



2nd Sunday of Advent - B

The Good News of Jesus Christ means a new creation: new heavens and earth, humanity renewed. Now we are free to become what God intended from the beginning. As Mark`s gospel opens, the Baptist`s urgent preaching calls us to do more than hear the news of Jesus` coming.



We must prove our commitment to him by conversion of heart and confession of sin. John promises that the one whose way he prepares will baptize with the Holy Spirit; it is this Spirit which makes us new people. Like the holy city Jerusalem of the first reading, we become the dwelling place where God reveals his glory. God`s nearness consoles and gives joy, for this God of power is also the shepherd who loves his flock tenderly. God is patient, giving to each of us the time we need for conversion. With impatient longing we who have known God intimately await the final return of the Lord. We must prepare for that great Day of the Lord by living lives consecrated to God. Then his work of creating us anew will be complete.

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John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. 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 ofatima@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. 13, and will resume on Jan. 10, 2015**
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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Lady of Fatima's annual **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** is on **today Sunday, December 07, 2014.**
Doors open at 1.15 pm ... have fun and enjoy!



		December 08 – 14 2014
Mon 08	8:00 am	Albert Lyn [D]
<i>The Immaculate Conception</i>	7:00 pm	Nahil Nijmeh [D]
Tues 09	8:00 am	Joseph Battaglia [D]
Wed 10	9.00 – 11.00 am 5.30 – 6.30 pm	Reconciliation in the church
<i>Day of Confessions</i>	7:00 pm	Eugene & Arthur Amodeo [D]
Thur 11	8:00 am	Cecile Dumas [I]
Fri 12	8:00 am	Nastasha Abogado [D]
<i>O.L. of Guadalupe</i>	7:00 pm	Anthony Gasan [D]
Sat 13	9:00 am	Romeo Huerta [D]
	4:30 pm	Victoria & Mikele Fattore [D]
Sun 14	9:00 am	Carmela Mangano [D]
<i>3rd Sunday of ADVENT - B</i>	10:30 am	Josephine Lind [D]
	12:15 pm	People of the Parish

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.*





*The S.V.P. Food Drive
ends this weekend*

*The Christmas Collection
is today Dec 06/07*

We count on your support ... God bless

Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary –

Monday, December 8, 2014

8.00 am – Morning Mass as usual
6.30 pm – Rosary & other devotional Prayers, sung holy Mass with *Vespers* from the Office of the B.V.M.

All are welcome to join us in prayer.

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



Archdiocesan "DAY OF CONFESSION"

*in all parishes this
Wednesday, December 10.*

The church will be open for **'Reconciliation/Confessions'** between: **9.00 – 11.00 am** and **5.30 – 6.30 pm**



**I have something to confess ...
Do you?**



 **Our Parish**

Second Sunday of Advent – Sunday, Dec 07

The **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE** ends this weekend. The **Knights of Columbus** are selling **RAFFLE TICKETS** this weekend and the **SOCK DRIVE** continues. 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.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Monday, Dec 08

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 DAY OF CONFESSIONS – Wednesday, Dec 10

The set times for confessions are **9.00 to 11.00 am** and **5.30 to 6.30 pm**. Our Wednesday Fatima devotions and Mass will start at 6.30 pm as usual.

Our Lady of Guadalupe – Friday, Dec 12

We have **Mass at 8.00 am** as usual. Evening devotions in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe start at **6.30 pm** and include the Rosary and Mass.

Weekend activities – Saturday, Dec 13

Today's **RCIA** meeting at 10.00 am is **the last one of the current year**. These will resume in January 2015. There is a wedding celebration at 12.00 noon in the church.

Sunday Activities – 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 **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.

RAFFLE TICKETS in an artistic **NATIVITY SET** [for fundraising purposes] will again be on sale this weekend. The draw is next Sunday, Dec. 21 after the Fatima Christmas Concert.



*The **Advent wreath**, or **Advent crown**, is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the 4 weeks of **Advent** in the liturgical calendar of the Western church. It usually takes the form of a horizontal **evergreen***

***wreath**, with 4 **candles**. On the 1st Sunday of Advent the lighting of the first candle takes place, often accompanied by a Bible reading and prayers. An additional candle is lit during each subsequent week until, by the last Sunday before **Christmas**, all four candles are lit. Some Advent wreaths include a fifth ... the "Christ" candle, which is lit at Christmas. This custom is observed both in family settings and at public church services.*



***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
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.



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.

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.

