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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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Erica Miceli
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Barbara-Anne Krampert

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



Third Sunday of Advent

From the desk of Fr. Phil

**Pastor's
Corner**

My surgery to remove the upper right side of my lung will be on December 19th. Please remember me that day in your prayers. I should be home by Christmas Eve.

Decorating Sunday is December 23. Please come and help decorate our church on that day. Remember, many hands make

light work.

The sign-up sheets for the ministers of the word and ministers of communion and altar servers are in the sacristy. Please sign your name if you belong to these ministries.

Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant is on December 22 at 10:30. If you wish to be in the play, please attend this rehearsal. It is the only one.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve – 5, 7, 9:30 and midnight

Christmas Day – 9:30 and 11:30

New Year's Masses (Please remember that New Year's Day is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics)

New Year's Eve – 5

New Year's Day – 9:30 and 11:30

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I regret not being with you this year, but the surgery is important and needs to be done as soon as possible. There will be many more Christmases after this one. So, have a good one this year and I will see you soon!

Why did thousands come out to hear John the Baptist preach? And what was so unusual about his message? When John the Baptist appeared on the public scene and began to prophesy the whole nation of Israel took notice. It had been many hundreds of years since a prophet had spoken out and performed signs in the land of Israel. John broke the long silence with the sudden announcement that the Messiah (God's Anointed One) was about to appear. God had long ago promised his people through the patriarchs of the old covenant (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob), and through the prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zephaniah, etc.) and rulers of Israel (Moses, David), that he would send them a Redeemer who would save them from their sins, free them from oppression, fill them with the joy of his presence (Zephaniah 3:17), and bring them his everlasting kingdom of peace and righteousness. The people recognized that John was an extraordinary man of God and a true prophet who spoke in God's name. They came out to hear the "good news" (Luke 3:18) which he preached to them. And they willingly submitted to his baptism of repentance at the River Jordan where he preached. John's task was to wake people up from spiritual sleep and indifference, and to turn them back to hear God's voice and obey his commandments. John wanted the people to be in a good place to receive the Messiah and follow him.

Luke mentions two groups in particular who came to John for spiritual renewal - tax collectors and Jewish soldiers who belonged to the Roman peace-keeping force. Both groups were regarded as being spiritually unfit and unclean by the Jewish authorities and were treated as outcasts. John welcomed them with open arms along with all the multitude of people who came to hear the "good news" and be baptized in the cleansing waters of the River Jordan. John's message of renewal and repentance was very practical. He told the people three things: First, every follower of God must share what they possess (their personal goods and resources) with their neighbors, especially with those who lacked the basic necessities of life. John recognized that this was a key duty for every individual and an outward expression of the great commandment to love one's neighbor as oneself (Leviticus 19:18).

Second, John pointed out the sacred duty to give each and every person what is their due and to not take from them what rightfully belongs to them. God commands that each person be treated with respect and that honor be given where honor is due. John told the tax collectors that they must not coerce people to pay more tax money than what was rightfully due. (Tax collectors often made handsome profits for themselves by overcharging other people.) John instructed soldiers to not abuse their authority or power to compel people to give or do things for them beyond what was rightful and their due. (It was not uncommon for soldiers to abuse their position to force people to carry their heavy equipment for them or to rob them of their goods.) John did not tell them to leave their profession, but to be good, honest, and respectful soldiers.

And thirdly, John exhorted his listeners to be content with what they had and to avoid coveting (wrongfully desiring or acquiring) what belonged to others. John basically called the people to turn back to God and to walk in his way of love and righteousness

John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. John said that the Messiah would "baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Fire in biblical times was associated with God and with his action in the world and in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as the burning bush which was not consumed when God spoke to Moses. The image of fire was



Monday, Dec 17th

Ferial

8:00AM – Mass

Tuesday, Dec 18th

Ferial

7:00PM – Mass

Wednesday, Dec 19th

Ferial

9:15AM – Mass

Thursday, Dec 20th

Ferial

7:00PM – Mass

Friday, Dec 21st

Ferial

8:00AM – Mass

– Stan De Backer †

Saturday, Dec 22nd

Ferial

9:15AM – Mass

– Francesco Mauro †

**COME
AND
JOIN US**



➤ **Folk Choir Practice**

7:30PM every Wednesday

➤ **Sunday Coffee**

Every Sunday after 9:30AM Mass

also used to symbolize God's glory and his protective presence, his holiness, his righteous judgment, and his wrath against sin. John expanded this image with the illustration of the process of separating wheat from chaff. A winnowing fan or shovel was used for tossing the wheat in the air. The heavier kernels of wheat fell to the ground, while the lighter chaff was carried off by the wind. The chaff was then collected and used for fuel (see Isaiah 21:10). In the New Testament, the image of fire is also used of the Holy Spirit who comes to cleanse us from sin and make us holy (Matthew 3:11 and Acts 2:3). God's fire both purifies us of sin and it inspires in us a reverent fear of God and of his word. And it increases our desire for holiness and for the joy of meeting the Lord when he comes again. Do you want to be on fire for God and for the return of the Lord Jesus when he comes in his glory? Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). Jesus is ready to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. The word of God has power to change and transform our lives that we may be lights pointing others to Jesus Christ, the true light of the world (John 8:12). Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you point others to Jesus Christ in the way you speak and live? (Servants of the Word)

I hope you all have a good Christmas! *Fr. Phil*

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.

Youth Group

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.

Catholic School News

Dufferin-Peel hosts Information Session to Support the Transition of Students with Differing Abilities into Kindergarten 2019-20

On Wednesday, January 9, 2019 the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Special Education and Learning Services Department will host a Kindergarten entry planning and information session. This meeting is for families of children with differing abilities, such as vision, hearing, speech, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays in the cognitive and/or motor areas, who are entering Kindergarten in September 2019. The meeting will be held at the Catholic Education Centre from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. For more information about this session, please call 905-890-0708 ext. 24011.

For more information, parents/guardians should contact their local Catholic school, visit the DPCDSB website, or call DPCDSB's Admissions Department at 905-890-1221.

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 or religious and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? 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 Dec 9, 2018

Offertory Collection: \$ 5552.00

Other Collection: 1328.00

Many thanks for your generosity Fr. Phil

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