



4th Sunday of Advent - B

How hard we humans have tried to build a fitting dwelling place for the Lord God! Today's first reading tells of King David's resolve to build a beautiful temple. But God refuses his offer. Instead, David's descendants will become the house in which God dwells, and God himself will do the building.



The psalm sings gratefully of the Lord's love. But who could have fathomed God's wonderful plan, praised in the concluding hymn of the letter to the Romans? The annunciation story, the liturgy's prelude to Christmas, tells how God took on human flesh. The body of Christ (his human body and his body as Church) becomes the living temple where God is adored. Mary, overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, is the new Ark of the Covenant. When God took the initiative in coming to dwell with humankind, it was a graced individual, Mary, who responded with her **yes**. She could not know all the implications of her answer, and yet she agreed to God's work in her. Through her son Jesus we are able to offer God perfect worship.



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From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or 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.



THANKS from the **Knights of Columbus & Right to Life** for your support in their sale of CHRISTMAS CARDS, decorations for charity, and the RAFFLE TICKETS in our Christmas fund-raiser for renovations.

A 'Thank you' and a 'hug' from our Volunteers at the **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**; your plentiful and generous support to the CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE and CHURCH COLLECTION during the weeks of Advent has brought joy to many families in our parish.



The **SOCK DRIVE** by the Knights of Columbus continues 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.



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.**

		December 22 - 28 2014
Mon 22	8:00 am	Salvacion & Edwin Alconaba [D]
Tues 23	8:00 am	Anthony Gomes [D]
Wed 24	8:00 am	Fiorino Family [I]
Christmas Eve Family Mass Vigil Mass	6:00 pm	Pastor's Intentions
	9:00 pm	Pastor's Intentions
	Midnight Mass of Nativity of the Lord	Midnight

Merry Christmas!

Thur 25	9:30 am	Vern Pingol & Family [I]
Christmas Day Nativity of the Lord	11:00 am	Ray & Mila Villamil [I]- Thanks.

Christmas Joy!

Fri 26	9:00 am	Deborah Mangal [D]
St. Stephen, 1 st martyr	9:00 am	Geriel T. Garcia [I] - Birthday
	4:30 pm	Galipo & Baglieri Family [I]
Sun 28	9:00 am	Mathew+Rosita Fernandes [D]
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	10:30 am	Caruso Family [I]
	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**

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



Our Parish

4th Sunday of Advent – Sunday, Dec 21

There is **NO Children's Liturgy**. The third **FATIMA CHRISTMAS CONCERT** is hosted in our church hall at 5.00 pm, and 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. The **RAFFLE** is drawn today at the end of the concert. The **SOCK DRIVE** continues.

A SPECIAL

★CHRISTMAS COLLECTION★

in all Masses, on Christmas Eve
and Christmas Day ...
your Christmas Gift to the Parish!
Thank you!



Shorter Office Hours over the holidays – Wednesday, Dec 24

The Office is on half days and shorter hours during the holidays. Check the schedule or phone the office beforehand to avoid disappointment.

CHRISTMAS DAY – Thursday, Dec 25

As does every feast of the liturgical year, Christmas celebrates the miracle of our redemption. God has sought out his people to make us holy. He acts in history – world history and our own history – but who could imagine the ways he chooses? Luke's gospel shows us the least of Israel's poor gathered about a crib in wondering amazement, while Mary keeps in memory everything that is happening. She will live out her life in faith, pondering all the while on God's immense goodness. His gracious gift of Jesus to her is his gift to us, the people he loves. In his letter to Titus Paul reminds us that our relationship to Christ is completely undeserved; baptism has made us members of God's holy people and heirs with Christ our brother. The Light has appeared: the gift of faith allows us to recognize Christ as the savior sent by God. God's Christmas gift, his own Son, gives us reason to be joyful the entire year!



Christmas Blessings

The PASTORAL TEAM at Fatima, the Parish PASTORAL COUNCIL and the Parish FINANCE COUNCIL extend wishes for God's peace, joy and every blessing on all our parishioners and friends or family visiting them this Christmas season and throughout the New Year. Thank you all for your help and support. We are so blessed to have you and very proud of all of you.

Boxing Day – Friday, Dec 26

Daily morning Mass is at 9.00 am. A **Holy Hour** in the 9th month of the **INFANT JESUS NOVENA** begins at 10.00 am. The **FEAST OF THE INFANT JESUS** will this year be celebrated within the evening Mass on Wednesday, January 07, 2015 at 6.00 pm.

Octave of Christmas – Holy Family Sunday – Sunday, Dec 28

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christian Families, remembering them all in our Mass and prayers. The regular schedule for Sunday Masses is followed. **NO Children's Liturgy** or *The Lord's Flock* meetings today.

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



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.



**JESUS IS THE REASON
FOR THE SEASON**

DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2015

The boxes with your donation envelopes for 2015 are being ready for pick up at the back of the church. They are sorted in alphabetical order in trays according to the **family's last name**. The new boxes are used in the New Year as of January 1st. All registered parishioners are kindly asked to inform the office of any changes to their personal data. *Thank you.*



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A Holy
and Blessed
Christmas