



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - A**

The first Sunday of Advent alerts us to the season of Christmas, when we celebrate God's climactic breaking into time and space. But it also reminds us how unexpectedly God appears in our midst. We must be ready.

In today's gospel Jesus cautions us that he will come suddenly – as unexpectedly as a burglar! In our day-to-day concerns we may forget that now is the time to be converted from sin and to put on the Lord Jesus who saves us. For the Day of the Lord (symbolized by light) is dawning. Isaiah's prophecy looks toward that final day when all people will stream to God in worship and rejoicing. In the presence and light of the Lord, the world will finally know the peace for which it yearns. Christ's coming in glory at the end of time will surprise all of us. But the peace and joy of those who have welcomed Christ into their hearts can prepare the world to experience the joy of God's presence. Then the whole human community will recognize the Prince of Peace and discover their Father's House.



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"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to ministerial service, contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997 or on [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca) or call Fr. Victor at 416-757-2806 or at [olfatima@rogers.com](mailto:olfatima@rogers.com) for more information.



**The SVP Christmas Collection** is this weekend Nov. 30/Dec. 01  
**the Food Drive is also** this weekend & next  
**We count on your support**



**Archdiocesan "DAY OF CONFESSION"** in all parishes on **Wed. December 11.** Our church is open for 'Confessions' between: 8.00 – 9.00 am and 4.30 – 6.30 pm

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ... proceeds to the RENOVATIONS FUND**

The prize is an artistic, hand-carved, olive- wood Nativity Set from the Holy Land. TICKETS are selling at 3 for \$5 and 7 for \$10. One may purchase tickets from the office on weekdays or from volunteers at the back of the church at all of the weekend Masses. The draw will be made on **Sunday, December 22, 2013** – in church hall - during a **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** hosted by our Parish Choirs and Mr. David Lamb, the parish's Musical Director, in our church hall.



Remember to regularly visit our website ... [www.fatimashrine.ca](http://www.fatimashrine.ca)  
Regular updates and weekly announcements

Mass Intentions for the Week		December 02 - 08 2013
<b>Mon 02</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Maria Kriegler (D)
<b>Tues 03</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Frank Colbert (D)
<b>Wed 04</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Josephine & Sebastiangpillai (D)
<b>Thur 05</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Gloria Lorio de Ocon (D)
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Advent Family Mass – St. Joachim's
<b>Fri 06</b> <i>First Friday</i>	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Fred & Libby Tillo (I) – Wedding Ann.
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Sat 07</b> <i>First Saturday</i>	<b>9:00 am</b>	James McCaffrey (D)
	<b>4:30 pm</b>	George Little (D)
<b>Sun 08</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of ADVENT - A</i>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Albert Lyn (D)
	<b>10:30 am</b>	In honor of the B.V.M.
	<b>12:15 pm</b>	Caporusso Family (I) - Thanksgiving & for the People of the Parish

**R.C.I.A. Program: 2013 – 2014**  
This year's R.C.I.A. program has already started  
We meet on Saturdays from 10.00 to 11.00 am.  
Next meetings: Dec. 07, 14, 2013 & Jan. 11, 2014  
Check schedule on our website: [www.fatimashrine.ca](http://www.fatimashrine.ca)



The SENIORS ACTIVITY CLUB is hosting its **Senior Citizens ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER** in our church hall, Thurs. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. All seniors are welcome. Tickets, @ \$10 each, or more information, please contact: Sylvetta:416-759-4699 or Anne:416-261-1479  
**Bring with you ONE item for FOOD BANK**



**SCARBORO MISSIONS – Advent Meditations**  
2685 Kingston Road, Scarborough, Ont., M1M 1M4  
Dec. 04: Hymns in Advent as Prayer & Meditation  
Presenter – Lilac Cana  
Dec. 11: "Meditation & Prayer in Life's Darkest Moments"  
Personal witness: Knights of Columbus, C.W.L., Daughters of Isabella  
Inquiries: Tel:(416) 261-7135 ex 266/239 or [www.scarboromissions.ca](http://www.scarboromissions.ca)



**Advent KOLBE EUCHARISTIC MINI-RETREAT**  
On Saturday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Fr. Charles Anang from St. Augustine's Seminary will speak on: "The Last Things (part 2): Heaven, Hell". at St. Brigid's Church from 2.00 to 4.30 pm.  
For information go to [www.kolbeapostolate.com](http://www.kolbeapostolate.com)




**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Our Lady of Fatima's annual **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be on **Sunday, December 08, 2013.**  
Please, register children this weekend and next.





**Our Parish**

**Sunday activities – Sunday, Dec 01**

This weekend we begin the **new Liturgical Year – Year A** – in the holy season of Advent. We have **CHILDREN’S LITURGY** as usual and the **LORD’S FLOCK** has its regular prayer meeting in the afternoon in our church hall. The Knights of Columbus **SOCK DRIVE** starts today.

**Baptism Preparation Meeting – Monday, Dec 02**

Next baptisms are on Saturday at 10.30 am. There is a preparation meeting today for parents and godparents, in the church, at 7.00 pm.

**Advent Schools’ Reconciliation – Tuesday, Dec 03**

All grade classes at Our Lady of Fatima School are invited to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation in preparation for Christmas. Confession times on today and tomorrow, in church, are 9.15 to 11.30 am. The **Christopher Leadership Course** ends today with a **‘Graduation Celebration’** in our church hall at 6.30 pm.

**Regular Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Dec 04**

Our Wednesday Fatima devotions and Mass will be at 6.30 pm in the church as usual. After Mass all are invited to join the Knights of Columbus for a prayer and the inauguration of this year’s **‘Light up for Christ’**.

**S.A.C. – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER – Thursday, Dec 05**

Today the S.A.C. has their traditional **CHRISTMAS DINNER** at 12.00 noon in our church hall. All seniors are invited; pre-booking is required. See details on opposite page. The S.A.C. will have another regular meeting the following Thursday – December 12 – and then break off for the holidays.

**First Friday devotions – Friday, Dec 06**

Devotions start with prayers at 12.15 pm and holy Mass. Exposition and Adoration follows. At 6.30 pm we have concluding prayers, Benediction and holy Mass.

**Saturday’s activities – Saturday, Dec 07**

The **RCIA** meeting starts at 10.00 am as usual. This is the second weekend of the **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE**. The new people’s **SUNDAY MISSAL, CHRISTMAS CARDS** and **RAFFLE TICKETS** are on sale during the weekend Masses.

**Sunday’s activities – Sunday, Dec 08**

Today there will be **NO CHILDREN’S LITURGY** and **NO LORD’S FLOCK** prayer meeting because of the Children’s Christmas Party. The solemn feast of the **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** will be celebrated tomorrow, Monday.

**This is an appeal to all our registered parishioners!**



After this year’s unpleasant and quite expensive experience of more than **50% uncollected Tax Receipts for 2012**, we are experimenting a new system for the issue of tax receipts. Registered parishioners **who want a tax receipt for 2013** are kindly asked to **put a self-addressed envelope in the collection basket** during Dec. 2013 or Jan. and Feb. 2014.

**Receipts for 2013 will only be issued when requested.**



**She is one of a kind ...  
THERESA YANTHA**

**THERESA YANTHA** – for many years a **Lector at Fatima**, an active member of the **Parish Pastoral Council**, a Hospitality Minister as **Usher** for the 10.30 am Sunday Mass, on one of our **counting teams**, leader of the Fatima Shrine **Social Committee**, the motor for the famous **Pasta Dinner and Halloween Family Night** and the traditional **Children’s Christmas Party** – has been

called to the Father’s Home on Sunday, November 24, 2013 – Solemnity of Christ the King. Born in Killaloe, Ontario on August 26, 1953 she lived in Toronto for many years without ever denying or abandoning her roots. Fatima was her *other home* for she loved the parish so much and was always involved in whatever was happening at the parish ... ever willing to support and give a helping hand. And now, that she is so close to the **Queen of the Rosary**, Theresa will most certainly put in a good word for all of us until *“the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done”*, to help us get safely to the Promised Land! We’ll miss you Theresa. May you rest in peace.

**Advent**

To be prepared, great news to come.  
The Word made Flesh for everyone.  
We meditate, four weeks to know,  
The Savior’s birth, God will bestow.

Isaiah told the virgin birth,  
Would change mankind and bless the earth.  
The Son of God, would raise us higher,  
From Galilee, our true Messiah.

In Bethlehem, no Inn had room,  
but birth would come from Mary’s womb.  
The poor, the meek, was only able,  
to have her child within a stable.

Three wise men came, and shepherds too.  
With peace on earth to good men true.  
The Son of God, the Savior born.  
He is the light, the new day’s dawn.

So baby Jesus, Christmas time.  
With joy, with song, burst forth and shine.  
With prayer and praise, let angels sing.  
Our homage to our New Born King!

Dennis Hayes

By the grace of God



**From the ...**

**CHANCERY**



**“MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER” collection**

Next Sunday, we have the special collection in support of Aboriginal people in Canada. The *Moving Forward Together Campaign* collection will fund local and national healing and education programs to help build a brighter future with our Aboriginal brothers and sisters. As a community in Christ, we must avoid the temptation of seeing difficulties facing many Aboriginal people as a challenge solely for Aboriginal people to work out. If we are to truly live Jesus’ fundamental command to *‘love one another’* [John 15:12], it becomes a challenge for all of us to embrace. Special *Moving Forward Together Campaign* envelopes are available at all church entrances. One can also donate online at: [www.movingforwardtogether.ca](http://www.movingforwardtogether.ca).