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## PARISH STAFF

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> *Ferial*

8:00AM – Mass  
5:00PM – Mass  
7:00PM – Mass  
9:30PM – Mass  
12:00AM – Mass

#### Tuesday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup> *The Nativity of the Lord*

9:30AM – Mass  
11:30AM – Mass

#### Wednesday, Dec 26<sup>th</sup> *St. Stephen*

9:15AM – Mass

#### Thursday, Dec 27<sup>th</sup> *St. John*

7:00PM – Mass  
– Larry Elmer†

#### Friday, Dec 28<sup>th</sup> *The Holy Innocents*

8:00AM – Mass  
– Mary Neill†

#### Saturday, Dec 29<sup>th</sup> *Fifth day within the Octave of the Nativity*

9:15AM – Mass

COME  
AND  
JOIN US



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

Church Office Closed:  
Dec 26, Dec 27 & Dec 28.



#### **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

### The Legend of the First Christmas Tree

An evergreen sprang from the centre of an oak cut down by St. Boniface. The oak symbolized paganism, and its death brought an end to the old ways. The new tree was **“the sign of endless life, for its leaves are evergreen.”** St. Boniface took this as a sign of the Christian faith.

#### **HISTORY:**

##### 11<sup>th</sup> Century

During Advent, religious plays were performed around Europe. There was always a tree on stage, decorated with red apples, to symbolize the Tree of Paradise.

##### 15<sup>th</sup> Century

The faithful began displaying paradise trees in their homes on December 24, the feast of Adam and Eve.

##### 16<sup>th</sup> Century

Decorated standing trees became popular in Germany and France. Immigrants brought the tradition to America, but the custom was not popular until the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

##### 18<sup>th</sup> Century

The Christmas tree tradition started in Canada!

The Christmas tree reminds us of:

- The tree planted in the centre of Eden
- The tree of the Cross

The decorating of the Christmas tree offers an opportunity for **family prayer**.

#### **PRAYER**

We praise you for the beauty of this tree:  
May its evergreen branches remind us of your unending care of all people;  
May it lights illumine the darkness of the winter nights;  
May its presence bring cheer and hope for all people. Amen.

### Youth Group

Don't forget your cookies for Santa! We have made it easy for you. All cookie packets are pay what you can. Our group is fundraising to send 10 children to Edge Camp this summer in Haliburton. The money we raise will help decrease the cost for families who want to send their kids.

Help support our sock and underwear drive. Look for our posters to see when the next collection will happen. Let's keep the most vulnerable people in our community warm as they survive their winter outside.

Thanks for a wonderful 2018 to all of our youth! We look forward to an amazing 2019 session. January 11, 2019 is our first meeting of the year. The theme is a surprise, not only to you but to your leaders as well. We will meet in the church hall from 7-9 PM. All kids from grade 6-8 are welcome.



*Oh, Christmas Tree*



Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> – Dec 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Reactivation of the Social Justice Education Committee



The objective of the committee is to invite St. Dominic's parishioners to discuss important social issues that merit immediate action, such as the unabated environmental degradation. Following into the steps of the previous group, chaired by Tom McCarthy, we would like to continue with activities and discussions related to Pope Francis' encyclical: **"Laudato Si" ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME**

The content and format of this program would be the first job of the new SJEC. We invite, then, fellow parishioners

interested in becoming members of the new SJEC to contact either:

Paul Lozada at: [acqumenenterprise@gmail.com](mailto:acqumenenterprise@gmail.com)

Carlos Diaz at: [diazcarlos@rogers.com](mailto:diazcarlos@rogers.com)

## Dancing for the Compass

**Dancing for The Compass** returns for a 12th year to the Port Credit Legion (upstairs), 35 Front St. N. on Saturday **January 26, 2019**. Doors upstairs open at 7:00 pm and dancing from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am. The ticket price for this fundraiser is \$25/person and \$30 at the door. Please contact the church office or phone Peter Toller at 905-274-6131 to order your tickets. It will be a fun night of 50s and 60s music with the local 8-piece band, **Little Peter and the Elegants**. A light buffet will be served. Fabulous raffle prizes, too!

## School News

### January 9 - DPCDSB Information Session to Support the Transition of Students with Differing Abilities into School

On Wednesday, January 9, 2019 the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Special Education and Learning Services Department will host a school 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 or Grade 1 in September 2019. The meeting will be held at the Catholic Education Centre (40 Matheson Boulevard West, Mississauga) from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. For more information about this session, please call 905-890-0708 ext. 24011.

## School News

Kindergarten Registration for the St. James Catholic Global Learning Centre will take place January 22-25, 2019

The St. James Catholic Global Learning Centre located in the Port Credit area of Mississauga will be holding Kindergarten Registration for the 2019-20 school year on January 22\* from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on January 23-25 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

\*A snow date has been designated on January 23 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, parents/guardians should contact the school office at 905-891-7619, visit the board website at [www.dpcdsb.org](http://www.dpcdsb.org), or call the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board 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 Cotterreau, 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, Ken Hoad.



## Vocation Seeds



Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious or deacon to carry the Good News of God's great Love? 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.



- 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.

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS Weekend Dec 22, 2018

Not known at the time of Publication.

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