

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – DECEMBER 29TH, 2013

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – JANUARY 1ST, 2014

BEGINNING THE NEW YEAR AT ST FRANCIS

We welcome you to St Francis for this New Year 2014. It is our sincere hope that you will find a spiritual home here in our community. We are in the “Year of Hope” – how does your faith give you hope?

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 yet we 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. We are already getting booking requests for 2015! 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. In order to respect privacy, **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 is closed for the holidays and will open again to the public on Mon Jan 6th, 2014.**

Certificates can be issued and Mass bookings can easily be made once the office reopens. 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 fino a 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.

MINISTRY OF THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The **Liturgy of the Word for Children** will not be meeting today during the 11:30 Mass. Please note that the Liturgy of the Word will **resume on Sunday January 5th.**

Were you aware that our youngsters meet every Sunday in the Church Basement to listen to God's Word geared to their age level?

While the grown ups are listening to the Scripture Readings and Homily in the Church, the youngsters are having a different experience of the Word in simple terms.

We are always looking for new volunteers.

ENDING 2013 – BEGINNING 2014 WITH THE LORD FINE DEL 2013 ED INIZIO DEL 2014 SEMPRE CON IL SIGNORE!

NEW YEAR'S EVE TUESDAY – MARTEDÌ DECEMBER 31ST

No Morning Mass
Non c'è Messa durante la mattinata



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 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SOLENNITÀ DI MARIA, MADRE DI DIO

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

MISSED 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 January 1st at 7:30 pm

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

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

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**

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 Wed. January 8th, 2014.

St Luke School is offering an extended evening on **January 9th from 6 pm – 8 pm.**

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

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

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.

LA SACRA FAMIGLIA – ANNO A – 29 DICEMBRE 2013

SOLENNITÀ DI MARIA, MADRE DI DIO – 1 GENNAIO 2014

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.

TYPHOON HAIYAN - \$1,590

We recently received an acknowledgement of the \$1,590 that was forwarded from our office to the Development Office at the Archdiocese. Please remember because this amount arrived before the deadline, it actually was doubled as the Government of Canada matched our generosity.

**DONATION OPPORTUNITIES
OPPORUNITÀ PER GENEROSITÀ**

As we begin 2014, we want to encourage our parishioners to ongoing support for St Francis of Assisi Parish. Small things such as registering and using regular weekly donation envelopes increase our support levels. Some parishioners this year have encouraged “donations to St Francis of Assisi” in lieu of flowers.

Il vostro contributo è sempre gradito. Cose semplici – la registrazione e uso delle buste settimanale è un modo sicuro di aiutare San Francesco. Alcune famiglie hanno chiesto gli amici di non mandare fiore, ma di fare pervenire al nostro ufficio, buste per aiutare la parrocchia.

Il Signore vi premia! May the Lord reward you!

<p>MASS SCHEDULE DEC 28TH 2013 TO JAN 5TH 2014</p>

**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 Famiglia;
Giovanni e Elisabetta Artusa e Famiglia;

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

**THE SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE
NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

8:00 AM Bruno Paparo

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
NEW YEAR'S EVE**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST
NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE MOTHER OF GOD**

9:00 AM Messa in Italiano – per i nostri parrocchiani
11:30 PM Mass in English – for our Parishioners

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2ND
SS. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN,
BISHOPS & DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH**

8:00 AM OFM NYC

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD
THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

8:00 AM In Onore di Sacro Cuore

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

9:00 AM Rosa Verdò e Famiglia; Salvatore Barillari;
Basilio e Francesco DiLeo; Vincenzo Tiganì;
Nazzareno Carnevale; Fiorino Muccilli;
Angela Mitchell; Michael Mitchell;
Adeline Fisher; Gary Mitchell; Eva Muccilli;

11:30AM Luigi Gagliardi – One Year Anniversary