

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING YEAR C – NOVEMBER 24, 2013

DAY OF CONFESSIONS DECEMBER 11, 2013



His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, has set Wednesday, December 11th as a Day of Confession throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto.

To return to the Lord with integrity, we benefit greatly from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year, we will provide the opportunity for all Catholics to avail themselves of this sacrament. Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set

aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness.

The schedule for confessions at St Francis of Assisi is as follows: **Wednesday Dec 11th – Times will be announced.**

PARISH MEMORIAL MASS

Families and friends of St Francis of Assisi Church are welcomed to come together to celebrate the lives and deaths of those who have lost a loved one during the past year and were buried from St Francis of Assisi Parish from Nov 1st 2012 to Nov 30th 2013.

A Parish Memorial Mass will be held on **Saturday Nov. 30th**

4:45 pm – Solemn Reading of the Names of the Deceased
Lettura solenne dei nomi dei defunti.

5:00 pm - Special Bilingual Solemn Mass
Santa Messa solenne in Inglese e italiano

Faremo una **Santa Messa Memoriale** all'ultimo giorno di novembre. Prima della S Messa, leggeremo tutti i nomi di coloro per i quali abbiamo celebrato i riti funebri nella nostra chiesa da novembre 2011. Vi chiediamo la gentilezza di passare la parola anche ai famigliari che non vivano nella nostra zona, giacché non abbiamo modo di fare contatto con loro.

PHILIPPINES DISASTER – TYPHOON HAIYAN

In response to the news that thousands are dead, hundreds of thousands forced out of their homes, and an estimated 9.5 million people are in dire need of aid, the Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief efforts through its network of parishes. Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto maintains that besides practical assistance to the victims in the Philippines, “we join together in prayer to support all who are affected.”

The Canadian government has announced it will match donations to the Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund made by Canadians between Nov 9 and Dec 9. Contributions made through the Archdiocese of Toronto for this relief effort will be eligible for the matching program.

Those wishing to help are asked to have their donations in by **December 1st** to be forwarded to the Archdiocese before the December 9th deadline in order for us to take advantage of the matching program. - Please mark your envelopes “**Philippines Typhoon Haiyan – Humanitarian Relief**”, envelopes available at the back of the church.

Kindly remember that **any cheques for special collections**, including those for the Philippines Typhoon Haiyan, **MUST be made payable to “St Francis of Assisi Parish”.**

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER –SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

There will be a special collection in all parishes in the Diocese on December 7-8 in support of Aboriginal people in Canada. The **Moving Forward Together Campaign** collection will fund healing and education programs to help build a brighter future with our Aboriginal brothers and sisters. For general information on the “Moving Forward Together” campaign, you can visit their online space at www.movingforwardtogether.ca Envelopes will be available at the back of the church.

FIRST MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

First meeting for Unit One for Parents and **Confirmation Candidates** – Please choose one

Sunday December 1st at 10:30am
OR
Saturday December 7th at 4:00 pm

FHC & CONFIRMATION: RITE OF ENROLMENT

For those who have not yet been enrolled, **Our Enrolment Rite** will be held on these next two dates:

OR
Sun Dec 1 at 11:30 am Mass
Sat Dec 7 at 5:00 pm Mass

We call the First Holy Communion and the Confirmation candidates up close to the end of Mass and present them with the crosses to be worn around their neck.

It is our hope that like St Francis, these young people will be the living stones that build our faith community.

We ask the parents to have the children come to church and their classes wearing the Enrolment Cross.

The San Damiano Cross

The cross pictured is a reproduction of the one St. Francis was praying before when he received the commission from the Lord to rebuild the Church. The original cross hangs in Santa Chiara (St. Clare) Basilica in Assisi, Italy.

One day, while passing the run down church known as San Damiano, Francis heard an internal voice from his spirit tell him to go in and pray. He entered and knelt before the cross in contemplation and ecstasy. While gazing at the cross, Francis saw the lips of Jesus move and he heard the words, “Francis, go repair my house which as you see is falling into ruin.” Throughout the centuries the San Damiano cross has symbolized for Franciscans a mission to bring renewal to the Church. The cross is called an icon cross because it contains images of persons who have a part in the meaning of the cross. The purpose of an icon cross is to teach the meaning of the event depicted and thereby strengthen the faith of the people.

The San Damiano cross, meditation on the Word of God in scripture and the evangelical life of Francis and Clare are at the heart of the Franciscan vision.

Quoted from Scanlan, Fr. Michael. **The San Damiano Cross: An Explanation.** Steubenville, OH: Franciscan University of Steubenville, 2007.



SOLENNITA` DI CRISTO RE DELL'UNIVERSO – ANNO C – 24 NOVEMBRE 2013

MINISTRY ONGOING EDUCATION SERVIZIO NELLA CHIESA –AGGIORNAMENTO



The **Ministry of the Word** meeting will be held on **Thursday November 28th** from **7:30 to 9:30pm** here at St Francis of Assisi Parish. We are asking all those who already participate in this Ministry to plan to attend this meeting. We also ask all those who are interested in being a part of this service to participate as well. If you miss this meeting, you will likely have to travel

elsewhere to find another presentation of this topic.

RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE - ULTIMI AGGIORNAMENTI A RIGUARDO DEL PROGETTO DI RESTAURO

WEST STAIR RENOVATION PROJECT

We are pleased to report that the West Stair renovation will be nearing completion mid-November; weather co-operating.

RECTORY RENOVATION AND PARISH PHASE 1 SCOPE OF WORK

The project tender has been completed and the contractor bids were received at the end of October. Bid submissions are currently being evaluated by our Project Architect and we will be awarding the contract by mid-November to the successful contractor. Work will commence on the Rectory and Parish by the end of November and will continue throughout the Winter and Spring of 2014.

We thank you for your continued patience and prayers as we move forward with our restoration activities.

PROGETTO DI RESTAURO DELLE SCALINATE AL LATO OCCIDENTALE DELLA CHIESA

Siamo lieti di comunicarVi che il lavoro di restauro della scalinata frontale al lato occidentale della Parrocchia giungera` quasi a termine entro la metà di novembre, se il tempo permette.

RESTAURO DELLA RETTORIA E PRIMA FASE DELL'AMBITO DEL LAVORO DELLA PARROCCHIA

E` scaduto il termine per presentare le offerte di partecipazione alla gara d'appalto, le quali ci sono state pervenute verso la fine di ottobre. Attualmente e` in corso la valutazione, da parte dell'architetto del progetto, delle offerte presentatoci ed entro la metà di novembre sceglieremo l'appaltatore a cui affidare il contratto di lavoro. Il restauro della rettoria e della parrocchia inizierà alla fine di novembre e continuerà per tutto l'inverno e la primavera del 2014.

Vi ringraziamo per la vostra consueta pazienza e per le vostre preghiere mentre che proseguiamo per il nostro percorso di restauro.

ENGLISH SUNDAY MISSALS

Thank you **Bernardo Funeral Homes** for providing the Sunday Missals to the parish free of charge! The Church calendar begins December 1 with the first Sunday of Advent.

MASS SCHEDULE NOV 23RD TO DEC 1ST 2013

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

ST CLEMENT I, POPE & MARTYR; ST COLUMBAN,
ABBOT; BL. MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO, PRIEST &
MARTYR

5 :00 PM All Souls

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

9:00 AM All Souls

11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN MARTYR

8:00 AM All Souls

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

ST LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE, FRIAR PRIEST

8:00 AM All Souls

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

ST FRANCIS ANTHONY FASANI, FRIAR PRIEST

8:00 AM All Souls

7:00 PM Domenica DeCaria

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

ST JAMES OF THE MARCHES, FRIAR PRIEST

8:00 AM All Souls

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

ALL SAINTS OF THE SERAPHIC ORDER

8:00 AM All Souls

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

ST ANDREW, APOSTLE

3:30 PM 50th Wedding Anniversary –
Graziana & Eduardo Villa

5:00 PM Bilingual Memorial Mass for
Parishioners buried from the parish in
the last year.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM In onore di San Nicola Da Crissa;
Lanni e Famiglia; Pietro Petrini;
Nicola Morfea; Yvette Abugaber;
Famiglia D' Ambrosio e Caggiano;
Giovanni Callipo e Tutti i Morti;
Eduardo Cipolla e Famiglia;
Gaetano Ciampaglio;

11:30AM Caterina Rizzuto