



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – A**



For Isaiah the image of wasteland represents the state of humanity unredeemed. But God is coming to save us, and the prophet calls on the wilderness to break into bloom. Just as nature's beauty reflects the Lord's fast approaching splendor, our lives should radiate joy; for God's people are about to be made whole, he is ransoming (redeeming) us. Everlasting happiness will replace the suffering we experience while exiled from God. In the gospel Jesus applies to himself Isaiah's words about the Messiah who saves the poor, the ill and the disabled. Jesus himself will bring in the age of joy. But in his prison cell John the Baptist questioned whether Jesus fits the messiah's description; John's message had emphasized vengeance. Jesus' ministry will perfect our understanding of how God saves: the role of God brings healing, it is not imposed by might or in wrath. Those who witness Christ's work are even more blessed than John, the one who prepared his way.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Dec. 11, 2016**

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, call Fr. Chris at 416-968-0997 or email at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or call Fr. Victor on 416-757-2806 or email him at [olfatima@rogers.com](mailto:olfatima@rogers.com) for further information.

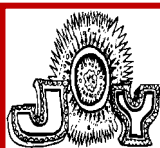


**Advent "WEEK OF CONFESSION"**



**'Reconciliation/Confessions' in our church:**  
**this Monday & Wednesday, Dec. 12 & 14**  
 09:30 – 11:30 am  
 05:30 – 06:30 pm  
**and Saturday, Dec. 17**  
 9:45 – 10:30 am  
 3:40 – 04:25 pm

**Thank you very much from ...**  
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
 to all parishioners for your generous support to the **CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE and GIFT OFFERING** in church during Advent.



*God reward you abundantly!*

**Our Lady of Fatima Shrine**  
**Presents: O Come Divine Messiah!**  
**A Christmas Novena of prayers, song, Mass & fellowship for parish families**

Daily from Thursday, Dec. 15 to Friday, Dec. 23 @ 7:00 pm in church and fellowship in the hall.

		<b>December 12 – 18 2016</b>	
		Mon 12	8:00 am
<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>		7:00 pm	John Corcoran [D]
		Tues 13	8:00 am
Wed 14 <i>St. John of the Cross</i>		7:00 pm	Good of the Carmelite Order
		Thur 15	8:00 am
The Christmas Novena – Day 1		7:00 pm	Novena Intentions – Day 1
		Fri 16	8:00 am
The Christmas Novena – Day 2		7:00 pm	Novena Intentions – Day 2
		Sat 17	9:00 am
4:30 pm	Josie Babulal [D]		
6:00 pm	Novena Intentions – Day 3		
Sun 18 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of ADVENT - A</b> The Christmas Novena – Day 4		9:00 am	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Josephine Lind [D]
		12:15 pm	Caporusso & Trentadue Families [I]
		5:00 pm	Novena Intentions – Day 4

**FEAST OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**

Doctor of the Church and co-founder of the Discalced Carmelite Order  
**this Wednesday, December 14, 2016**  
 >> Evening devotions begin at 6:15 and include the Rosary, Evening Prayer [Vespers] and Holy Mass starting at 7:00 pm.



**The Secular Carmelites and parishioners are welcome**

**Our Lady of Fatima Shrine**  
**Presents:** *O Come, Let us adore Him!*

**An Evening of Christmas Songs performed by our 3 choirs**

**TODAY**  
**Sunday, December 11, 2016 @ 5.00 pm in church hall**

The SENIORS ACTIVITY CLUB is hosting its ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER at our church hall this Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. All seniors are welcome. Tickets are \$14 each.

**Senior Citizens**

For tickets and information, please contact:  
 Sylvetta: 416-759-4699  
 or Anne: 416-261-1479

*Bring with you ... ONE item for the FOOD BANK*



# ADVENT

## WEEK 3

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Sunday, Dec 11

The 5<sup>th</sup> **Fatima Christmas Concert** is hosted today in our church hall and is produced and presented by our musical director David Lamb and the three parish choirs. All are welcome and entrance is free. **Refreshments will be offered for a token offering.** Tickets in our **Christmas Raffle** are still on sale [from the Office or at the back of the church after Mass] 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. The **Knights of Columbus' SOCK DRIVE** continues.

### Our Lady of Guadalupe + Week of Confession – Monday, Dec 12

The **WEEK OF CONFESSION** begins today. Reconciliation for students and staff attending Our Lady of Fatima Schools starts this morning in the church from 9:15. See post on the other page for more details.

### OCDS community mtg. – Tuesday, Dec 13

There is another session of the **Advent Reconciliation** for Our Lady of Fatima School in church from 9:15 to 11:30 am. This month's community meeting for the **Secular Carmelites** will take place today at 7:00 pm in our hall.

### St. John of the Cross + Week of Confession – Wednesday, Dec 14

Priests are available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** here in the church from 9:30 to 11:30 am and 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Evening devotions and Holy Mass start at 6:15 pm and include Rosary, Vespers and sung Mass.

### Seniors CHRISTMAS LUNCH + Christmas Novena 1 – Thurs., Dec 15

Our church hall is the venue for the annual **CHRISTMAS DINNER** hosted by the **Seniors Activities Club** at 12:00 noon. Devotions and Novena Mass start at 6:30 pm.

### Christmas Novena devotions 2 – Friday, Dec 16

Morning Mass is at 8:00 am. **Novena Devotions – Day 2** start at 6:30 pm.

### Christmas Novena devotions 3 – Saturday, Dec 17

Morning Mass is at 9:00 am. The lighting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Advent Candle will be during the 4:30 pm Mass. **Novena Devotions – Day 3** start at 6:00 pm.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – Sunday, Dec 18

The **Lord's Flock** prayer group will have a celebration and fellowship in the hall between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. **Novena Devotions – Day 4** start today at 5:00 pm. The **Christmas Raffle** will be drawn at the end of the Novena Mass.

### LUCIA DOS SANTOS COMMUNITY –



The regular monthly community meeting is on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>**. Members are also encouraged to join parishioners and others in celebrating the **Feast of St. John of the Cross** tomorrow, Wednesday, December 14 at 6:15 pm. Members are sponsoring the **6<sup>th</sup> day Christmas Novena** Mass celebration in the church.

*Secular Carmelites monthly meeting*



### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ... proceeds to RENOVATIONS FUND

The prize is an artistic, **Nativity Set**. **TICKETS** are selling at 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10. One may purchase tickets from the office on weekdays or from volunteers at the back of the church after Masses on weekends.

The draw will be made on **Sunday, December 18, 2016 – in the church – at the end of the novena Mass.**

The **SOCK DRIVE** continues during the coming weeks of Advent.

**Try your luck and ... support your parish ... Thank you!**



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

NEW YEARS  
**EVE**  
CELEBRATION

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

### Kindergarten Registration in Elementary Schools for Sept. 2017

Kindergarten Registration begins on **Wednesday, January 18, 2017** – for children born in the years 2013 – at 10 am. Registrations will be accepted online at <http://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx>. Information at: [www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration](http://www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration) or phone: 416-222-8282 ext. 5320 or 5314.



**For more details contact the Schools office**



Support  
our parish

**... these and various other gifts are available from the parish office!**

### DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2017

The boxes with your donation envelopes for 2017 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 offerings will be acknowledged by the issuing of a tax receipt at the end of the year.

**Thank you**



**PREPARE THE WAY**

Matthew 3:3