



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – C**



John the Baptist cries: 'repent' in the wilderness of a godless world! His message is simple yet demanding: *Turn to God, change your hearts and confess your sins.* He rebukes those who would be baptized without inner conversion; rites alone do not save. He preaches the imminence of God's reign,

about to begin in Jesus' public ministry. But when John prepares the way for Jesus with stern language, Isaiah promises a king of David's line (we recognize him to be Christ) who will bring in the messianic era of peace, justice and knowledge of God. He will be like a new shoot springing from an old root, giving new life to our withered lives. God's presence will be paradise; on his holy mountain we will learn to 'know' God by experiencing him. Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire, cleansing and purifying as John could not. He prepares us for this encounter with God. Then we will be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit listed by Isaiah, gifts possessed first in their fullness by Jesus himself.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Dec. 06, 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or call **Fr. Victor** at 416-757-2806 or email at [olfatima@rogers.com](mailto:olfatima@rogers.com) for further information.



		<b>December 07 - 13 2015</b>
Mon 07	8:00 am	Patricia Kang [D]
Tues 08	8:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 pm	People of the Parish - Thanks.
Wed 09	7:00 pm	Eduardo Galanga [D]
Thur 10	8:00 am	Coleta Camposano [D]
Fri 11	8:00 am	Rogelio Camposano[D]
Sat 12	9:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
	4:30 pm	Carmela Mangano [D]
Sun 13	9:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Giovanni, Irene & Paolo Spagnoli[D]
	12:15 pm	Vittoria & Michael Fattore [D]

**Solemn Prayer Octave – Holy Year of Mercy  
From Wed. December 2 to Wed. December 9**

The 2000 **HAIL MARY DEVOTION** will be prayed over 8 days – December 02 to 08 – with two petitions every day at 6.00 pm during the octave. The prayer timings will be different on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, Saturday & Sunday. A Solemn celebration of the **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** of **BVM** on December 8, marking the start of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, will include the blessing and unveiling of the icons of *St. Faustina Kowalska* and *St. John Paul II* at the **Divine Mercy Shrine**.



**Details will be posted on our website shortly.  
All are welcome to join us in prayer.**

**The SVDP Christmas Collection**

this weekend **Dec 05/06**

**& end of Food Drive ...**

**Thank you for your support ...**



The annual **SOCK DRIVE** by the #5080 St. Francis Council of the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** is now in progress and will go 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. Thanks to those who have already contributed.

On sale at the back of the church are **RAFFLE TICKETS** in an artistic **NATIVITY SCENE** [for fundraising purposes] and tickets for the parish's **NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY NIGHT** on December 31, from 7.00 pm. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday, Dec. 20 at the end of the Fatima Christmas Concert.



The **SENIORS ACTIVITY CLUB** is hosting their **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER** at our church hall on



**Thursday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon – All seniors are welcome** and tickets are \$14 each. For tickets and information, please contact: Sylvetta: 416-759-4699 or Anne: 416-261-1479  
**Bring with you ... ONE item for the FOOD BANK**

**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.**

**Kindergarten Registration in Elementary Schools**

Kindergarten Registration begins on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our Lady of Fatima's annual

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** is on **today, Sunday, December 06, 2015.**

**Doors open at 1.15 pm ... have fun and enjoy!**






## Our Parish

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent — Sunday, Dec 06

The **2000 Hail Mary Devotion** continues at 1.30 pm followed by Benediction. The **Children's Christmas Party** is today from 1.30 pm onwards. There is **NO LORD'S FLOCK** prayer meeting for the next three weekends. Copies of the new **People's Missal** are still available from our custodian. This is also the last weekend in the **SVDP Christmas food drive** and there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection at all Masses: the **SVDP Christmas Donation**. Tickets in our **Christmas Raffle** are also on sale and the **Knights of Columbus' SOCK DRIVE** is on-going. 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.

### Prayer Octave + Baptism Preparation mtg. — Monday, Dec 07

The next 2 petitions in the **2000 Hail Mary Devotion** in our **PRAYER OCTAVE** are recited at 6.00 pm. The preparation meeting for parents and godparents begins at 7.00 pm in the church.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception — Tuesday, Dec 08

Morning Mass is at 8.00 am as usual. Evening Marian devotions begin at 6.00 pm followed by holy solemn Mass at the end of which the icons of St. Faustina & St. John Paul II are unveiled and blessed in the **Divine Mercy Shrine**.

### Fatima devotions — Wednesday, Dec 09

The final 2 petitions in the **2000 Hail Mary Devotion** are prayed concluding the **PRAYER OCTAVE** for the **HOLY YEAR OF MERCY**. starts today at 6.00 pm.

### Seniors CHRISTMAS LUNCH — Thursday, Dec 10

Our church hall is the venue for the annual **CHRISTMAS DINNER** hosted by the **Seniors Activities Club** at 12.00 noon.

### Weekend Activities — Saturday, Dec 12

There is a **RCIA meeting** at 10.00 am in the church hall as usual. These meetings will resume in the New Year after the festivities. A **baptism celebration** starts at 10.30 am in the church.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent — Sunday, Dec 06

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. There is **NO LORD'S FLOCK** prayer meeting for the next few weekends.

## SPECIAL OFFERING .....

### ➤ FLOWERS for CHRISTMAS OFFERING;

We welcome all offerings of support for the purchase of Christmas flowers to decorate the altar and the church during the coming festivities. Kindly pick up an envelope, 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!**

## Advent "WEEK OF CONFESSION"

**'Reconciliation/Confessions' in our parish:**



**CONFESSIONS**

**Monday to Wednesday,  
December 14 - 16**

between: 9.30 – 11.30 am  
and 5.30 – 6.30 pm

**Friday & Saturday,  
December 18 - 19**

between: 9.00 – 10.00 am  
and [Saturday only] 3.30 – 4.15 pm

## 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**



## 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.**



Support  
your parish

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

## Family Dinner & Dance & Karaoke Night



**Get your tickets from the office  
or our volunteers at  
the back of the church**

NEW YEARS  
**EVE**  
CELEBRATION

**A chance not to be missed !**