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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Philip Jones - Pastor  
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## OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

### Sunday Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
Baptisms: 1:30 p.m.

### Weekday Eucharist

Mondays & Fridays: 8:00 a.m.  
Tuesdays & Thursday: 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays & Saturdays: 9:15 a.m.  
Rosary Saturdays at 8:45 a.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.  
and anytime by request.

## Baptisms

Contact the parish office even before the birth  
for preparation and arrangements.

## Marriages

By appointment with at least one year notice to  
permit adequate preparation.

## Ministry to the Sick and Shut-Ins

Please notify the office  
if a family member is in hospital or confined  
to the home.

## Holy Orders

For information contact Fr. Chris Lemieux  
416-968-0997 or [www.vocations.ca](http://www.vocations.ca)

## Parish Schools

St. Dominic's Elementary 905-278-9821  
Queen of Heaven Elementary 905-278-9771  
St. Paul's Secondary 905-278-3994  
Archbishop Romero School 416-393-5555

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 10:00 a.m - 6:30 p.m. & Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to the pastoral staff and others and  
complete a registration form located in the vestibule of the Church.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Guild  
Altar Servers

Baptism Ministry  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Coffee Ministry  
Collection Counters  
Confirmation Preparation  
Finance Council  
First Eucharist Preparation  
First Reconciliation Preparation  
Funeral Ministry  
General Church Maintenance  
Kitchen Coordinator  
Knights of Columbus  
Marriage Preparation  
Marriage Rehearsal  
Ministers of Eucharist  
Ministry of Music (SATB Choir)  
(Folk Choir)

Ministers of the Word  
Ministers of Welcome  
Parish Social Ministry  
Social Committee  
Social Justice Education  
Spiritual Direction  
Pastoral Council  
Property & Maintenance  
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults)

Resettlement  
ShareLife  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Youth Ministry

Monica Parlette  
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## Second Sunday of Advent

**From the desk of Fr. Phil**

### Preparing for Christ

Since Advent is a season of hope, then perhaps this would be a good time to ask God to help us put aside any obstacles in our lives that prevent us from fully welcoming Christ in each person. The Psalmist says: Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. We need to have a vision of what could be. We know that when we are looking forward to something it can help to change the present difficult situation that we live in. Hope can dramatically affect the life that we are now living. When we are around hopeful people then life is different. Isolation is a trap that we have to avoid. If we cut ourselves off from people that see differently, we may become very narrow minded and lose the ability to imagine that things could be different. Advent is a season when we are encouraged to dream and hope...to imagine what could be.

### Advent – week 2 – John the Baptist

Who is John the Baptist and what is the significance of his message for our lives? In dramatic fashion Luke tells us when John came on the world scene. The world's rulers paled in reference to this son of a priest whose task was to make the way for the King who is above all other kings. John stood at a pivotal juncture in the history of God's dealing with his people. He bridged the Old and New Testaments. John was a prophet, a spokesman for God. "The word of God came to John in the wilderness." John was pre-eminently the servant of the Word, the Word of God who became flesh for our sake and for our salvation. Why was he in the wilderness? John was called from an early age to devote himself to prayer and to the word of God. God taught him in the solitude of the desert and prepared him for a prophetic ministry to turn the hearts of his people to receive their long-awaited Messiah. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who point the way to the coming of the Messiah. He is the first of the new Testament witnesses and martyrs who suffered on account of his witness to Christ. When a king toured his kingdom, he sent his courier ahead to prepare the way. John is the courier of the Messianic King who comes to usher in the kingdom or reign of God. Isaiah had long ago prophesied the role of the Forerunner of the Messiah. John undoubtedly took this word to heart as he searched the scriptures and reflected on the word of the Lord in the wilderness. How does one prepare for the coming of the King and his heavenly kingdom? By conversion – turning our hearts and minds from sin and rebellion, indifference and skepticism, to trust and obedience to God's word. Luke's gospel emphasizes the universal call of the gospel to all peoples without distinction. He quotes from the prophet Isaiah that "all flesh shall see the salvation of God." John stood at the door of a new era of grace and salvation. He saw from a distance what Jesus the Messiah would accomplish through his death and resurrection – pardon for our sins and eternal life for all who would believe in his name.



Please refer to the insert for the schedules of all events and Mass times.

I hope you all have a great week!

*Fr. Phil*

### **Advent Retreat - St. Dominic Parish**

#### **Advent: *Waiting in Anticipation.***



○ come • ○ come • Emmanuel

#### **Dec 14 and Dec 15 – 7:30pm – 9:00pm**

In the rush of the holiday season, take some time to yourself, to sit quietly wrapped in God's presence and reflect on the soon-to-be birth of the Christ Child in your life.

Jim Dunn is offering a 2-night twilight retreat during Advent in preparation for the gift of the Christmas

Saviour. Come reflect upon how we can find "more Bethlehem" in our lives.

*Refreshments following in the parish hall.*



**Monday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ferial**

8:00AM – Mass  
– Jackie Swatuk✙

**Tuesday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ferial**

7:00PM – Mass  
– Jose Canario✙

**Wednesday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ferial**

9:15AM – Mass

**Thursday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. Ambrose**

7:00PM – Mass  
– Giovanni Bonora✙

**Friday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Immaculate Conception of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00AM – Mass  
– Jacqueline Swatuk✙

**Saturday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ferial**

9:15AM – Mass  
– Alfonso Cotoia✙

### **New Missal**

Missal for the new Liturgical Year is available at the office. The cost is \$ 5.



Dec 9<sup>th</sup> – Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### Christmas Cake Sale – Campaign Life Coalition



Campaign Life Coalition traditional Christmas cakes will be sold after all the Masses and it will continue into December on weekends after the Masses. The cakes are made by the Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey in Quebec. The cakes are rich and exquisitely delicious. They make wonderful gifts. This year we have bar cake for \$18, round cake (1kg), for \$25. New this year is the gift basket for \$30.

### Day of Confession



"Jesus in the confessional is not a dry cleaner: it is an encounter with Jesus, who waits for us just as we are. Is going to confession like a torture session? No! It is going to praise God, because I, a sinner, have been saved by Him. And is He waiting to beat me? No, he waits with tenderness to forgive me. And if tomorrow I do the same? Go again, and go and go and go. He always waits for us." - Pope Francis.

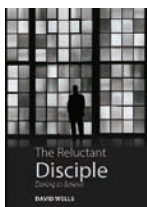
From **December 10 to 16, 2017**, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a **Day of Confessions**

In our parish, the schedule for confessions is as follows:

#### December 12, 2017,

- 10:30am – 12noon,
- 2pm – 4pm,
- 7:30pm(after 7pm Mass) - 9pm

### School News



The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Presents  
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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCCSCJan10>

### Advent Lessons & Carols

#### Dec 17 Toronto 3:00 pm

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond Street, Toronto

Lessons and Carols is a service of Christian worship celebrating the coming birth of Jesus at Christmas. It tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus in short readings of scripture and in sacred song. St. Michael's Choir School will provide the hymns and choir music. This event will also mark the closing of the [175th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto](#). First-come, first-seated.

### Prayers for the Sick



We remember our parishioners for their recovery to health especially: Barbara Ptashinski, Denise Lamontagne, Peter Banken, Sean Seepaul, Ronie Scholfield, Stefania Pieke, Maureen Timms, Tony Fares, Reginaldo Emmerich, Louise Paquette, Anita Cottreau, Renford James, Casimiro Piscione, baby Aaron James, Eric Holgan, Marilza Alvarez, Gary Baldassi, Flavia Silva, Renee Beauregard, Colleen & Walter Popovic, Anne-Marie Cameron, Angelica Cagetano, Asia Tkacz, Michael Plante, Devon Hill, Larry Elmer, Antonio Tolentino, Andrew Calder, Elizabeth Toy, Arlene Ceccetto, Edith Ardito, Mary Melnik, Eva Lil, Paul Von Zuben, Rusty Von Zuben, Phyllis Horbatiuk, Jim Clough, Michelle Moldenhauer, , Joey Fares.

### Vocation Seeds



John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### St. Dominic's Seniors

#### Fun for Seniors

Our Seniors Group has started its 14<sup>th</sup> Season.

- If you are a Senior 60+
- Love to play Euchre
- Engage in lively conversations,

*This is the group for you.*

Come & join us on Tuesdays from 1 – 3pm in the Church Hall. All are welcome!



### LET US PRAY

#### For the Sick:

We pray for all the sick in our community.

#### For the Deceased:

We pray for all the deceased in our community.



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