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prepare the way...

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 21

5:00 PM +Aleixo Pereira, +Mike Di Luna,
+Valentino Mascarenhas, +Catarina Tran
Thi Tham, Souls in Purgatory
7:00 PM For the Parish Community

Sunday, December 22

7:30 AM For the Intentions of Fr. Mark
9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Sia Family, +Ada
& Gino Rispol, +Pilar Sanchez, +Cristina
DiCorte, +Giovanni Romeo
11:00 AM + For the Poor Souls, +Joseph
Bauzon, +Zenaida Alvarez, +Isidro & Maria
San Diego, +Tomas & Rosita Rovel
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Kathleen
Carolasan, +Federico, Lourdes, Joseph
Anthony Rubia, +Richard Valere, +Lina de
Montbrun, +Charles D'Sa
7:00 PM For the Parish Community

Monday, December 23

7:00 PM +Agapito & Editha del Socorro,
+Cenona Jabile, Sr

Tuesday, December 24

7:30 AM For the intention of Fr. Mark
5:00 PM For the Parish Community
7:00 PM For the Parish Community
9:00 PM For the Parish Community
12:00 AM For the Parish Community

Wednesday, December 25

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM For the Parish Community
11:00 AM For the Parish Community
12:30 PM For the Parish Community

Thursday, December 26

7:30 AM +Arzelina Francisca Vaz Rodrigues
+Evelyn Macalaguim, +Juanito Umsa

Friday, December 27

7:00 PM +Emmanuel Rassam

Saturday, December 28

9:00 AM +Teodrora, Cecilio, Conrado, and
Narcisa Nicomedez

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is the lighted candle that is hanging above the tabernacle to signify the presence of Jesus in our midst. If you wish to sponsor a candle, please see the Parish Desk for more information. Thank you to all the families who have sponsored it throughout 2019.

December 22 Thanksgiving of Prollamante Family
December 26 Thanksgiving for Inacio & Paula Lee-Len
December 30 +Mary D. Kelly

Fourth Sunday of Advent



As Christmas fast approaches and Advent is drawing to a close, let us remind ourselves of the importance of this liturgical season. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ as well as His final coming at the end of time. However, the great saints of the church also speak of an intermediary coming, the coming of Christ to our present lives. Let us take a moment to ask ourselves, if the Lord showed up in our life today, would there be room for Him?

As stewards, we often face the temptation to let our works of charity become a life of volunteering instead of a spirituality of service. Our many works may begin to take precedence over our relationship with Christ which should always remain as the source of our stewardship. This Advent, as we are waiting for Christ, Christ is also waiting for us. Jesus says in the Book of Revelation, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you" (Rev. 3.20). He is waiting for us to open the door and let him in.

We can let him into our lives as stewards by realizing it is not ourselves ministering to our neighbour, but the love and presence of Christ within us. St. Teresa of Calcutta says it best when she proclaims that, "it is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at someone and offer them your hand." St. Teresa of Calcutta fully embodies the spirit of stewardship that makes room for Christ to love others through her. Let us strive to let Jesus into our lives as we approach Christmas.

*Too late for the Sacrament of
Reconciliation?*

NO.

*While there is still time, prepare
your hearts to welcome Christ!*

*Come to the sacrament and
experience the healing love of God.*



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord
December 24

5 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM, and 12 Midnight

December 25

7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM

Feast of St. Stephen

December 26

7:30 AM

(Please note that the Office will be closed for December 26 and will resume normal office hours on December 27)

Feast of St. John, Apostle

December 27

7 PM

Feast of the Holy Innocents

December 28

9 AM

Feast of the Holy Family

December 28/29

(see Sunday Schedule)

6th Day of the Christmas Octave

December 30

7 PM

7th Day of the Christmas Octave

December 31

7:30 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31

5 PM

January 1

9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 Noon

Feast of Sts. Basil and Gregory

January 2

7:30 AM

(Please note that the Office will be closed for January 2 and will resume normal office hours on January 3)

We are still receiving Gift Cards to assist Families in our parish who may need the assistance during this Christmas Season. You can drop your donation in the parish offertory when you come for Holy Mass. Thank you for your generosity!

SUNDAY OFFERING	
Offertory	\$ 4,951.45
Building Fund	\$ 1,976
Liturgical Fund	\$ 103.30
Mass Stipend	\$ 360
Baptism	\$ 174.05
Carpets	\$ 703.50
Candle Offering	\$ 181.40
Blinds	\$ 245
Total	\$ 8,744.70

Update on our Bank Loan to construct the church	
Opening Balance	\$4,714,913.86
Less Payment	\$ 1,976
Total Loan to date	\$4,712,983.86

Thank you for your continued support towards the retirement of our Parish Bank Loan. The annual interest of 4% is a heavy burden to shoulder, but with your generosity, we are able to meet our obligations. May God return to you a hundredfold over your kindness toward your church community.

There are several ways you can assist in the retirement of this Bank Loan. You can donate monthly through credit card or Pre-authorized automatic giving. If you wish to know more about this form of giving, we have information in the narthex or approach Choy or Susan or the Parish Desk.

Your Donation Box of Envelopes 2020 is also available for pickup in the narthex. If you can't find your box or if you have never had a box before and wish to receive one, please approach Clifford, Ben, or Daniel at the Parish Desk to request it.

Please ensure that we have your correct information. We will soon be issuing Tax Receipts. Thank you!

For your safety during the Winter months

Snow accumulation in our slope roof especially during Heavy snow days may trigger an avalanche around the church perimeter. We will be closing the inner courtyards and we ask fellow parishioners to please use the main entrance or the hall entrance to enter or exit our worship space. Please be aware also that our church is standing on a ground that has a higher water table. Wet areas do not easily dry and can freeze quickly. Thank you for your cooperation.

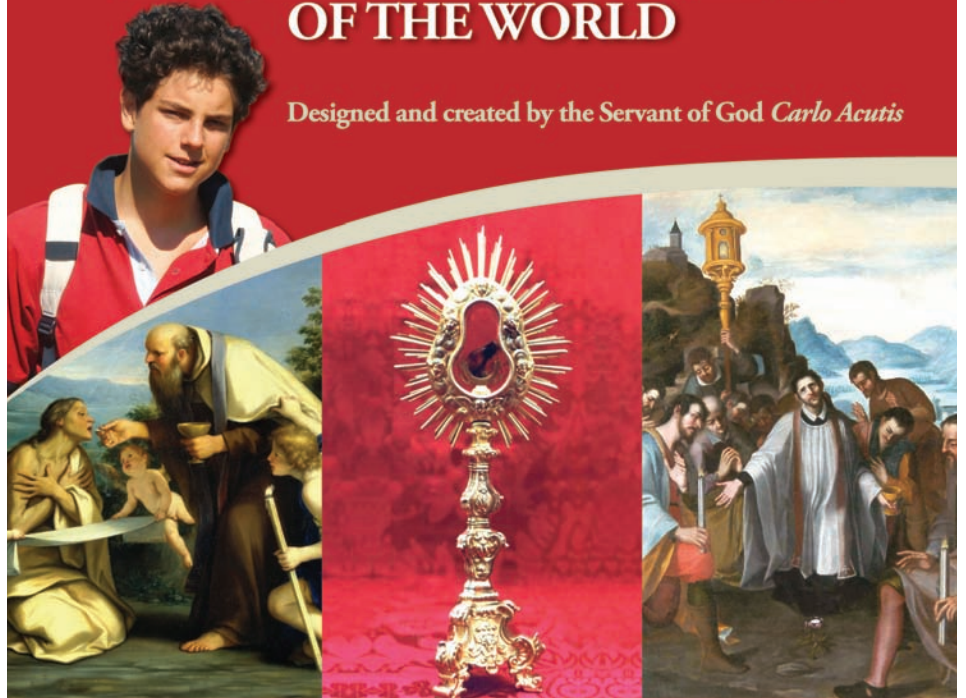
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This Vatican-approved International Exhibit features 2'x5' vinyl panels. Each panel tells the story of a Eucharistic miracle. The exhibit's purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration.

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Altar Servers Needed!

We are inviting children who may be interested to serve at the Altar. This ministry is open to boys and girls who have already receive their First Communion. Parents, please encourage your children to participate in this form of ministry.

Summer Activity for our children

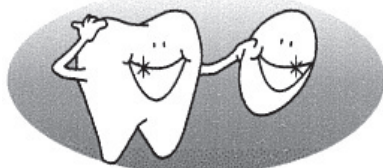
We are hoping to offer the Summer Bible Camp to the children of the parish. In order to make this possible, we need volunteers.

Would you be interested?

Join Fr. Mark on a Tour and Pilgrimage to Bulgaria, Serbia, Medjugorje, Croatia, and Slovenia

from May 24 to June 6, 2020 (15 days) - \$4,190 (Toronto departure, hotel accommodation, 2 meals daily, all sightseeing as per itinerary, including all taxes and tips) arranged by International Heritage Tours Tel. 416-444-6666.

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