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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SACRAMENTS & WORSHIP

Reflection – Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Gospel reading today is about trust, the trust that Mary had in God's message that she was chosen to give birth to Emmanuel. Yet God's presence is with us too; with ordinary people trying to live our lives based on Gospel values. We have only to look at the nativity scene to realize that they were common folk open to hearing God's word, and believing.

A random act of stewardship you can do at home

This week spend some time reflecting on the nativity scene, the ordinariness of the people represented in it, and ask in prayer what you can do to walk God's talk. Think about how you can serve others once the Christmas season is over.

Readings for Feast of the Holy Family

1 Samuel 1.20-22, 24-28, Psalm 84, 1 John 3.1-2, 21-24, Luke 2.41-52

Will you or your family be alone on Christmas Day? Would you be interested in sharing Christmas dinner at the church with members of your family of faith?

Call Lois Shaw at 905-294-5955, ext. 225, or email lois.shaw@stpatrick.on.ca for details, **BY DEC. 21ST**.

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

This month, we are praying for:

Carol Anne Ellis, Beatrice Limcaco, Leo Ioannou, Loreta Greco, Ike Cristobal, Lucia Deluca, Sabrina Moreino, Kathleen McEwen, Vincent Sgambelluri, Celeste Stone, Lina Melino, Carly Wilson, Heinz Breiter, Christopher Zaina, James Gaughan, Doreen Gaughan, Emily Baker, Les Lecasa, Isabelle Godin, Joseph Pierri, Antonia Vera, Maria Isabel Ruiz.

Baptisms

Beginning in the New Year, Baptisms will take place on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of each month at 2 pm.

Baptism Classes

Beginning on Sun. Jan. 3, 2010, the Baptism Preparation Classes will now take place on the first Sunday of each month, at 2 pm in the church. The next class will be Sun. Jan. 3rd.

Praise and Worship

A personal relationship with Jesus through music.

Friday Jan. 15

Music at 7.30 pm, Benediction at 8.15 pm, Adoration until 8.45 pm

There will be no First Friday mass on Jan. 1st.

Our next First Friday mass in on Feb. 5th, at 7.30 pm. "Come and See" Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATIONS BEGIN!

A reminder that First Communion preparations begin this January 2010 with a mandatory, parent-only meeting.

Please attend one of the two nights:

Jan 20, 7.30 – 8.30 pm, or Jan. 22, 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Large Hall.

Children attending Catholic schools within the parish boundaries; information letters were sent home in children's planners. Parents with children attending Private/Public and Catholic schools outside our parish boundaries; information letters can be picked up at the office after all masses.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the office will be closing Christmas Eve at noon, and reopening on Tues. Dec. 29 at 9 am. If there is an emergency during this time, please call the church at 905-294-5955 and follow the first prompt which is the emergency procedure.

The office will close at 5 pm on Dec. 29 and 30, and at noon on New Year's Eve. It will be closed New Year's Day, Jan. 1, and will be open regular weekend hours, Jan. 2 and 3.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S 2009/2010 MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec. 24

8.30 am mass, weekday morning mass

CHRISTMAS EVE

5 pm mass with Youth Band
7 pm mass with Saturday Schola
9 pm mass with St. Patrick's Folk Ensemble
11.30 pm mass with St. Patrick's Choir

Preceded by

10.30 pm Music for String Quartet
11 pm Christmas carols

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.45 am mass with organ and cantor
10.30 am mass with organ and cantor
12.15 pm mass with organ and cantor

BOXING DAY, Dec. 26

9 am mass
5 pm mass mass with Saturday Schola

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, Dec. 27

8.45 am mass mass with organ and cantor
10.30 am mass mass with St. Patrick's Choir
12.15 pm mass mass with Folk Ensemble
4.30 pm mass mass with organ and cantor

Thursday, Dec. 31

8.30 am mass, weekday morning mass

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

NEW YEAR'S EVE

5 pm mass mass with organ and cantor

NEW YEAR'S DAY

9 am mass with organ and cantor
11 am mass with organ and cantor
2 pm mass with organ and cantor

OUT OF THE COLD CLOTHING DRIVE

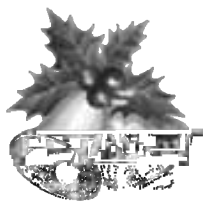
The Knights of Columbus have been cooking and preparing a full meal on the 1st Monday of each month for the homeless who frequent the shelter provided at St. Brigid's Church in the city.

The following items are needed:

- Long underwear – sizes medium and large
- Socks – new or unused
- Sweatshirts (m & l), sweaters (m & l)
- Jeans – sizes 34-38
- Men's winter jackets – sizes 40-44
- Men's boots and running shoes

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN'S CLOTHING IS NOT NEEDED.

If you can help, please bring these items to the church the weekend of Dec. 26/27.



Blessed Christmas

Christmas always stirs up some wonderful feelings deep within us. There is warmth which puts us in touch with our family, traditions, and nostalgia. We are aware, however, that Christmas is a celebration of the present and the future. We celebrate Emmanuel - God is with us, here and now. We celebrate hope, giving, peace, and reconciliation. We celebrate a promise made long ago that our faith would see us through to a glorious destiny.

You come to your parish church to celebrate with your faith community. We are happy to have each and every one of you as part of our St. Patrick's Parish Family! As we celebrate Christmas, we pray that the Spirit of Our New Born Saviour may dwell in your hearts always and that God will bless you.

We wish you a Holy and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fr. Ed, Fr. Thomas, Deacon Vern, Deacon Mike, Deacon Michael, Lois, Silvana, Susan, Suzanne, Madelyn, Ron, Reg, Paul, and all the part-time staff.



NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning January 2nd, 2010

Saturdays at 5 pm

Sundays at 8 am

9.30 am Children's Liturgy
11 am Sunday School/Babysitting
12.30 pm Sunday School/Babysitting
4.30 pm

Weekday morning masses including Saturdays and Holidays at 8.30 am.

Beginning Wed. Jan. 6th:

Weekday evening mass on Wednesdays at 7 pm.

Yoga Prayer for Women

*"We are the Temple of the Living God."
(2 Corinthians 6:16)*

Christian Yoga Prayer for women was offered for the first time at St. Patrick's Parish in January 2007. The classes were so well received that the Women's Ministry Network is bringing them back again. On Thursday evenings, from Jan. 7th to Feb. 4th inclusive, beginner classes will be offered from 7-8 pm and an intermediate session will run from 8.15-9.15 pm. The cost is \$45 per person. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Lois Shaw by email, lois_shaw@stpatrick.on.ca, or phone 905-294-5955, ext 225 before Christmas.



This week at St. Patrick's

Monday, Dec. 21 8.30 am mass John Fernandes

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
6:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice	Church
7:30 p.m.	Friends of Dismas	St. Brendan's
7:30 p.m.	Prayer Group Core Meeting	St. Aidan's

Tuesday, Dec. 22 8.30 am mass Victoria Janczyn

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
10:30 a.m.	Amica Monthly Mass	Amica @ Swan Lake
7:30 p.m.	Folk Ensemble Practice	Church

Wednesday, Dec. 23 8.30 am mass Franz Neugebauer

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
9:30 a.m.	Parent Link	Large Hall

Thursday, Dec. 24 8.30 am mass Theresa & Johannes Lim

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon	St. Brendan's
5:00 p.m.	Mass, Youth Band	Church
7:00 p.m.	Mass, Saturday Schola	Church
9:00 p.m.	Mass, Folk Ensemble	Church
10:30 p.m.	Music for String Quartet	Church
11:00 p.m.	Christmas Carols	Church
11:30 p.m.	Mass, Choir	Church

Friday, Dec. 25

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
8:45 a.m.	Mass, organ and cantor	Church
10:30 a.m.	Mass, organ and cantor	Church
12:15 p.m.	Mass, organ and cantor	Church

Saturday, Dec. 26 9 am Multiple Intentions Mass
5 pm mass Thomas & Ellen Canavan

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
	Out of Cold clothing drive	St. Brendan's

Sunday, Dec. 27 4.30 pm Intentions of Tina Hanks

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
	Out of Cold clothing drive	St. Brendan's
1:45 a.m.	Baptisms	Church

Next week at St. Patrick's

Monday, Dec. 28 9 am mass Nell McKinnon

Time	Event/Meeting	Location

Tuesday, Dec. 29 8.30 am mass Edward Tuck

Time	Event/Meeting	Location

Wednesday, Dec. 30 8.30 mass Kay Wilkinson

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
9:30 a.m.	Parent Link	Large Hall

Thursday, Dec. 31 8.30 am mass Antonio Mattacchione

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
8:00 a.m.	KOC Cooking	Kitchen
10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon	St. Brendan's
5:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve Mass	Church

Friday, Jan. 1

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
9:00 a.m.	Mass, organ and cantor	Church
11:00 a.m.	Mass, organ and cantor	Church
2:00 p.m.	Mass, organ and cantor	Church
6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal	Church
7:00 p.m.	Priest Group	Church

**Saturday, Jan. 2 8.30 am mass Henry Hariman
5 pm mass Maria Volpe**

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
1:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church

Sunday, Jan. 3 4.30 pm mass Conrado Manalo III

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy Cancelled	
11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.	Children's Sunday School Program Cancelled	
2:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation Class	Church

COUPLES FOR CHRIST: Families in the Holy Spirit renewing the face of the earth

Couples for Christ (CFC) is a movement intended for the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life. The members have committed themselves to the Lord and to one another so that they may grow in maturity as men and women of God and fulfill their primary vocation of raising up families under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and for the service of the Kingdom of God. Our parish will be offering an orientation program in January 2010. Look for further details in the New Year.


Friends of Dismas December Meeting Postponed

The December meeting of the Friends of Dismas has been postponed.

The next meeting will be on Mon. Jan. 18 at 7.30 pm.

**THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN THE
WEEKEND OF DEC. 26 / 27.
Merry Christmas!**

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