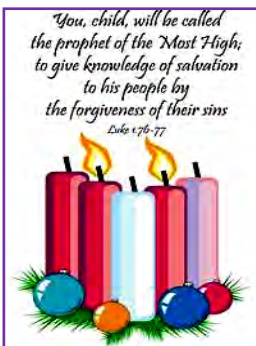




2nd Sunday of Advent – A



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.

2nd Sunday of Advent – Dec. 04, 2016

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." 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 God is calling you, call Fr. Chris at 416-968-0997 or email at vocations@archtoronto.org or call Fr. Victor on 416-757-2806 or email him at olfatima@rogers.com for further information.



		December 05 – 11 2016
Mon 05	8:00 am	Libby & Fred Tillo [I] – Wedd. Anniv.
Tues 06	8:00 am	Elisa Rabanillo [D]
Wed 07	7:00 pm	Patricia Kang [D]
Thur 08 <i>The Immaculate Conception of BVM</i>	8:00 am	Liwayway Fuguera [D]
	7:00 pm	Sulay Family - Thanksgiving Mass
Fri 09	8:00 am	Roland Reyes & Family [I] - Thanks.
Sat 10	9:00 am	Esperanca Fernandes [D]
	4:30 pm	Antonio Reda [D]
Sun 11 3rd Sunday of ADVENT - A	9:00 am	Carmela Mangano [D]
	10:30 am	Nastasha Carla Abogado & Oliver Ladiana [D]
	12:15 pm	People of the Parish

Advent "WEEK OF CONFESSION"



CONFESSIONS

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

The SVDP Christmas Collection

this weekend **Dec 03/04**

& end of Food Drive ...

Thank you for your support ...



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Lady of Fatima's annual

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY is today, Sunday, December 04, 2016

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



R.C.I.A. Program 2016 – 2017

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program – a journey of prayer, reflection and instruction for anyone wishing to explore the beauty of the Catholic faith – in our hall

Final session before Christmas break: **Saturdays Dec. 10 at 10am**

For updates visit our website: www.fatimashrine.ca

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ... proceeds to the RENOVATIONS

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 12:15 pm Mass.



Tickets in our **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** are on sale during the next weekends. Raffle will be drawn on Sunday, Dec. 18 after the 12:15 pm Mass. The **SOCK DRIVE** continues during the coming weeks of Advent.

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

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.

FEAST OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

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

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



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 contributions will be acknowledged by the issuing of a tax receipt at the end of the year. *Complete & updated information is a requirement for the issue of tax receipts.*

Thank you



ADVENT

WEEK 2

2nd Sunday of Advent – Sunday, Dec 04

There is **NO Children's Liturgy**. The **Children's Christmas Party** takes place today from 1:30 pm. The last **LORD'S FLOCK** prayer meeting before the break is on Sunday, December 18. This is also the last weekend in the **SVDP Christmas Food Drive** and there is also a 2nd collection – **The SVDP Christmas Offering** – during all of this weekend Masses. Tickets in our **Christmas Raffle** are also on sale and the **Knights of Columbus' SOCK DRIVE** is now on. 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.

Advent Reconciliation – Tuesday, Dec 06

The **Advent Reconciliation** for **St. Joachim School** will take place today, at the school, from 9:15 am.

Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Dec 07

Devotions begin at 6:30 pm followed by Holy Mass. *Prayer and Mass intentions include all the requests made in the intentions list and envelopes reserved at the shrine.* All are welcome to join us. At the end of Mass we will proceed by the **Light up for Christ**, an initiative of the **Knights of Columbus** to inaugurate our outdoor festive lights

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Thursday, Dec 08

Morning Mass is at 8:00 am as usual. Evening devotions begin at 6:30 pm followed by holy Mass.

Weekend Activities – Saturday, Dec 10

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.

3rd Sunday of Advent – Sunday, Dec 11

There is **NO Children's Liturgy** and **NO Lord's Flock** prayer meeting; there is a meeting next Sunday, December 18. Tickets in our **Christmas Raffle** are still on sale [from the Office or at the back of the church after Mass] and the **Knights of Columbus' SOCK DRIVE** continues. 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.

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Presents:

☉ Come,
Let us adore Him!

An Evening
of Christmas Scenes
performed by
our 3 choirs

Sunday, December 11, 2016 @ 5:00 pm in church hall

The SENIORS ACTIVITY CLUB is
hosting its ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER
at our church hall on
Thursday, Dec. 15th 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

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

➤ 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 [including your regular envelope number, if you want your donation to be included in the tax receipt] seal envelope with offering and place it in the candle box at the shrine.



Flowers For Christmas
Offering

Name: _____
Address: _____
Postal Code: _____ Amount \$ _____

Thank you for your generous support!

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 or phone: 416-222-8282 ext. 5320 or 5314.

For more details contact the Schools office



Family Dinner & Dance & Karaoke Night

