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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

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
Christi Robert
Natalye Mete
Fr. Phil Jones
Shyvone Gardner
Joyce Varriano
Michelle Gal-Chalmers
Marie Jansa
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Gloria Noronha
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Christine Kot
Gary MacDonald
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Erica Miceli
Fr. Phil Jones
Barbara-Anne Krampert

Larry Elmer
Fr. Phil Jones
Margaret Ramsay
Meredith Erochko
Natalye Mete
Maureen Pangan





MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec 3rd
St. Francis Xavier
 8:00AM – Mass

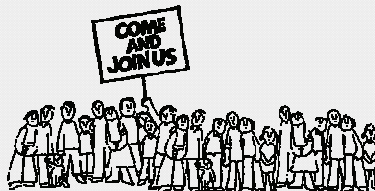
Tuesday, Dec 4th
Ferial
 7:00PM – Mass
 – Frank Mangiarano †

Wednesday, Dec 5th
Ferial
 9:15AM – Mass

Thursday, Dec 6th
Ferial
 7:00PM – Mass
 – John O'Reilly †

Friday, Dec 7th
St. Ambrose
 8:00AM – Mass
 – Rita Vollick
 (Special Intention)

Saturday, Dec 8th
**The Immaculate Conception
 of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 9:15AM – Mass
 – Giovanni Bonora †
 – William Marno †



- Folk Choir Practice
7:30PM every Wednesday
- Sunday Coffee
Every Sunday after 9:30AM Mass

First Sunday of Advent

From the desk of Fr. Phil



Pastor's Corner

I have had my treatment appointments this week but they came after the bulletin was released. I will let you know what they are next week in my column. Please keep me in your prayers.

Thank-you to the dream team and all those who helped to make the Pasta Dinner so successful. A good time was had by all.

The lighting of the tree and evening with Santa is this week. I will very much miss this event as it is one of the highlights of the year for me. I hope you have a good time singing, eating, playing games and socializing with one another.

The decorating Sunday will be on **December 23rd** at 1:30 in the church. Please come out and join your fellow parishioners in beatifying the church for Christmas.

The giving cards from the giving trees will be returned by **Dec. 15**. Please make sure all cards are returned by then.

First Sunday of Advent

How good are you at reading signs, especially signs which God sends our way? The people of Jesus' time expected that the coming of the Messiah would be accompanied by extraordinary signs and wonders. Jesus' first coming was clouded in mystery and surprising wonderment. Even though he was the rightful heir to the throne of King David, he was born in obscurity in a cave at Bethlehem, near the place where David had watched over his father's sheep some 1000 years before. A choir of mighty angels chose to announce the good news to a small band of lowly shepherds keeping their night watch nearby. Learned magi from the East, who recognized a great omen in the heavenly sky, followed the star until it led them to Bethlehem. They alone found the child with his mother and paid him homage as the newborn king of Israel. When Jesus humbly submitted to baptism at the River Jordan, the heavenly Father spoke audibly for those nearby who were willing to listen, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."

Jesus told his disciples that his final great sign would be his return in glory at the end of the age. He would come this second time as Judge and Merciful Redeemer to vindicate those who accepted him as Lord and Savior and to punish those who rejected him. Jesus declared that this last sign at the end of the world would be unmistakable. All would recognize and "see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27). The title which Jesus most often used to describe his Messianic role was the expression "Son of Man". This title comes from the Book of the prophet Daniel, chapter 7. The image of a "Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" was given in a vision where the prophet Daniel saw heaven opened before the throne of God (Daniel 7:13-14). In this vision God showed Daniel a royal investiture of a human king before God's throne. This king was invested with God's authority and was given power to judge and rule over the whole earth. His reign would last for all ages.

The prophet Jeremiah foretold the day when God would send his Messiah King to "execute justice and righteousness in the land" (Jeremiah 33:15). Jesus is the fulfillment of this promise and every promise which God has made. The Lord Jesus, through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, assures us of his abiding presence and the promise that he will return again. His Holy Spirit gives us supernatural hope, and the strength to persevere with joyful confidence until the Lord comes again. What kind of hope does the Lord offer us? He gives us the hope of heaven, seeing God face to face, sharing in the fullness of his glory and everlasting life. When the Lord comes again as our Judge and merciful Redeemer he will right every wrong, vindicate every person who has accepted him as Lord and Savior, and remove all sorrow, pain, and death itself (Revelations 21:4). The world around us is plagued with greed, envy, strife, and uncertainty. It has lost hope in God and in his promise to restore the human race and all of creation when the Lord Jesus comes again.

Jesus' prophetic description of the end of time and the day of judgment was not new to the people of Israel. The prophets had foretold these events many centuries before. "Behold the day of the Lord comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger to make the earth a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it" (Isaiah 13:9-13; see also Joel 2:1-2; Amos 5:18-20; Zephaniah 1:14-18). Jesus speaks of the second coming as a known fact, a for certain event we can expect to take place. This coming will be marked by signs that all will recognize; signs which will strike terror in those unprepared and wonder in those who are ready to meet the Lord. When the Lord returns he will establish final justice and righteousness over the earth by overthrowing his enemies and by vindicating those who have been faithful to him. The anticipation of his final judgment is a sign of hope for all who trust in him.

What can keep us from recognizing the signs of the Lord's presence and his action today? Indifference and the temptation to slacken off – to become passive and lethargic or to fall asleep spiritually. It is very easy to get caught up in the things of the present moment or to be weighed down with troubles. The Lord knows our shortcomings and struggles and he gives us the strength to bear our burdens and to walk in his way of holiness. But there is one thing he doesn't tolerate: an attitude of indifference, being passive, not caring, and doing nothing when we could be actively seeking God and his kingdom! God is ready to give us

Dec 1st – Dec 8th, 2018

fresh vision, hope, and grace to walk in his ways. He wants to work in and through us for his glory. That is why he expects more of us than we can do by ourselves. His grace enables us to actively watch for his action in our lives, and to actively pray for perseverance and endurance when we face trials and difficulties. The Lord gives us his strength to overcome temptation, especially from apostasy - the denial of the Lord Jesus out of fear or pride. God is ever ready to fill us with his strength and divine power. Is your heart hungry for God or is it weighed down by other things?

Many churches in the East and West, since the early first centuries of the Christian era, have marked special seasons to celebrate the central truths of the Christian faith. The Advent season which precedes Christmas and Epiphany reminds us that we are a pilgrim people, aliens and exiles in this age who long for our true home with God in his heavenly kingdom, and who await with joyful hope the return of the Lord Jesus at the end of the age. When will the Lord Jesus come again? No one but the Father in heaven knows the day. But it is a certain fact that we are living in the end times, the close of this present age! The end times begin with the first coming of Jesus Christ (his Incarnation which we celebrate at Christmas and Epiphany) and culminates in his final return on the Day of Judgment.

I hope you have a prayerful Advent Season.

Fr. Phil

The Giving Tree

Christmas is a special time to think of other people, and St. Dominic's has a long tradition of giving and giving generously. Social Ministry outreach at St. Dominic's continues with the tradition of The Giving Trees. They are located in the lobby and in the parking lot stairwell. The gift cards are for people in this community who are not able to provide Christmas for their families. Please take a tag and purchase the gift card listed on the tag from Dollarama, Dixie Mall, Shopper's Drug Mart, Loblaw's, Metro, Walmart, Tim Horton's, or Cineplex. Return the cards to the **Parish Hall Dec. 15 between 3 and 5 pm** or drop at the office. If you would like a tax receipt, put the cash register receipt with the gift cards in an envelope, don't forget to include your name and address. The donation must be over \$20.00 to qualify for a receipt.



Youth Group

Thanks to everyone who came out to our socks and underwear drive for the Compass Winter Survival Kits. These donations will help keep people warm who are currently homeless in Port Credit this winter. All sizes and for all genders of socks and underwear will be appreciated. Please help us keep our most vulnerable warm as better solutions are worked towards in our community.

December 7, the youth group will be participating in Laser Tag. Here is a small cost to participate. Details will be provided by email with the time and location.

December 21, please join us for cookie baking and a movie. We will be selling cookies on December 24th to help fundraise for our group. We want to attend Edge Camp this summer which is hosted by the Archdiocese of Toronto. It's an amazing week spent in reflection and truly living God's word.

Campaign Life Coalition – Christmas Cake Sale



Campaign Life Coalition Christmas cakes will be sold from Dec 1st, after all the Masses and it will continue on weekends after Masses.

Traditional cake made by the monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey. Each cake is slowly baked and aged to perfection. Choice fruits soaked in wine, pecans, creamery butter and quality ingredients are carefully blended according to a traditional recipe creating the perfect Christmas cake.

Day of Confessions

December 13 is the **Day of Confessions** in our parish.

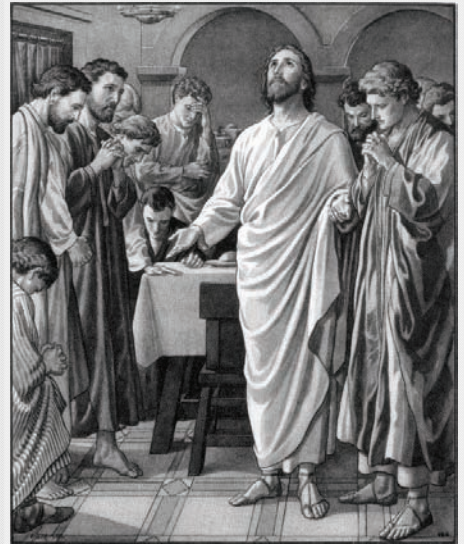
Timings: 12noon to 2pm. 7:30pm to 9pm.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We remember our parishioners for their recovery to health especially:
Barbara Ptashinski, Denise Lamontagne, Peter Banken, Sean Seepaul, Ronie Scholfield, Maureen Timms, Tony Fares, Reginaldo Emmerich, Louise Paquette, Anita Cottreau, Eric Holgan, Marilza Alvarez, Gary Baldassi, Flavia Silva, Colleen & Walter Popovic, Ann-Marie Cameron, Angelica Cagetano, Asia Tkacz, Michael Plante, Devon Hill, Larry Elmer, Andrew Calder, Arlene Ceccetto, Edith Ardito, Mary Melnik, Eva Lil, Paul Von Zuben, Rusty Von Zuben, Phyllis Horbatiuk, Joey Fares, Erna Go, Leo Hogan, Aline Vandewaeter, Philippe Paquette, Rick Way, Christopher Faion, Jeff Gollob, Geraldine Jeans, Henry Kaluzny, Darlene Coyne, Carmilia Attanasio, Kayla Farrell, Denis Price, Paulette Kennan, Christopher Pickering, Cristina Salvo, Germain de Backer, Joseph DiBiasi, Peter Di Tommaso, Grace Roberto, Eamonn & Alice Browner, Diane Ouellette, Alain Paquette, Bill & Diane Cranor.



Vocation Seeds



"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

email vocations@archtoronto.org

St. Dominic's Seniors

Fun for Seniors

Our Seniors Group has started its 15th Season.



- o If you are a Senior 60+
- o Love to play Euchre
- o 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.



WEEKLY OFFERINGS Weekend Nov 25, 2018

Offertory Collection: \$ 4719.45

Other Collection: 1563.55

Many thanks for your generosity Fr. Phil

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