



3rd Sunday of Advent - A

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 fast 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.



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"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be sent as a priest or religious, contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997 or on vocations@vocations.ca or call Fr. Victor at 416-757-2806 or at olfatima@rogers.com for more information.



The **SOCK DRIVE** by the Knights of Columbus continues this weekend and throughout this Advent Season. New socks, mittens, gloves, scarf and hats will be passed on to the shelters and the homeless. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ... proceeds to the RENOVATIONS FUND

You still have a chance to make this artistic, hand-carved, olive-wood Nativity set from the Holy Land yours! **TICKETS** are still selling, at 3 for \$5 and 7 for \$10, on weekdays from the office or from volunteers at the back of the church in all of the weekend Masses.



The draw is next **Sunday, December 22, 2013** – in church hall - during the annual **FATIMA CHRISTMAS CONCERT** hosted by our Parish Choirs and Mr. David Lamb, the parish's Musical Director and starting at 5.00 pm. **SEE YOU THERE AND THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

FLOWERS for CHRISTMAS OFFERING

We welcome all generous offerings of support for the purchase of Christmas flower pots to decorate the altar during the coming festivities. Kindly pick up an envelope at the steps of the Fatima Shrine, fill in the requested information and your regular envelope number if you want your donation to be included in the tax receipt, seal envelope with your offering and place it in the candle box at the shrine or hand it in at the office. **Thank you very much.**



Mass Intentions		December 16 - 22 2013
for the Week		
Mon 16	8:00 am	Maria Kriegler (D)
Tues 17	8:00 am	Apolonia Garcia (D)
Wed 18	7:00 pm	Tony & Marina Maleon (I) - 25 th Wedding Anniversary
Thur 19	8:00 am	Salvatore Bruno (D)
Fri 20	8:00 am	Godofredo & Lourdes Tillo (D)
Sat 21	9:00 am	Mary & Florence Callahan (D)
	4:30 pm	Antonio & Rosa Reda (D)
Sun 22 4 th Sunday of ADVENT - A	9:00 am	Josie Babulal (D)
	10:30 am	Josephine Lind (D) & for the People of the Parish
	12:15 pm	Patrick Rozario (D)

*Our Lady of Fatima Shrine
Presents Celebrate the
Birth of our King*

**An Evening of
Christmas songs
performed by
our 3 choirs**

*all
are
welcome*

**= Admission ... FREE
= Refreshments ... AVAILABLE
= LOVE OFFERING ... appreciated**

**Sunday, December 22, 2013
at 5.00 pm in the church hall**

DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2014

The boxes with your donation envelopes for 2014 are being prepared for pick up. They will be sorted in alphabetical order in trays according to the family's last name.

All registered parishioners are kindly asked to inform the office of any changes to their personal data.

Thank you.





Our Parish

Sunday activities – Sunday, Dec 15

We have **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** this weekend and the **LORD'S FLOCK** prayer group have their Christmas celebration and fellowship.

Regular devotions – Wednesday, Dec 18

Our Wednesday Fatima devotions and Mass begin at 6.30 pm as usual.

Meeting for the Secular Carmelites – Thursday, Dec 19

For this month only the meeting has been re-scheduled for today [and not Tuesday] due to preparations in the hall for next Sunday's concert. The community will meet for prayers at 6.30 pm in the hall and then share time in Christmas fellowship.

Saturday's activities – Saturday, Dec 21

There are no **RCIA** meetings for the next few weeks for our Christmas break. The next meeting will be in the New Year, on January 11, at 10.00 am in the church hall. The Sunday Mass is at the regular time of 4.30 pm.

Sunday's activities – Sunday, Dec 22

There are no weekend activities, for now, connected with the **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** and the **LORD'S FLOCK** prayer group. Regular meetings will resume on Sunday, Jan 5, 2014 for the **LORD'S FLOCK** prayer meetings and Sunday, Jan 12 for the **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**. The last few copies of the people's **SUNDAY MISSAL** are clearing at \$2.50 each from this weekend. Today is the last day to get **RAFFLE TICKETS** in our Christmas fund-raiser. The Nativity set will be drawn today at the end of the concert – **CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR KING** – hosted in our church hall today at 5.00 pm and presented by our parish choirs.



R.C.I.A. Program: 2013 – 2014
 We meet on **Saturdays** from **10.00 to 11.00 am**.
 Next meeting: **Jan. 11, 2014**
 Check schedule on our website: www.fatimashrine.ca

May the Blessings of this Holy Season be with you always.



Remember to regularly visit our website ...
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 Regularly updated with weekly Bulletin and Announcements



LUCIA DOS SANTOS COMMUNITY – Secular Carmelites monthly meeting
 The monthly community meeting will be this Thursday, December 19th in church hall. Members meet at 6.30 pm for prayers and fellowship during which the brethren exchange fraternal Christmas greetings and good wishes for the New Year.

Parishioners!
 We are grateful to all registered parishioners who have already requested a **tax receipt for 2013** by placing a *self-addressed envelope* in the collection basket during the past weeks. To make it easier for everyone we have made available, at all church entrances, small, white envelopes [similar to the donation envelopes] with the heading: **My TAX RECEIPT request**. **ONLY if you want a tax receipt**, pick one up on your way into church, write your **name** and **box number** in the space provided, and drop it in the collection basket with your offertory envelope.
Receipts for 2013 will only be issued when requested.



OFFICE HOURS during the festive Christmas Season:

Tue	December 24, 2013	--- half day: 9.00 am to noon
Wed	December 25, 2013	--- closed all day
Thu	December 26, 2013	--- closed all day
Fri	December 27, 2013	--- half day: 9.00 am to noon
Sat	December 28, 2013	--- closed all day
Sun	December 29, 2013	--- closed all day
Mon	December 30, 2013	--- half day: 9.00 am to noon
Tue	December 31, 2013	--- half day: 9.00 am to noon
Wed	January 01, 2014	----- closed all day
Thu	January 02, 2014	----- back to regular hours



"A BIG Thanks" ... to all the volunteers and other helpers who donated time, goods or a helping hand in organizing the **CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY** last Sunday.

It was very successful and it left many children happy!!!
 A special big **THANK YOU** to the parish's ... and all their other friends, who worked so hard to make this event a happy and a memorable one.



God reward you all!

NELSON MANDELA

Twenty seven years in jail,
 Opposing apartheid rule.
 They thought to change his point of view,
 But proved that they, were just a fool.

They took away his basic rights,
 With ignorant bigotry.
 But could not take his freedom thoughts,
 At last, they set him free.



Now free to walk outside his jail,
 Left unjust thoughts behind,
 Embraced forgiveness to all men,
 Set free his body and his mind.

He rose to rule South Africa,
 With rights for everyone,
 By self example co-operate,
 That's how he got things done.

Mandela, Mandela, the world holds dear,
 With strength conviction and right.
 A beacon for democracy,
 Gives meaning to good and might.
 By the grace of God.....Dennis Hayes.....20-July-2013

POSTHUMOUS-----He passed away 05-December-2013

So great a man with humble charm,
 Changed history's course from conflicts harm,
 Democracy he brought inside,
 And put an end to a-par-theid.

He changed their minds and his mind too,
 To live with change and trust that grew,
 South Africa there is no better,
 example then Mandela, Mandela.

So rest in peace the prince of grace,
 You left the world a better place.



By the grace of God---Dennis Hayes---05-Dec-2013