sunday Mass Book For Canada)

#### **HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

On Friday, December 22nd the office will close at 12:30 p.m. We will reopen on Wednesday, December 27th
We are closed on Monday January 1st and will reopen on Tuesday January 2nd @ 9:00 a.m.



#### 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.

An empty container will be exchanged when you drop off. We encourage you make extra because it is delicious! Below you will find December's drop off date and the dates for 2018.

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

St. Joseph's is wheelchair accessible

#### 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.

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO Win Great Prizes!

By participating in the Friars' Student Writing Award Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a 500 word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2018. The theme for this coming year is "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power" (cf. Exodus 15:6). Students should read the Scripture passage Exodus 15:1-21 and respond to the following question in the essay:

Just as the Israelites sought deliverance from enslavement, in contemporary society the dignity of all people is threatened by new enslavements to poverty, violence, injustice and addictions. In what ways can Christians of all denominations work together to stave off these assaults to human dignity? Explain.

First prize is an IPad Pro (128 GB), second prize is a Kobo Aura H2O Edition2 and third to sixth prizes are a one year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes.

Essays will be edited and published in The Catholic Register.

#### Deadline for entries is January 8, 2018.

E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or FAX it to 416-934-3409 (please include your full name, email address, phone number and the name of your school on the front page of the essay).

For further information please call 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or 416-934-3410 ext. 403 or 1-855-441-4077.

An opportunity you should not miss!

#### A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Our parish Christmas Party this year was very successful. More people attended than we had ever imagined or hoped for. It was, indeed, an enriching time-together for young and old alike. We owe a debt of gratitude to the members of the Parish Social Committee, the many enthusiastic volunteers, the members of the different choirs and the individuals who gave very generously of their time, talents and resources. These make it possible for us to have a good time together.

To them, we remain ever grateful. Father Oliver Iwuchukwu, CSSp.



#### **CHRISTMAS POSTAGE STAMPS**

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 angles 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





#### ST. JOSEPH'S ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & **NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

#### **Christmas Eve Masses:**

4:30 p.m. Christmas Feature presented by Celebration Group

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Carol presentation by St. Joseph's Folk Group

7:30 p.m.

9:00 p.m. Carol Presentation by Philipino Mass Group

9:30 p.m. (Philipino Mass)

12:00 a.m. (Senior Choir)

**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 Choir)









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