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prepare the way...



December 22, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A

MASSES FOR THE WEEK December 21 to December 28

Sat. Dec 21	9:00 am † Martin Coyle
	5:00 pm † Dorothy & Samuel Johns
Sun. Dec 22	9:00 pm † Peter Tordy
	11:00 am The People of the Parish
	7:00 pm † Sean Noble
Mon. Dec 23	9:00 am † Peter Banks
Tues. Dec 24	9:00 am † Celine Pinto
Wed. Dec 25	Blessings for Christmas Day
Thurs. Dec 26	9:00 am † Joan Williams
Fri. Dec 27	9:00 am Intention of Clifford D'Silva
	† Denis Pinto
	† Cristino & Anita Balin
	† Deceased member of Pinto and D'Souza families
	† Maria Sequeira
Sat. Dec 28	9:00 pm † Michael & Margaret Mullane
	5:00 pm † Pascalia Rodrigues

Christmas 2019

Our Pastoral Team would like to extend you all, wishes for a very Merry Christmas to you and your family.



SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

First Communion: First Communion 1st meeting
Children are expected to attend these meetings

Sunday February 9th @ 1:00 p.m.
or Monday February 10th @ 7:00 p.m.

First Communion 2nd meeting

Sunday March 1st @ 1:00 p.m.
Monday March 2nd @ 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation: Class lists will be posted soon.
First class will take place during the final week of January.

Confirmation Classes will run on a monthly basis from Jan. to May.



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 and 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)

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Please visit our website for some information about us: www.stjosephstoronto.org. You can register on line. Registration forms are also available at the back of the Church, in the Narthex and the Hall. We are happy to have to have you as a member of our parish family.

PARISH MINISTRY—CONTACTS

Catholic Women's League: Kim Deans 416-206-6341 & Marla Tanuan 416-209-8659. General Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2.

Faith Enrichment: Bonnie Washer at 416-284-5772 or Louise at 416-283-5055 Thursdays at 9:30 -10:45 a.m. in Room 2.

Knights of Columbus: David Belcastro at 647-458-0591 General Meetings every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2.

Legion of Mary: Dawne Williams at 416-284-8699 or Rohini Furtado at 647-827-5964. Meetings are on every Tuesday in Room 1. Adults meet at 7:30 pm and Juniors meet at 6:30 pm.

Live Christ Share Christ Program: Francis and Therese Baduria at 416-281-5973. Meetings every first Saturday of the month after the 9:00 a.m. mass.

Prayer Group: Jennie Fernandes at 416-286-3568 or Sheila McManus at 416-4388453. Meetings every Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Refugee Outreach: Carmela Gaudet at 416-283-8151. Meets on the last Saturday of the month after the Gatherings.

Seniors 50+ Club: Joe Van Pinxteren at 416-284-4213 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at 9:30 am. in Room 3. Contact: 416-282-0370 ext. 217

Technology Ministry: Contact Isis Rebello, 416-286-0707

Youth Ministry: Contact Angie Bernard, 647-242-8429 or youth.ministry@stjosephstoronto.org

**ST. JOSEPH'S 2019
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)

4:20 p.m. Nativity Play
 4:45 p.m. Carol Singing (Celebration Group)
 5:00 p.m. Mass
 7:00 p.m. Carol Singing (Saturday Folk Group)
 7:30 p.m. Mass
 9:00 p.m. Philipino (carol singing)
 9:30 p.m. Philipino Mass
 11:15 p.m. Carol Singing (Senior Choir)
 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25th (Christmas Day)



9:00 a.m. Mass
 11:00 a.m. Mass
 No Evening Mass

Tuesday, December 31st



9:00 a.m. Mass
 5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Mass

Wednesday, January 1st (New Year's Day)

9:00 a.m. Mass
 11:00 a.m. Mass
 7:00 p.m. Mass



OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th	9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 25th	Closed
Thursday, December 26th	Closed
Tuesday, December 31st	9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 1st	Closed

SERRA'S 'VOCATIONAL SEEDS'

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife...When Joseph awoke from sleep, he dis as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact:

Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997



BIBLE STUDY

New Bible Study for 2020!
 Matthew – The King and His Kingdom
 24 Sessions, January 7 to June 23, 2020
 Weekly Small Group discussions and DVD teaching
 Taking place in the Parish's Hall on Tuesdays,
 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 Please contact Pat Wilson for information and to register
 Contact Info: pwils435@gmail.com or 416-997-8303



 **POPE FRANCIS' TWITTER FEED**

The time before Christmas calls us to ask ourselves: What is the great desire of my heart? It is God Himself who puts this “thirst” in our hearts. And He comes to meet us by this route, wherever there is hunger and thirst for peace, hunger and thirst for justice, freedom and love. (Dec. 13)

GOOD SHEPHERD 2020 SCHEDULE

Thank you for all your support during 2019!
 You're contributions have help many who are in need.
 If you're interested in participating in the program
 please contact Annie Alkins at 416-283-7420
2020's drop off schedule is as follows:
Jan. 4; Feb. 1; Mar. 7; Apr. 4; May 2; June 6;
July 11; Aug. no pick up; Sept. 12;
Oct. 3; Nov. 7; Dec. 5

PSALMS: THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

**St. Gertrudes's Parish Hall
 690 King St. E., Oshawa**

This is an 11 week Bible study that will explore how the words of the Psalms captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God. Video presentation by Dr. Tim Gray followed by group Discussions. No charge but the study guide for \$40.00 is highly recommended. **Call 905-433-0828 for more info.**

Youth Ministry Corner

<https://www.stjosephstoronto.org/ministries/youth/>

Registration forms are in the Narthex
 The Youth Ministry thanks God for loving humanity so much that “He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.” John 3:16 Have a blessed and holy Christmas Season.

Next HS Foundations is on Jan.5th 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.
 Come Holy Spirit. Come high school students.
 Includes free supper. Registration is also free.

NATIVITY PLAY

The Nativity Play will be presented from 4:20 to 4:45 p.m. on Dec. 24th (before the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass) IF your child is between 3 and 13 years old, s/he can still participate by dressing as an angel or a shepherd and arriving at 4:00 p.m. For more info. Please call Angie: 647-242-8429

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