

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A – DECEMBER 22ND, 2013

CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY – DECEMBER 24TH & 25TH, 2013

WELCOME TO ST FRANCIS AT CHRISTMAS

We welcome you to St Francis at Christmas – and throughout the year. It is our sincere hope that you will find a spiritual home here in our community. Many of you who live in the area will have noticed that there is work going on – first on the front steps and now in the parish office/house. We are still transitioning but we still want you to consider St Francis your home.

Just some reminders – **Baptisms and Weddings** need preparation. If you are planning to celebrate these sacraments, you will want to contact the parish office and set up an appointment with one of our priests as soon as possible. Even if you plan to get married outside of Toronto (destination wedding?), you will need to go through your local parish and you need to give us time.

If you are visiting your grand/parents and notice that they are no longer able to get to church on their own, it is our custom to visit our shut ins with Holy Communion at least once a month but **the request to the parish office** has to come from the person themselves or from their immediate family.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

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.

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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

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.



MISSED CHRISTMAS DAY OR NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES?

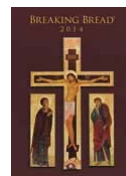
If you get to the afternoon of Christmas Day or New Year's Day and realize that you have not attended Mass (oops!) you should note the following Masses:

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.

VEVSCIO FUNERAL HOME DONATION



We would like to thank Vescio Funeral Home who have very generously donated \$600 towards the purchase of the 2014 Hymnals which St Francis would be using for the next few years. Thank you for your support!

*In our next bulletin we hope to be able to communicate a number of **donation opportunities.***

LA QUARTA DOMENICA DELL'AVVENTO – ANNO A – 22 DICEMBRE 2013

LA VIGILIA E IL GIORNO DI SANTO NATALE – 24 E 25 DICEMBRE 2013

NEW ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI WEBSITE

You may have noticed that we are in the process of transitioning our parish website to WordPress. We have decided to go this route for the following main reasons:

- one of the most commonly used platform for delivering web sites
- community supported, actively maintained with many new features being added continuously
- content and administration of the site is easily managed
- multilingual support

Thank you to our volunteers and office staff that are part of this transition – your experience and assistance is greatly appreciated.

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 health reasons) and alcohol just does not seem to move quickly at all. As a result, many of these kind presents are condemned to regifting ☹

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

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 8th, 2014.

St Luke School is offering

an extended evening on **January 9th from 6pm – 8pm.**

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

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

MASS SCHEDULE DEC 21ST TO DEC 29TH 2013

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.;

11:30 AM For Parishioner's Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

COMMEMORATION OF ST JOHN KANTY, PRIEST

8:00 AM Giuseppe Porto e Famiglia

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

CHRISTMAS EVE

No Morning Mass

8:30 PM Christmas Prelude

9:00 PM Mass in English – For our Parishioners

11:30 PM Canti Natalizi – Christmas Hymns

12 midnight – Mezzanotte

Bilingual Mass – Messa Bilingua

For our Parishioners – per i nostri parrocchiani

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

9:00 AM Messa in Italiano – per i nostri parrocchiani

11:30 PM Mass in English – for our Parishioners

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Friars

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

8:00 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

5:00 PM Giovanni Sirianni – One Year Anniversary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

9:00 AM Stephanie Simone; Famiglia Aurilia;
Giovannbattista e Famiglia Marchese;
Vincenzo e Marianna e Famiglia Iozzo;
Giuseppe e Francesco Sisi;
Famiglia Mericonda; Umberto Paparo e Fam.;;
Raffaele Giuseppi Tassone;
Rosa Cutuli e Giuseppina Natale;
Maria Console e Piera Canella;
Raffaele e Maria Teresa Marchese e Fam.;;
Giovanni e Elisabetta Artusa e Famiglia;

11:30AM Eugenia Franco & Mario Franco – One Year Anniversary