



3rd Sunday of Advent - B

Joy permeates our liturgy today as the commemoration of Christ's birth nears and the promise of his final coming takes deeper root in our hearts. Our life should be a continuing Advent liturgy of joy. As John, the self-effacing witness leads to the one God has sent, we ready our hearts for this happy encounter. We read Isaiah's prophecy as referring to Christ in its first section; then we respond joyfully to our savior, the Spirit-filled servant of God. When we recognize that we are poor, enslaved, broken-hearted, God is most able to intervene with power and love. The joy and renewal we experience is echoed in our psalm: it is Mary's canticle of praise, her *Magnificat*. The fruit of the Spirit is joy; this inspires unceasing prayer and gratitude to God for everything that happens, easy or difficult. We must not stifle the Spirit, St. Paul tells us, but wisely discern good from evil. The apostle prays that we will all become saints; God himself will achieve this in us. Then we shall rejoice!



There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, 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.



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R.C.I.A. Program: 2014 - 2015
This year's *R.C.I.A. program* breaks off for the Christmas Festivities. These weekly meetings resume on **Saturday, January 10, 2015 @ 10.00 am**
Check schedule on our website: www.fatimashrine.ca



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. **Thank you very much.**



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 various shelters and the homeless in our city. **Thank you.**

		December 15 – 21 2014
Mon 15	8:00 am	Priscilla & Terrence [I]
<i>Feast of St. John of the Cross</i>	7:00 pm	Good of the Carmelite Order
Tues 16	8:00 am	Robin Parker [D]
Wed 17	7:00 pm	Anthony Gasan [D]
Thur 18	8:00 am	Bill O'Brien [I]
Fri 19	8:00 am	Kumar & Rajinie [I] <i>30th Wed. Ann.</i>
Sat 20	9:00 am	Romeo Huerta [D]
	4:30 pm	Josie Babulal [D]
Sun 21 <i>4th Sunday of ADVENT - B</i>	9:00 am	Tomasa Balallo [D]
	10:30 am	Antonio & Rosa Reda [D]
	12:15 pm	People of the Parish

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**

FEAST OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Monday, December 15, 2014

- >> Morning Mass will be at 8 o'clock
- >> Evening devotions at 6.30 pm include the Rosary & Solemn Mass with Evening Prayer [Vespers] from the Office of the BVM.

All are encouraged to participate.





Our Parish

Third Sunday of Advent – Sunday, Dec 14

There is **NO Children's Liturgy**. The parish is hosting a Christmas get-together for members of parish groups and volunteers, in the church hall today, from 1.30 pm onwards. The **RAFFLE TICKETS** are still available; the draw will be next Sunday during the concert. The **SOCK DRIVE** continues.

Feast of St. John of the Cross – Monday, Dec 15

Morning Mass is at **8 o'clock** as usual. Evening devotions and Holy Mass start **at 6.15 pm** and include Rosary, Vespers and sung Mass.

Advent School Masses – Tues. & Wed., Dec 16/17

The Advent school Mass for St. Joachim School is on Tuesday at 9.15 am in the school's gym. For Our Lady of Fatima School the celebratory Mass is on Wednesday, here in the church, at 9.00 am.

Weekend activities – Saturday, Dec 20

Today there is no **RCIA** meeting. These will resume in January 2015. The lighting of the 4th Advent Candle will be during the 4.30 pm Mass.

Sunday Activities – Dec 21

There is **NO Children's Liturgy**. The third **FATIMA CHRISTMAS CONCERT** will be hosted in our church hall and is produced and presented by David Lamb, our resident organist, and the three parish choirs. All are welcome and entrance is free. Refreshments will be offered for a token offering.

RAFFLE TICKETS in an artistic **NATIVITY SET** [for fundraising purposes] will be on sale this weekend as well at the back of the church for the last time. The draw takes place this Sunday, Dec. 21, during the Fatima Christmas Concert later in the afternoon.



Kindergarten Registration in Elementary Schools



Registrations in the schools start **Thursday, January 8, 2015** at 10.00 am. Parents with children born in 2011 or earlier who will be enrolling in Kindergarten have the opportunity to apply on-line using the *Student On-line Admission and*

Registration platform known as S.O.A.R. and found at the following link: <http://spar.tcdsb.org>. The on-line application offers access to translations in different languages, 24 hours a day, and with built-in help functions and features. For more details contact the school office.

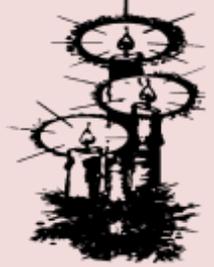
LUCIA DOS SANTOS COMMUNITY – Secular Carmelites monthly meeting

There is no regular monthly community meeting during December. Members are expected to join parishioners and members from other nearby communities to celebrate the Feast of St. John of the Cross on Monday, December 15, 6.15 pm. A time of fraternal fellowship follows after Mass in the church hall. Brethren will exchange fraternal Christmas greetings and good wishes for the New Year.



OFFICE HOURS during the festive Christmas Season:

Wed. December 24, 2014 --- **half day**: 9.00 am to noon
Thur. December 25, 2014 --- **closed all day**
Fri. December 26, 2014 --- **closed all day**
Sat. December 27, 2014 --- **closed all day**
Sun. December 28, 2014 --- **closed all day**
Mon. December 29, 2014 --- **half day**: 9.00 am to noon
Tue. December 30, 2014 --- **half day**: 9.00 am to noon
Wed. December 31, 2014 --- **half day**: 9.00 am to noon
Thur. January 01, 2015 ----- **closed all day**
Fri. January 02, 2015 ----- **half day**: 9.00 am to noon
Mon. January 05, 2015 ----- **back to regular hours**



... 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 made 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.

Thank you ever so much!



God reward you all!

DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2015

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.*





THANK YOU

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL PARISHONERS WHO GENEROUSLY DONATED TO OUR FOOD DRIVES, BUNDLE UP SUNDAYS, BOY'S AND GIRL'S SUMMER CAMPS AND REQUESTS FOR MONETARY ASSISTANCE DURING 2014.

MAY GOD BLESS AND REWARD YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.



Catholic Singles Speed Dating 25-60 year olds on a Saturday night. See link to website:
<http://www.meetup.com/Practicing-Catholic-Singles-Aged-25-Up-Speed-Dating-On-line/>
 We look forward to forming a genuine on-line community of **Practicing Catholic Singles** who are looking for a mate with the same values.