



1st Sunday of Advent - B

Winter nears!

When the grey land is covered with a blanket of snow, the earth falls asleep. We are powerless to stop the onslaught of winter's cold, and darkness of the season demonstrates our need. Isaiah longs for God to come and



save us as only God can: may he rend the heavens and reveal his powerful presence. We have sinned, but our maker and Father will not forget us. We must persevere through the night, which is a sign of temptation and testing in the gospel, and be ready for our Lord's coming. Advent wears an air of expectancy; we do not know when Christ will return, but our anticipation makes the waiting a joy. The gospel emphasizes our need to be ready and Isaiah expresses our helplessness without the intervention of our redeemer. Saint Paul serves as model for our prayers of thanks: God has graced beyond measure the followers of his Son. The day of the Lord Jesus, when he will be revealed in all his glory, has yet to arrive. While we wait, we are made rich with God's gifts.

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November 30, 2014



The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, a religious or a deacon, call Fr. Chris Lemieux

at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org or call Fr. Victor Mallia ocd at 416-757-2806 or email him at olfatima@rogers.com for further information.

R.C.I.A. Program: 2014 - 2015

This year's R.C.I.A. program continues - on Saturdays from 10.00 to 11.00 am - on the following Saturdays: Dec. 06, 13, 2014 & Jan. 10, 2015

Check schedule on our website: www.fatimashrine.ca



Advent KOLBE EUCHARISTIC MINI-RETREAT

On Saturday Dec. 6th Fr. Charles Anang from St. Augustine's Seminary will speak on: "Life in Christ: Discernment & Docility". at St. Brigid's Church from 2.00 to 4.30 pm.

For information go to www.kolbeapostolate.com



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Lady of Fatima's annual

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY is on Sunday, December 07, 2014.

Please, see following Bulletins for details and registration.



Archdiocesan "DAY OF CONFESSION"

in all parishes on Wed. December 10.

Our church will be open for 'Confessions' between: 9.00 - 11.00 am and 4.30 - 6.30 pm



		December 01 - 07 2014
Mon 01	8:00 am	Christina Fernandes [I] - Birthday
Tues 02	8:00 am	Rev. Anthony Milledge SJ [D]
Wed 03	7:00 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Sebastiampillai [D]
Thur 04	8:00 am	Carlos Rodrigues & Aurora Geonanga [D]
Fri 05	12:30 pm	Primo & Lualhati Lontoc [D]
First Friday	7:00 pm	Holy Souls
Sat 06	9:00 am	Frederico & Libby Tillo[I] - 34 th W.A.
First Saturday	4:30 pm	Madalena & Caetano Lini [D]
Sun 07	9:00 am	People of the Parish
2 nd Sunday of ADVENT - B	10:30 am	Catherine Colbert [D]
	12:15 pm	Caroline & Albert Vanderburg [D]

The S.V.P. Food Drive

is this weekend & next weekend

The Christmas Collection

is next weekend Dec 06/07

We count on your support... God bless

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Etn. No: _____

Amount \$: _____

The SENIORS ACTIVITY CLUB is hosting their ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER at our church hall this Thursday, Dec. 4th at 12 noon

All seniors are welcome and tickets are \$12 each. For tickets and information, please contact:

Sylvetta: 416-759-4699

or Anne: 416-261-1479

Bring with you ... ONE item for the FOOD BANK



FLOWERS for CHRISTMAS OFFERING

We welcome offerings in support of the supply of Christmas flower pots to decorate the altar and the church during the coming festivities. Kindly pick up an envelope at the steps of the Fatima Shrine, fill in the requested information and your donation 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.

Flowers For Christmas Offering

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Amount \$: _____

Thank you very much.

DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2015



The boxes with your donation envelopes for 2015 are being prepared for pick up. They will be sorted in trays in alphabetical order according to the family's last name. Registered parishioners are kindly asked

to inform the office of any changes to their personal data. New parishioners are encouraged to register with us and get their own box number so that contributions will be acknowledged by the issuing of a tax receipt at the end of the year. Updated information is always a great help to the office. Thank you.



Our Parish

Liturgy of the First Sunday of Advent – Sunday, Nov 30

The ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE is on today. Today is the **last meeting** for the **Children's Liturgy**; these will resume after the Christmas holidays. The **LORD'S FLOCK** prayer group meets at **2.00 pm** in the hall for their **last prayer gathering** and fellowship. The **Right to Life** and the **Knights of Columbus** are selling **CHRISTMAS CARDS** and **RAFFLE TICKETS** on the weekend. The **SOCK DRIVE** continues. This is the last weekend for registering for the **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** next Sunday.

My Catholic Faith_2014 Series – Monday, Dec 01

Participants in the **MY CATHOLIC FAITH** series will meet at **7.00 pm** in the **church hall** for the presentation of certificates and fellowship.

Baptism Preparation & CLC graduation – Tuesday, Dec 02

There is a Baptism Preparation meeting for parents and godparents in the church at **7.00 pm**. Meanwhile, in the hall, the **CLC** will conclude this year's course with a **graduation celebration in our church hall at 6.00 pm**.

Seniors CHRISTMAS LUNCH – Thursday, Dec 04

Our church hall is the venue for the annual **CHRISTMAS DINNER** hosted by the **Seniors Activities Club** at 12.00 noon. Our two priests will be away for the **Advent Day of Reflection**.

First Friday devotions – Friday, Dec 05

Prayers start at 12.15 pm followed by **Mass and Eucharistic Adoration**. Prayers are again said at **6.30** and include Benediction. **Mass at 7.00 pm** concludes the day's devotions.

Weekend activities – Saturday, Dec 06

There is a **RCIA meeting** is at 10.00 am in the church hall as usual. This is the final weekend for the **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE**. And in all of the weekend's Masses there is a second collection – **THE S.V.P. CHRISTMAS OFFERING**.

Sunday Activities – Dec 07

There is **NO Children's Liturgy**; Christmas holidays have started. The **Children's CHRISTMAS PARTY** is on today in the church hall from 1.30 pm onwards.



The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** have already placed containers in the church for the annual **SOCK DRIVE**. The campaign goes on through Advent, Christmas and until the beginning of the New Year. These are given to needy persons living on the streets or in Shelters.

The sale of **CHRISTMAS CARDS** at the back of the church – this weekend and next – will provide the Knights with some funds to help them support various charities in our area.

RAFFLE TICKETS in an artistic **NATIVITY DISPLAY** [for fundraising purposes] will be also on sale during these weekends. This will be drawn on Sunday, Dec. 21 at the end of the Fatima Christmas Concert.



The **CHRISTMAS CARDS SALE** for **BIRTHRIGHT** will be during the weekends of Nov 22/23 & 29/30 at the back of the church after all of the weekend's Masses. Proceeds go to support pro-life groups and activities.

Thanks for supporting these good causes!

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine
*Presents: Rejoice, be glad,
... God is with us!*

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

*all
are
welcome*

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

Sunday, December 21, 2014
at 5.00 pm in the church hall

Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Monday, December 8

8.00 am – Morning Mass as usual
6.30 pm – Rosary & other devotional prayers, and sung holy Mass including **Vespers** from the Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

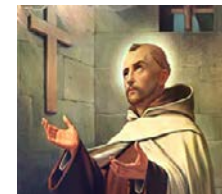
All are welcome to join us in prayer.

> We will also have evening prayers and Mass to honor **Our Lady of Guadalupe** on **Friday, December 12** at **6.30 pm**.



FEAST OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

*Doctor of the Church and co-founder of the
Discalced Carmelite Order*



Monday, December 15, 2014

>> Morning Mass will be at 8 o'clock
>> Evening devotions begin at 6.30 pm with praying the Rosary & **Solemn Mass** starting at 7.00 that include Evening Prayer [Vespers] from

the Office of the BVM.

The Secular Carmelites and parishioners are encouraged to participate.

To all our registered parishioners!

Again this year we experienced a big number of receipts printed but uncollected [and more **50%** of **uncollected Tax Receipts** for the previous year! Registered parishioners **who want a tax receipt for 2014** are kindly asked to **use REQUEST ENVELOPES** during Dec. 2014 or Jan. and Feb. 2015.

Receipts for 2014 will only be issued when requested.

