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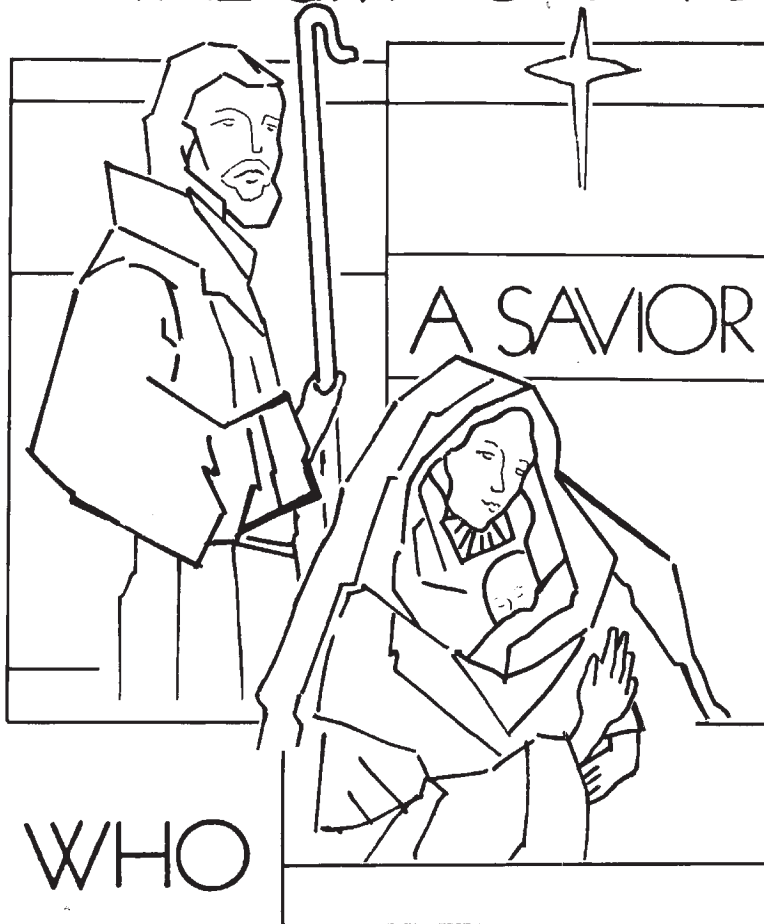
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BORN THIS DAY

IN THE CITY OF DAVID



WHO

IS CHRIST THE LORD



Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A December 24th 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK December 23 to December 30

Sat. Dec. 23	9:00 am	† Hannoriah Fitzgerald
	5:00 pm	Intention of Royce D'Souza & Family
Sun. Dec. 24	9:00 am	† Gino Ondrato Colangelo
	11:00 am	For the People of our Parish
	7:00 pm	† Abramo DeAcetis
Mon. Dec. 25	The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	
	9:00 am	† Deceased members of DiNova Family
	11:00 am	For the People of our Parish
Tues. Dec. 26	St. Stephen "the promartyr"	
	9:00 am	† Joan Williams
Wed. Dec. 27	St. John Apostle and Evangelist	
	9:00 am	† John Rodrigues
Thurs. Dec. 28	9:00 am	† Casmir D'Silva
Fri. Dec. 29	9:00 am	Intention of Gabrielle Laberinto Intention of Ngoc Vu Intention of Baby Damian † Cristino Balin & Enrico Aguilar † Evarista Aguilar
Sat. Dec. 30	9:00 am	Intention of Mario & Maria Simao
	5:00 pm	† Simonne Beirne



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 Meeting on Jan. 15.

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. 18.

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

God, Emmanuel, is with us. The promise made long ago to King Ahaz is fulfilled. That king lacked trust in God, and feared to ask for a sign. Matthew applies this ancient prophecy to Jesus' birth, of a virgin who at last put total faith in God. But what was Mary's predicament? We must not let false piety obscure what an earlier age saw clearly. Matthew tells the story from Joseph's point of view. We hear of an angel's visit to him rather than to Mary, for she was misunderstood and Joseph faced a dilemma. As a just man, he must obey the Law and repudiate his pregnant fiancée; as compassionate, he did not want to expose her to disgrace or punishment. He was about to divorce Mary quietly when God revealed his design. This child to be born, who will save from sin, shares with those closest to him the uncertainties and anguish of human life. Even his parents must learn to trust God completely. As Christmas nears, let us pray for trust like Mary's and Joseph's that God may work out his plan in each of us.
(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.**

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.

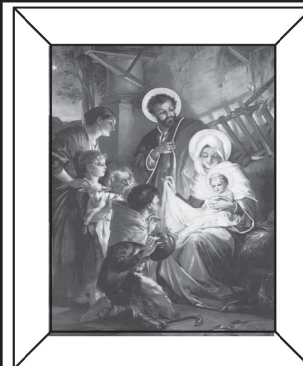
To participate or have any questions please contact:

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**

It is a joy to express my gratitude to those past and present who have contributed to this program. Thank you and have a very Merry Christmas along with good health and happiness for 2018. Many Blessings, Annie



*The
Pastoral and Office
Teams
would like
to wish you
and your
families a very
Merry Christmas*

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 posted in the Narthex.

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!

FAMILY OF FAITH

Thank you for your commitment to our parish's Family of Faith Campaign. The efforts that we make together will further the Pastoral Plan and Mission of our Church. Please remember to honour the pledge that you made. As payments are made, funds will be deposited into our account to help us repay our parish loan, grow our youth ministry and hopefully pave our parking lot.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #11525

Inviting all parishioners to participate in our organization's 5th Sunday Rosary Program. **This will occur after the 9:00 a.m. mass on Sunday December 31**

TORONTO SERRA CLUBS

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Father Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 or email at vocations@archtoronto.org

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS BROADCASTS

For those who cannot make it to Church, please join the Catholic Community this Christmas.

Watch the Daily T.V. Mass: **Christmas Eve** on Vision T.V. at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time

yesTV at 10:00 p.m.
Eastern Time

Christmas Day on Vision T.V. at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Salt & Light at 11:00 p.m.
Eastern Time

yesTV at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time



You can also watch on the web at www.dailytvmass.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE REMINDER



Membership renewal for 2018 is taking place now.
Please contact Lucia Vacca for information at
416-283-3536

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

We welcome you to attend our opening Mass on December 24th Christmas Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

It's a joyous occasion as we celebrate as a community of faith and have an opportunity to socialize with friends, new and old. Father Anthony Gonsalves

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I truly believe that if we keep telling the Christmas story, singing the Christmas songs and living the Christmas spirit, we can bring joy and happiness and peace to this world.

(Norman Vincent Peale)

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