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# St. Dominic

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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Philip Jones - Pastor  
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Gloria Noronha, Parish Secretary

## 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  
Christi Robert  
Natalye Mete  
Fr. Phil Jones  
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Joyce Varriano  
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Gloria Noronha  
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Paul Horbatiuk  
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Marian Yuill  
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Barbara-Anne Krampert

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



## Second Sunday of Advent

From the desk of Fr. Phil

### Pastor's Corner

Well I have finally had some good news. The brain scan and pet scan, (full body scan), proved that there was no cancer anywhere else in my body. The right lung is the only place! Good news indeed. I will find out this Thursday what the treatment will be, including surgery, and will let you know next week. Please keep praying for me.

**Decorating Sunday will be December 23 after the 11:30 Mass. Please come and help out!**

#### **Christmas Mass Schedule:**

Christmas Eve – 5, 7, 9:30 and midnight  
Christmas Day – 9:30 and 11:30 AM

#### **New Year's Mass Schedule:**

New Year's Eve - 5PM  
New Year's Day – 9:30 and 11:30 AM

#### **Sacred Scripture**

Do you recognize the voice of the Lord speaking to you when you listen to the word of God in Scripture? Luke the evangelist tells us that the "word of God came to John in the wilderness" (Luke 3:2). Who was John the Baptist and what is the significance of the word which he received and delivered to the people of his day? Luke tells us that John was the son of Zechariah, a priest who served in the temple at Jerusalem. John stood at a pivotal juncture in the history of God's dealing with his people. He bridged the Old and New Testaments, also known as the Old and New Covenants which God made with his people. John's prophetic calling and mission preceded his conception and birth. The angel had announced to Zechariah that his barren wife will conceive a son, and "you shall call his name John," and "he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb" (Luke 1:13,15). When John received his name shortly after birth, his father prophesied that he would be "called the prophet of the Most High who will go before the Lord to prepare his ways" (Luke 1:76). John was called to be a prophet, a spokesman for God.

In dramatic fashion Luke tells us when John appeared on the world scene. Luke lists a few of the key reigning rulers in John's era, including Tiberius Caesar of Rome (Luke 3:1). These rulers pale in reference to the man who now stood at the door of a new era of grace and salvation for the world. John's mission was to prepare the way for God's Anointed King who would come to establish God's rule above all other kings and authorities. Luke 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" (Isaiah 40:5; 52:10).

How did John prepare for the coming of the Anointed (Messiah) King and Savior of the world? Luke tells us that "the word of God came to John" when he was dwelling in the wilderness of Judea (Luke 3:2). John was called from an early age to devote himself to prayer and to the word of God. John not only took the Scriptures to heart, he molded his life according to them, and made himself a servant of the Word of God. John was led by the Spirit into a barren and lonely place away from the noise and distractions of everyday life. There God taught John in the solitude of the desert and prepared him for a prophetic ministry that would turn the hearts of his people to receive their long-awaited Messiah.

In the ancient world when a king decided to tour his kingdom, he first sent his courier ahead to prepare the way. John is the courier and great herald of the Messiah King who proclaims to all the peoples that the impending reign of God is now very close at hand. Isaiah had long ago prophesied the role of the Forerunner of the Messiah (Isaiah 40:3-5). John undoubtedly took this word to heart as he searched the Scriptures and reflected on the word of God in the wilderness. When John began his public ministry, he traveled throughout the region of Judea and preached a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 3:3).

How can we, like John the Baptist, prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ - today and everyday and when he comes again to bring us fully into his everlasting kingdom? John the Baptist tells us that the first step is conversion and repentance (Matthew 3:2; Luke 3:7). Conversion involves receiving God's word into our heart and mind and allowing his Word to change our attitudes and wrong ways of thinking and judging. Repentance is the deliberate turning away from sin (wrong-doing) and turning to God to receive his pardon, healing, and strength to do what is good and reject what is wrong.

John saw from a distance what Jesus the Messiah would accomplish through his death and resurrection - pardon for our sins, healing and restoration, and eternal life for all who would believe in the Lord Jesus. (Servants of the Word)

I hope you are enjoying the Advent season.

*Fr. Phil*

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Ferial**

8:00AM – Mass

– Francesco Moro†

**Tuesday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Ferial**

7:00PM – Mass

**Wednesday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

9:15AM – Mass

**Thursday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Lucy**

7:00PM – Mass

– Maria Farace†

– Paul Zita†

**Friday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**

**St. John of the Cross**

8:00AM – Mass

– Rita Vollick

(Special Intention)

**Saturday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Ferial**

9:15AM – Mass

COME  
AND  
JOIN US



➤ Folk Choir Practice

7:30PM every Wednesday

➤ Sunday Coffee

Every Sunday after 9:30AM Mass

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Panettone Sale

Knights of Columbus will be selling Panettone (Lemon, Pistachio cream, Regular) and Torrone bars "direct from Italy", after all weekend Masses in the Church Hall.

### Sunday Coffee Ministry



The Sunday Coffee Ministry will be hosting a BAKE SALE to raise money for the purchase of the statue of St. Dominic for our Parish. This BAKE SALE will take place on **Saturday, December 15, 2018**, and Sunday, **December 16, 2018**, after both Masses.

As of December 1, 2018, we have raised \$6,062.10 towards our goal of \$10,000. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society Annual Collection



Thank you for your contribution to the Saint Vincent de Paul annual collection. Envelopes are still being accepted.

This money is used all year to help our neighbours in need. The people we help in our community really struggle to make ends meet and to support their families. We visit people once a month to help them.

100% of your donations are distributed. We do not take any honorarium, mileage or expenses. As a Society we contribute about 500 hours a year to this work. Please give generously so that we may act on your behalf in the parish.

We are always in need of new members so if you would like to volunteer, please leave your name in the office.

### 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 21**, please join us for cookie baking and a movie. We will be selling cookies on **December 24<sup>th</sup>** 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 are being sold in the month of December on the weekends after all the 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 Caetano, 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, Paul McQuade.



### Vocation Seeds



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 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### St. Dominic's Seniors

#### Fun for Seniors

Our Seniors Group has started its 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Dec 2, 2018

Offertory Collection: \$ 4400.00

Other Collection: 898.51

*Many thanks for your generosity Fr. Phil*



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