

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A – DECEMBER 15TH, 2013

MINISTRY ONGOING EDUCATION/FORMATION

We would like to thank those who attended the meetings held here at St Francis of Assisi Parish, which were presented by the Office of Formation for the Discipleship of the Archdiocese of Toronto for the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, the Ministry of Hospitality, and the Ministry of the Word.

Eucharistic Ministers

Ricardo Aleixo	Giuseppina Olimpio
Mauro Fallico	Pauline Perri
Rocco Farella	Rocco Petrella
Rosina Garisto	Antonietta Raviele
Amaria Larginho	Ivanma Raviele
Antoinette Olimpio	Lina Spatola

Ministers of the Word

Ricardo Aleixo	Stefani Mannella
Richard Cutinho	Ana Olimpio
Rocco Farella	Gina Pappano
Natelina Furfaro	Rocco Petrella
Rosina Garisto	Jo-Anne Vitale Rebelo
Lucy Gudgeon	Danny Rolo
Rupert Gudgeon	Lina Spatola

Ministers of Hospitality

Ricardo Aleixo	Agostino Notito
Sal Cipolla	Rocco Petrella
Rocco Farella	Domenic Sinicropi
Natalina Furfaro	Domenic Vetro

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS KINDNESSES GRAZIE PER LE VOSTRE GENTILEZZE

Thank you to our parishioners and friends for all the different kindnesses that we are being shown in this Advent/Christmas Season. We appreciate your greetings and even a number of kind gifts. Please note that at the risk of seeming ungrateful, we ask you to avoid sugar rich and alcohol as gifts. Truthfully, we need to avoid sweets (for medical reasons) and alcohol just does not seem to move quickly at all.

Vi ringraziamo per le vostre gentilezze. Vi chiediamo di evitare offerte di dolci o degli spiriti – super alcolici. Queste cose purtroppo vanno inoltrate.

MISSED CHRISTMAS DAY OR NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES?

If you get to the afternoon of Christmas Day or New Year's Day and realize that you have not attended Mass (oops!) you should note the following Masses:

St Alphonsus Church at 540 St Clair Ave West
English Mass December 25th & January 1st at 7:30 pm

St Michael's Cathedral: January 1st at 5 pm

Notate bene – anche se perderete le ss Messe della vigilia e della mattina, di sera, la chiesa di sant'Alfonso provvederà un'ultima opportunità di santificare le solennità del Santo Natale (25 dicembre) e di Maria, Madre di Dio (1 gennaio). Passate la parola.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2013 - NATALE



CHRISTMAS EVE TUESDAY - MARTEDÌ DECEMBER 24TH



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 25TH

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE TUESDAY – MARTEDÌ DECEMBER 31ST

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 1ST

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

Please copy this schedule and pass it around.
Avoid unnecessary phone calls about the times of
Christmas Masses during the festive days.

Passate la parola degli orari festivi.
Evitate chiamate per chiedere gli orari festivi.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

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

LA TERZA DOMENICA DELL'AVVENTO – ANNO A – 15 DICEMBRE 2013

BLESSINGS OF THE STAIRS & RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE

The West Stair Project Update

The west stair project is nearing completion with new thresholds for the doors to be installed within the next week. There will be a blessing of the stairs following the **11:30am Mass on Sunday, December 22nd, 2013**. Please join us in celebrating the re-opening of our parish front doors and our beautiful stairs, heritage coach lights and new guardrails.

Rectory and Parish Restoration Project Update

We are pleased to report that J.D. Strachan Construction Limited has been awarded the contract to renovate the rectory and parish priorities. With over 30 years' experience, including church restorations, J.D. Strachan is delighted to be part of the St. Francis of Assisi project team.

The rectory renovations will consist of a parish centre administrative area including a main floor elevator for easy access, multiple offices and community meeting rooms. The administrative area will be serviced by a small kitchen servery. The second and third floor residential space will house a living and dining area, bedroom and study suites for the pastor and associate and additional living spaces for anticipated future needs.

The parish priorities include a barrier free washroom on the ground floor of the parish nave and repairs/corrections to the water infiltration in the basement of the church as well as other restoration requirements.

This past week, our general contractor has commenced mobilizing on site. The anticipated project schedule completion is approximately 36 weeks (Fall 2014). We will continue to provide updates as the project moves forward.

We thank you for continuing to keep the project team in your prayers.

INTO THE MYSTERY: THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL

This documentary follows Toronto's St Michael's Choir School as it celebrated its 75th Anniversary with a performance tour of Rome and Florence. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity saw the students of St Michael's Choir School perform at some of the world's most important sacred music venues, including a prestigious performance at the Solemn Mass at St. Peter's Basilica with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. Venture into the Mystery and see some of Canada's finest young musical talent journey to some of the most important places in our Christian faith. Watch the broadcast television debut on **Sunday Dec 15 at 9:30 pm**.

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.



Secular Franciscan Order – Thursday after the 8:00 am Mass. Ordine Francescano Secolare – giovedì seguendo la S. Messa delle 8:00 am

MASS SCHEDULE DECEMBER 14TH TO DECEMBER 22ND 2013

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

5:00 PM Franco Luciano Donato

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

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

11:30 AM For Parishioner's Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

8:00 AM Fr. Valerian Faugno

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

8:00 AM Fr. Valerian Faugno

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

8:00 AM Giuseppe e Catena Pace
6:30 PM Giuseppe Fusillo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

8:00 AM In Onore Di Santa Lucia

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

8:00 AM San Nicola da Crissa

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

COMMEMORATION OF ST. PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

3:00 PM Wedding: De Angelis & Ferraro
5:00 PM Annunziata e Domenico Carnevale

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

9:00 AM Stephanie Simone; Giovanna Pitaro;
Francesco & Giuseppa (Lina) Policaro;
Teresa e Matteo Ceddia; Maria Fiorenza;
Rocco e Lucia Amato e Famiglia;
Basilio e Franco DiLeo; Rosanna Leone;
Francesco, Angelo e Antonio Iuliano;
Francesco e Elvira Pacifico;
Giovannina Pitaro; Antonio Martino e Fam.;

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