



3rd Sunday of Advent – C



Advent is never more joyous than on this Sunday. Even God will sing and dance in our midst! How the Lord longs to be with us forever; his love will make us new. We respond to God's unfathomable love with our own songs of worship. We can know the happiness which Paul wanted for the Christians of Philippi if

we really believe in Christ's nearness. Instead of giving in to worry, let us pray with thanks, confident of God's love; then we will be filled with peace. But this happiness is not gained without effort. The gospel calls for concrete proof of conversion in our daily life. It is Christ we await, and we must not allow anyone to usurp his place. Even the Baptist, the greatest of prophets, only *prepared* the way. Christ's nearness demands a decision on our part, for we will be baptized either with the Holy Spirit or with the fire of judgment. John urges us to accept the Spirit's cleansing and the Good News of Jesus. The fruit of that choice is joy and peace, the enjoyment of God's presence. Can we choose otherwise?

3rd Sunday of Advent – Dec. 13, 2015

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Chris** at 416-968-0997 or email at vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Fr. Victor** at 416-757-2806 or email at ofatima@rogers.com for further information.



The annual **SOCK DRIVE** by the #5080 St. Francis Council of the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** continues through Advent, Christmas and until the beginning of the New Year. Proceeds are given to needy persons living on the streets or in Shelters. Thanks to those who have already contributed.

RAFFLE TICKETS in the artistic **NATIVITY SCENE** [for fund-raising purposes] and tickets for the parish's **NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY NIGHT** on December 31 are on sale at the back of the church. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday, Dec. 20 at the end of the Fatima Christmas Concert.



FEAST OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

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


Monday, December 14, 2015

>> Morning Mass is at 8 o'clock as usual
>> Evening devotions begin at 6.15 and include the Rosary, Evening Prayer [Vespers] & Solemn Mass starting at 7.00 pm.



The Secular Carmelites and parishioners are encouraged to participate.



		December 14 - 20 2015
Mon 14	8:00 am	Bedada Jimma Birru [I]
<i>Feast of St. John of the Cross</i>		Good of the Carmelite Order
Tues 15	8:00 am	Clarice Gayle [D]
Wed 16	7:00 pm	Pasqualina Raponi [D] + Solidum Family [I]
Thur 17	8:00 am	Valerie Perron [I]
Fri 18	8:00 am	Rudolf Karbowski [D]
Sat 19	9:00 am	Jonathan Rosado [D]
	4:30 pm	Josie Babulal [D]
Sun 20	9:00 am	Fernandes Fam. & all souls in purg.
	10:30 am	Josephine Lind [D]
	12:15 pm	People of the Parish

Advent "WEEK OF CONFESSION"

'Reconciliation/Confessions' in our parish:



CONFESSIONS

Monday to Wednesday,

December 14 - 16

from 9.30 – 11.30 am and

from 5.15 – 6.15 pm on **Mon., Wed. & Fri.**

Friday & Saturday,

December 18 - 19

from 9.00 – 10.00 am and

[Saturday only] 3.45 – 4.25 pm

LUCIA DOS SANTOS COMMUNITY –

Secular Carmelites monthly meeting

The regular monthly community meeting in December is on Tuesday 15th. Members are also encouraged to join parishioners and members from other nearby communities to celebrate the **Feast of St. John of the Cross** on Monday, December 14, 6.15 pm. Brethren will exchange fraternal Christmas greetings and wishes for the New Year on Tuesday toward the end of the community meeting.



Kindergarten Registration in Elementary Schools



Kindergarten Registration starts on Wednesday, January 6th 2016 – for children born in the years 2011 and 2012. Registrations will be accepted online at <http://soar.tcdsb.org>.

For more details contact the Schools office

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine
Presents: Christ the Saviour is born!
An Evening of Christmas songs
performed by our 3 choirs



Sunday, December 20, 2015 @ 5.00 pm in church hall



Our Parish

3rd Sunday of Advent – Sunday, Dec 13

There is **NO Children's Liturgy**. The parish is today hosting a Christmas get-together for members of parish groups and volunteers, in the church hall from 1.30 pm. **RAFFLE TICKETS** are still available; the draw will be next Sunday during the concert. The **SOCK DRIVE** continues and tickets for the parish's **New Year's Eve Family Night** are on sale from the office or at the back of the church after all weekend Masses.

Feast: St. John of the Cross + Week of Confession – Monday, Dec 14
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. The **WEEK OF CONFESSION** begins today. Reconciliation for students and staff attending Our Lady of Fatima Schools starts this morning at 9.15 in the church. See post on the other page for more details.

OCDS community mtg. – Tuesday, Dec 15

This month's community meeting for the **Secular Carmelites** will take place today at 7.00 pm in our hall, followed by some time of fellowship as members exchange festive greetings and good wishes.

Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Dec 16

Priest is available for reconciliation from 5.15 pm and the regular Fatima devotions start at 6.30 and holy Mass at 7.00 pm.

Weekend Activities – Saturday, Dec 19

Today there is **no RCIA** meeting. These will resume in January 2016. The lighting of the 4th Advent Candle will be during the 4.30 pm Mass.

4th Sunday of Advent – Sunday, Dec 20

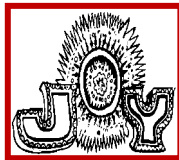
There is **NO Children's Liturgy**. The 4th **FATIMA CHRISTMAS CONCERT** is hosted in today in our church hall and is produced and presented by **David Lamb**, our resident organist, and the three parish choirs. All are welcome and **entrance is free**. **Refreshments will be offered for a token offering**.



Thank you all very much from ...

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

*to all parishioners for your plentiful and generous support to the **CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE** and **GIFT COLLECTION** in church during Advent. God reward you abundantly!*



SPECIAL OFFERING

➤ **FLOWERS for CHRISTMAS OFFERING;**

Thanks for supporting the purchase of Christmas flowers to decorate the altar and the church during the festivities. Use these envelopes, and fill in the requested information and your regular 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.



Thank you for your generous support!

Family Dinner & Dance & Karaoke Night



Get tickets NOW ... a chance not to be missed !



DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2016

The boxes with your donation envelopes for 2016 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 and get their personal **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.



Jubilee of Mercy – The Holy Door

After the solemn inauguration of the Holy Year – marked by the opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica on December 8, 2015 – all locally-designated Churches throughout the world will open their own Doors of Mercy in communion

with the Church of Rome as part of the Eucharistic celebration of the Third Sunday of Advent or Gaudete Sunday.

The Holy Father has asked that special indulgences be available for the Faithful throughout the Year of Mercy (December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016).

For those able to make a pilgrimage to one of the Jubilee churches in Rome, that is certainly an option. Otherwise, Cardinal Collins has designated seven churches within the Archdiocese of Toronto as Jubilee Churches, each with a Holy Door of Mercy. Going through one of these Holy Doors is a spiritual journey that shows, as the Holy Father said, "the deep desire for true conversion."

These are the designated churches for the Jubilee with a Holy Door of Mercy:

- **St. Paul's Basilica**, 83 Power Street, Toronto
- **St. Patrick's Parish**, 131 McCaul Street, Toronto
- **Merciful Redeemer Parish**, 2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga
- **St. Anthony of Padua Parish**, 940 North Park Drive, Bramalea
- **St. Patrick's Parish**, 11873 The Gore Road, Brampton
- **St. Theresa Parish**, 2559 Kingston Road, Scarborough
- **The Martyrs' Shrine**, 16163 Highway 12 West, Midland

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