



4th Sunday of Advent – C



God's ways are so unspectacular. We would expect the Lord God to give convincing demonstration of might and majesty. Instead, God's Son entered upon human history as every human being must, a newborn infant. Today's readings show us the lowly surroundings and simple people

who were central to God's design. Although David's royal city, Bethlehem was an insignificant town. For Micah it is birthplace of the shepherd-king who will begin his rule of peace over a faithful few. In Luke's gospel, so sensitive to the lowly and the inspiration of the Spirit, we see the young woman alluded to by Micah exchange greetings with her older relative. Elizabeth's infant dances in her womb as she calls Mary blessed; unlike Elizabeth's husband, Mary had responded to God with perfect faith. The letter to the Hebrews shows how fully Jesus was his mother's son. His ready obedience accomplishes God's design for the redemption of the world. Jesus carries out the will of his Father from the wood of the crib to the wood of the cross.

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Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? 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 olfatima@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.

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.



THANKS from the **Knights of Columbus & Right to Life** for your support in their sale of **CHRISTMAS CARDS** in aid of various charities 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.



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!



**December 21 - 27
2015**

Mon 21	8:00 am	John & Armenia Jacome [D]
Tues 22	8:00 am	Da Silva & Jardine Family [I]
Wed 23	7:00 pm	Anthony Gomes [D]
Thur 24 <i>Christmas Eve Family Mass</i> <i>Vigil Mass</i> <i>Midnight Mass of Nativity of the Lord</i>	8:00 am	FV Foods Company[I] - Thanks.
	6:00 pm	Pastor's Intentions
	9:00 pm	Pastor's Intentions
	Midnight	Pastor's Intentions

Merry Christmas!

Fri 25 <i>Christmas Day Nativity of the Lord</i>	9:30 am	Fiorino Family [I]
	11:00 am	Philips Family [I]- Thanksgiving

Christmas Joy!

Sat 26 <i>St. Stephen, 1st martyr</i>	9:00 am	Antonio Rosa Reda [D]
	4:30 pm	Deborah Mangal [D]
Sun 27 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	9:00 am	Mathew+Rosita Fernandes [D]
	10:30 am	Caruso Family [I]
	12:15 pm	People of the Parish

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Presents: Christ the Saviour is born!
**An Evening of Christmas songs
performed by our 3 choirs**



Today, Sunday Dec. 20, 2015 @ 5.00 pm in church hall

Family Dinner & Dance & Karaoke Night



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



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The 4th **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 at the end of the concert. The **SOCK DRIVE** continues and tickets for the parish's **New Year's Eve Family Night** remain on sale from the office or at the back of the church after all weekend Masses.



Support your parish

... these gifts are available from the parish office!

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

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

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

- **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

How to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence:

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."



In addition to passing through a Holy Door, each pilgrim is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive the Holy Eucharist while reflecting on God's great gift of mercy, make a profession of faith (recite either the Apostles' or the Nicene Creed), and pray for the Holy Father and for his intentions (an Our Father and a Hail Mary are recommended).

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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 – Thursday, 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 – Friday, 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 – Saturday, 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 06, 2016 at 6.00 pm. The vigil Sunday Mass is at 4.30 pm as usual.

Octave of Christmas – Holy Family Sunday – Sunday, Dec 27

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** and **NO Lord's Flock** prayer meeting today.

