

A Faith Community Alive in Christ Jesus

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prepare the way...



ADVENT

Fourth Sunday of Advent

REFLECTION FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent and few days from now; we are going to celebrate the birthday anniversary of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Gospel today is about St. Joseph who has a plan to part ways with Mary secretly even if he is already betrothed to her, when he finds out that Mary is pregnant. Joseph was told that Mary was to bear a child, that the child had been begotten by the Holy Spirit and He must be called the child by the name Jesus. Jesus is the Greek form of the Jewish name Joshua and Joshua means Jehovah is salvation. Many of us would think too that Christ is the family name of Jesus. Strictly speaking it is not and it is not a name but a title. Christ means "Anointed One" or "Messiah", the liberator whom God had promised to send to the Jews and for whose coming they all longed. Already, Joseph is not afraid to take Mary as his wife. He is afraid that he could be the foster father of Jesus and to accept Him as his son. Since he knows who Jesus is and to be his foster father entails a very personal and intimate relationship with Him. He is afraid of the challenges and demands that relationship might require of Him. It is the same with us. We want to be blessed with God and yet we are afraid of the demands that the blessings require of us. You know fear can be a dangerous enemy in us. We must not allow it to ruin our lives. Overcome it. But above all trust in God and do His will because God has a message in each one of us .

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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



FLOWER DONATION

Donate flowers to decorate the church for Christmas. Kindly drop it off by Sunday Dec 22. Thanks for your generous support.



CALLING ALL CHILDREN

Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant will be held on **Sat. Dec 21st at 10:30am**. If you wish to be in the play during the 5pm Dec 24th Mass, please attend this rehearsal. It is the only rehearsal date.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR



We are happy to announce that we are starting children's choir with the Christmas eve. Parents please encourage your children if they are interested in singing. Children from grades 3 and older can sign up the sign-up sheets placed at the entrances of the church or contact the office. The rehearsal date is Dec 21st. For more details contact Sean or Brian.

FOODS OF THE WORLD DINNER



Join us for St Dominic's Foods of the World Dinner & Silent Auction

Date: **Saturday 8th February 2020**

Time: 6:30 PM (after Mass)

Tickets: Adult \$20.00 (at the door \$25.00) 13yrs and up \$20.00
6yrs -12yrs \$10.00 – 5yrs and under free.

Event to benefit St Dominic's Parish.

Tickets go on Sale 4th January 2020 after every Mass and in the office.

*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.*

May His gift of love be your gift at Christmas.



Sunday, Dec 22nd

9:30AM – Mass
11:30AM – Derrick &
Jackqueline Ambrose†

Monday, Dec 23rd

Ferial
NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec 24th

Ferial

5:00PM – Mass (Children's)
7:00PM – Mass
9:30PM – Mass
12:00AM – Mass

Wednesday, Dec 25th

The Nativity of the Lord

9:30AM – Mass
11:30AM – Mass

Thursday, Dec 26th

St. Stephen

7:00PM – Louise & Donna
Joseph†
– Albert Francis†

Friday, Dec 27th

St. John, Apostle

8:00AM – Mass Available

Saturday, Dec 28th

The Holy Innocents

9:15AM – Mass Available
5:00PM – Laura Krajewski†



➤ **SATB Choir Practice**

7:30PM every Monday

➤ **Folk Choir Practice**

7:30PM every Wednesday

➤ **Sunday Coffee**

Every Sunday after 9:30AM Mass

Dec 21st – Dec 28th, 2019

FIRST – EVER SUMMER CAMP!



St. Dominic's church is hosting it's first-ever summer day camp, July 6-10, 2020.

Children from JK-Grade 6 will come together in age-specific groups, to explore the Catholic faith, form new friendships, and engage in a caring community. We hope to teach children more about the Catholic faith and deepen their relationship with God.

Program planning will take place in the next few weeks. Please keep your eyes on the bulletin for registration details in the new year.

ST. DOMINIC'S GARDEN CLUB NEWS

St. Dominic's Garden Club would like to thank the parishioners for the success of the sale of the poinsettia. We fund raised \$500 from the sale. Thank you for all that you do for the Church.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Your Offertory Envelopes for 2020 are in the vestibule. They are arranged numerically. Please collect them at your earliest convenience. If you have moved and not informed the office please let us know, so we can update the information in our system.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our newly wedded couple:
Michael Batke & Andrea Skinner



PANETONNE SALE & CAR DRAW

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

CAR-DRAW lottery tickets will be on sale as well.



PICTURES WITH SANTA

Just a reminder if you have not picked up your pictures with Santa, please do so from the parish office.

DANCING FOR THE COMPASS

Dancing for The Compass returns for a 13th year to the Port Credit Legion (upstairs), 35 Front St. N. on Saturday January 25, 2020. 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!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We remember our parishioners for their recovery to health especially: Barbara Ptashinski, Peter Banken, Sean Seepaul, Denise Lamontagne, Maureen Timms, Louise Paquette, Anita Cottreau, Eric Holgan, Marilza Alvarez, Flavia Silva, Colleen & Walter Popovic, Ann-Marie Cameron, Angelica Caetano, Asia Tkacz, Michael Plante, Larry Elmer, Arlene Ceccetto, Edith Ardito, Mary Melnik, Eva Lill, Paul Von Zuben, Phyllis Horbatiuk, Erna Go, Aline Vandewaeter, Philippe Paquette, Christopher Faion, Jeff Gollob, Geraldine Jeanes, Henry Kaluzny, Carmilia Attanasio, Kayla Farrell, Denis Price, Paulette Kennan, Cristina Salvo, Germain de Backer, Joseph DiBiasi, Grace Roberto, Eamonn & Alice Browner, Alain Paquette, Bill & Diane Cranor, Perfecto Raymundo, Margaret Reynolds, Victoria Thomas, Daphne Lobo, Loretta Milligan, Rita Nicoll, Matthew Whiteley, Eugene & Heather Munro, Pat and Mel Melnike, Aiden Thurlow, Loren Giles Forrest, Marie Orna Arayata, Ian Masson, Alda & Joao Aguiar, Charlene Paculaba, Paul Cantlon, Nicholas Wong, Catatino Tumaneng, Corazon Samoy, Elpidio Medina, Bart Scheres, Marian Yuill, , Nadia Townshend, Coleen White, Steve & Marie Murray.



MISSALS 2020

Sunday Missals for 2020 are available at the office. The cost is \$5. Please come and pick up a copy.



Christmas – Church Decoration



We expect your helping hand in putting up the Christmas decorations in the church and its surroundings on Fourth

Sunday of Advent December 22nd after 11.30 am Mass Thanks for your support and cooperation. Please do not forget to bring bells to ring during Christmas Eve and day Masses.

Seniors' Group

Our Seniors Group has started its 15th Season this year.



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

This is the group for you. Come and join us on every Tuesday from 1-3pm in the Church Hall Refreshments are provided. All are welcome!

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you, or anyone you know who wish to convert to the Catholic Faith, or need to complete your reception of the Sacraments please let us know by calling the parish office and giving us your name and contact number/email to enroll into the RCIA program 2019-2020. The meeting will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00PM in the RCIA room.

LET US PRAY

For the Sick:

We pray for all the sick in our community.



For the Deceased:

- Denis Price✠
- Jose Teixeira✠
- Theresa Paré✠
- Antonio Maoloni✠

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Weekend Dec 15, 2019**

\$5255.25

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