

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A – DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

### DAY OF CONFESSIONS DECEMBER 11, 2013



His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, has set Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> – 8:45 am – 11:30 am; 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm; 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Sua Eminenza, il Cardinale Thomas Collins, ha stabilito mercoledì 11 dicembre come giorno dedicato alla Confessione in tutta l'archidiocesi di Toronto.**

La celebrazione del sacramento di riconciliazione ci concede l'immenso beneficio di ritornare al nostro Signore con integrità. Quest'anno daremo l'opportunità a tutti i cattolici di avvalersi di questo sacramento. Attraverso la preparazione e la celebrazione della confessione, possiamo mettere da parte comportamenti dannosi, per essere rinnovati nel cuore e nello spirito e per riconciliarci con il nostro Dio il quale ci abbonda con il Suo amore benevolente e misericordioso.

Gli orari per la Confessione alla Chiesa di San Francesco d'Assisi, per **mercoledì, 11 dicembre**, sono i seguenti:

**8:45 am – 11:30 am; 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm; 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

### SPECIAL MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER COLLECTION FOR FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES

A special collection is being taken up today in support of the needs of Aboriginal people in Canada. For Aboriginal people, all standard of living statistics lag behind the Canadian average. The *Moving Forward Together Campaign* collection will fund local and national healing and education programs to help build a brighter future with our Aboriginal brothers and sisters. You can also give online at [www.movingforwardtogether.ca](http://www.movingforwardtogether.ca)

### 2014 CALENDARS – CARDINAL FUNERAL HOMES

The 2014 Calendars are now available at the back of the church. Our thanks go to our friends at **Cardinal Funeral Homes** who have very generously donated these calendars for all the parishioners to enjoy!

January 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26

### PARISH ONGOING EVENTS



The English language branch of the Secular Franciscan Order will be having their meeting **TODAY** after the 11.30 am Mass.

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2013 - NATALE

#### CHRISTMAS EVE TUESDAY - MARTEDÌ DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

No Morning Mass

Christmas Prelude	8:30 PM
Mass in English	9:00 PM
Canti Natalizi – Christmas Hymns	11:30 PM
Messa Bilingue – Bilingual Mass	12 midnight

#### CHRISTMAS DAY WEDNESDAY – MERCOLEDÌ DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

Messa in Italiano	9:00 AM
Mass in English	11:30 AM

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE TUESDAY – MARTEDÌ DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Adoration	3:30 PM
Benediction of Blessed Sacrament	4:45 PM
Mass in English	5:00 PM

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY WEDNESDAY – MERCOLEDÌ JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

Messa in Italiano	9:00 AM
Mass in English	11:30 AM

### PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

Please note that the **Parish Office will be closed at the end of the day on Fri Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and will open again to the public on Mon Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

Certificates and Mass bookings can easily be made at other times. If someone is sick and needs a priest or if someone needs a Mass Card, **please leave a message on the parish voicemail and we will try and get back to you as soon as possible.**

Vi avvisiamo che **durante il periodo natalizio, l'ufficio parrocchiale sarà chiuso dalla fine del giorno lavorativo di venerdì 20 dicembre. Riprendiamo lavoro il lunedì 6 gennaio.** Per le pratiche di ogni giorno non ci sono urgenze. In generale tutte gli uffici prendono una pausa per questi giorni. Detto questo, notate che per le visite agli ammalati lasciateci sulla segreteria telefonica (answering machine) **un messaggio chiaro con diversi recapiti telefonici.** Inutile lasciare solo il numero di casa se siete all'ospedale vicino all'ammalato – lasciate o i numeri dei figli o qualche numero di telefonino. Sapendo anche le nostre realtà, se c'è bisogno di **una Messa Perpetua per qualche defunto**, lasciate un buon messaggio e cerchiamo di venire incontro al vostro bisogno – possiamo preparare il libretto e portarlo in sagrestia.

### PHILIPPINES DISASTER – TYPHOON HAIYAN

Thank you everyone for your kind response and generosity towards the Philippines Typhoon Haiyan humanitarian relief fund. As of Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> the total amount collected was **\$1590.00.** This amount will be matched by the Canadian Government. Thank you for your support.

## LA SECONDA DOMENICA DELL'AVVENTO – ANNO A – 8 DICEMBRE 2013

### UPDATE ON THE STEPS AND RECTORY

We received an update that in a few weeks the railings for our front steps should be in place and hopefully we will be able to use our front steps for our Christmas celebrations – weather permitting.

We are also hopeful that the official awarding of the remaining working (mostly on the rectory) will take place in the coming days and the starting date for the work should be given to us.

Siamo in attesa che fra poche settimane la scalinata della chiesa sia consegnata – dopo l'arrivo delle appoggia mani.

Speriamo di avere una data dell'inizio lavori per la casa parrocchiale e alcuni altri lavoretti nella prima fase dei lavori a San Francesco.

### TCDSB PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS 2014-2015



The Toronto Catholic District School Board welcomes families with kindergarten-aged children to register for the September 2014 school year beginning Wednesday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

St Luke School is offering

an extended evening on **January 9<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 8pm.**

**St Francis of Assisi School** will be having their extended evening on **January 20<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 8pm.**

For registration information, please call **416-222-8282 ext. 5314**

### CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

**Liturgical Publications** will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will be February 2014 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call **Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422**

### THIS YEAR'S SUNDAY MISSALS - BERNARDO

As we enter into the new liturgical year with the beginning of Advent, we would like to say thank you to our friends at Bernardo Funeral Home who generously supplied us with our English language Sunday Missals. This allows us to follow the Mass more closely and extends this possibility to those who find themselves at an Italian Mass.

### SAVE STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

We are starting to collect used stamps to help support and promote the missionary activities of the friars of the Franciscan Missionary Union. Any used stamps can be forwarded to St Francis of Assisi parish office.

*Siamo raccogliendo dei francobolli per le missioni.*

### AN ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CANTATA

A sacred meditation in Scripture, Word and Song presented by the contemporary/traditional musical group **"United Hearts"** **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**, at Shrine of Our Lady of Grace at Marylake, 13760 Keele St., King City, ON. Further details, see Church bulletin board.

**MASS SCHEDULE  
DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> TO DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2013**

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> ST AMBROSE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

5:00 PM Filomena Guiducci – One Year Anniversary

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 AM Giovanni, Concetta e Monica D'Ambrosio;  
Carmela e Vera Grass e Famiglia;  
Celeste Di Rollo-primmo anniversario;  
Famiglia Carnevale; Giovanni Mongillo;  
Giuseppe e Vittoria Carnovale e Rosario  
Simonetta; Fortunato e Chiara Scopacasa;  
Don Giuseppe e Bruno Scopacasa;  
Agostino Lanzeroti; Famiglia Piazza;  
Saverio Paparo e Famiglia

11:30 AM For Parishioner's Intentions

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> SOLEMNITY OF IMM CONCEPTION OF BVM, PATRON AND QUEEN OF THE SERAPHIC ORDER

8:00 AM Michele Caccamo

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM Charles L. Trebino

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> ST DAMASUS I, POPE

8:00 AM Charles L. Trebino

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PATRON OF THE AMERICAS

8:00 AM Nicola Nesci e Mathew Nesci

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> ST LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

8:00 AM Domenico e Vittoria Bellissimo

9:30 AM *School Mass in church (weather permitting)*  
*St Francis and St Luke Schools*

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

5:00 PM Franco Luciano Donato

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 AM Rocco e Giuseppina Renda;  
Giuseppe Malfara; Luigi e Michelina Doimo;  
Salvatore Rotiroti; Famiglia Sestito;  
Domenico Ionadi e Nunziata Tolomeo;  
Giovanni e Carlo Barbati e Famiglia;  
Pasquale e Rosanna Marcello;  
Carolina e Fortunato Rigitano;  
Eugenio Del Tufo; Carol Vaillancourt

11:30AM For Parishioners' Intentions