



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 11

8:00 a.m. Mario Facchino

Tuesday, December 12

8:00 a.m. Wilfred Juan
Christopher Mohammed
7:00 John Corcoran

Wednesday, December 13

7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in honor of St. John of the Cross
Good of the Carmelite Order

Thursday, December 14

8:00 a.m. Carlos Rodriguez
Rocco Flammia

Friday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Avelino Beloso
Joseph & Mary Cheng (Intentions)
7:00 p.m. Christmas Novena

Saturday, December 16

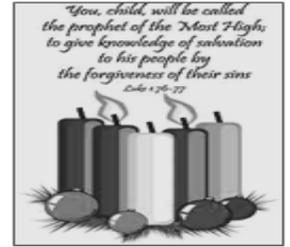
9:00 a.m. Godofredo & Lourdes Tillo
4:30 p.m. Josie Babulal
6:00 pm Christmas Novena

Sunday, December 17

9:00 a.m. Cynthia & Francis Fernandes
10:30 a.m. Josephine Lind
12:15 p.m. People of the Parish
5:00 pm Christmas Novena

2ND ADVENT SUNDAY

John the Baptist was the son of Zechariah, Zecharian was Temple priest. Since the priesthood was passed from father to son, we must assume that whatever John was doing in the desert, it had something to do with Temple and sacrifice.



When people came to the Jerusalem Temple, they were seeking the remission of their sins through the sacrificial meditation of the priests, but before they could enter the precincts of the Temple, they were obliged to undergo a ritual washing called a mikvah. Can we appreciate both of these features in John's characteristic activity of baptizing? He was drawing his followers through a purifying bath and then promising them forgiveness. But how would the forgiveness happen? In Mark's Gospel, John says, *One mightier than I is coming after me...I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.* And in John's Gospel, the Baptist cries, *Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.* These two statements are functionally equivalent. John the Baptist was preparing Israel for the arrival of the definitive priest, who would perform the final sacrifice by which sins would be wiped away. His water-baptism was in anticipation of a fiery immersion by which Israel would be eschatologically purified. It is worth noting that all four Gospels compel us to approach Jesus through John the Baptist. All four Evangelists realize that we won't understand what Jesus is doing and what he means without the interpretive key provided by this strange desert prophet.



The *Children's Liturgy* will Resume after the Christmas Holidays on **January 7, 2018 Sunday at 10:30 Holy Mass.**



Have a blessed restful holidays.

3rd Sunday of Advent – Dec. 17, 2017

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 Lemieux** at 416-968-0997 or email at vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Fr. Dominic Borg** at 416-757-2806 or email him at olfatima@rogers.com for further information.

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FEAST OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

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

this Thursday, December 14, 2017

>> **Holy Mass** at 8:00 am.

The Secular Carmelites and parishioners are welcome.





Advent "WEEK OF CONFESSION"
 for Our Lady of Fatima School.
 'Reconciliation/Confessions' in our church
 will take place this **Monday Dec 11 &**
Tuesday Dec 12, 2017
 9:00am – 12:00 pm

Are you new in our parish?

You are most welcome to register your family with us. We are very grateful to new parishioners who have done so already, and to those who updated their records. We thank all for your constant help and support. Come and pick up a form from our office Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or download a form from our website: www.fatimashrine.ca or email us at olfatima@rogers.com

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 On **Tuesday, December 12th** the church
 will celebrate the feast of
 Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will
 be a morning mass at 8:00 am,
 and evening mass at 7:00 pm.
All are welcome to join us in prayer.



**DONATION ENVELOPES
BOXES FOR 2018**

The boxes with your donation envelopes for 2018 are being prepared for pick up. They will be sorted in alphabetical order in trays according to the family's last name. All registered parishioners are kindly asked to inform the office of any changes to their personal data. *Thank you.*



*** Thank you very much from ...
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
 to all parishioners for your generous support to the
**CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE, BUNDLE SUNDAY,
 SUMMER CAMP, and other GIFT OFFERING** in
 church during Advent. ***
God reward you abundantly!

**Congratulations to the winner of the KNIGHTS
 OF COLUMBUS, Christmas Crib Raffle
 Ticket #438 Jhayden Averion**

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine



Presents: O Come Divine Messiah!

A Christmas Novena of prayers, song, Mass, & fellowship
 for parish families.

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| Dec. 15 Fri. at 7:00 pm | Dec. 16 Sat. at 6:00 pm |
| Dec. 17 Sun. at 5:00 pm | Dec. 18 Mon. at 7:00 pm |
| Dec. 19 Tues. at 7:00 pm | Dec. 20 Wed. at 7:00 pm |
| Dec. 21 Thurs. at 7:00 pm | Dec. 22 Fri. at 7:00 pm |
| Dec. 23 Sat. at 6:00 pm | |

Peaceful and Joyous Christmas to all participant!

**The SENIORS ACTIVITY CLUB is hosting its
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER**

at our church hall on
Thursday, Dec. 14th at 12 noon **Senior Citizens**
All seniors are welcome

Tickets are **\$15** each. For tickets and information,
 please contact:



Sylvetta: 416-759-4699
 or Anne: 416-261-1479

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

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are still collecting
 for the annual **SOCK DRIVE**. The campaign goes on
 through Advent, Christmas, and until the
 beginning of the New Year. These articles
 are given to needy persons living on the
 streets or in Shelters.



> 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.



Thank you for your generous support!