

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR A – JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

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### CATECHISM STARTS AGAIN

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Please remember to have your child wear his/her **enrolment crucifix** when attending classes and Mass.

We remind our families that they need to work on the assigned chapters with their children and attend one of the following meetings – we always advise parents to choose the first meeting in case the child or parent gets a case of the flu when the second option rolls around.

#### FIRST COMMUNION – CONFESSION UNIT 3

Always at St Francis Church on either  
**Sun Jan 12 at 10 am** or **Sat Jan 18 at 4 pm**

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#### CONFIRMATION – UNIT 2

Always at St Francis Church on either  
**Sun Jan 19 at 10 am** or **Sat Jan 25 at 4 pm**

PS – parents or adult sponsors are expected to attend with the candidate and to sit with the candidate – we find that this makes the session go more smoothly. Yes, the grade eight candidates have Confirmation homework and at times the parents have sections where they need to contribute – your interest and involvement is necessary and appreciated.

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### PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS APERTURA DOPO LE FESTE NATALIZIE

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Please note that the Parish Office will open again to the public tomorrow, **Mon Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

We believe that the immediate and urgent needs of our parishioners were met and now it is time to re-gear to the regular office routine. **Please give Anna a day or two to clear through the backlog from our shut down.**



Thank you all for your co-operation and understanding. We never had to switch our phones to have our answering machine pick up on the first ring because you were very reasonable. Thanks especially for passing around the info on our Christmas and New Year Mass schedules – very few people called asking times and yet attendance was good.

**Riprendiamo lavoro nell'ufficio parrocchiale domani, lunedì 6 gennaio.** L'esperienza di queste due settimane è stata positiva. Da ciò che abbiamo capito, siamo venuti incontro ai bisogni urgenti dei nostri parrocchiani – assistenze in ospedale, quattro funerali, Messe Perpetue, ecc. Siamo stati contenti che le telefonate fossero davvero ragionevoli. Non abbiamo patito tante telefonate per orari festive – sembra che tutti hanno tenuto il bollettino vicino per avere gli orari giusti a portata di mano. E siccome l'attendenza è stata buona, siamo convinti che abbiate anche informato i vostri familiari e amici per invitarli alla partecipazione.

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### SECULAR FRANCISCANS MEETING SUN JAN 12

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Our Secular Franciscan Order will be meeting next Sun Jan 12<sup>th</sup> following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. They are committed to

embracing the ideals of St Francis of Assisi in their everyday life as married or single people living in our society.

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### SAVE STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS RACCOGLIETE FRACOBOLLI X LE MISSIONI

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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.***

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### TCDSB PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS 2014-2015

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

**St Luke School** is offering an extended evening this coming **Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 8pm.**

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

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

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### SIGNIFICANT ANONYMOUS DONATION

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Please note that someone anonymously dropped a very significant donation into the collection basket over these past weeks. The purpose of the donation was to replace the current chair lift. – BTW it was repaired shortly after the event cited.

We need to say that there are a number of issues that are too detailed to enter into here. The most obvious thing to underline is that in one of the later phases of the proposals for St Francis, an elevator to all floors of the church and hall will be constructed – it will actually become a legal requirement at some point soon.

We have purposely NOT mentioned the amount donated. Should this person desire to dialogue, citing the amount is one of the possible identifiers that could establish the authenticity of the contact.

We want the person to understand that we are trying to be accountable to them in as best a way as we can devise given the “anonymous” situation

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### SVDP MEETING

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The Society of St Vincent de Paul will be meeting in the parish hall on Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm.

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### PROBLEMI POSTALE – LA DOMENICA

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Il foglietto liturgico, “La Domenica”, sta subendo delle difficoltà dovute al temporale di ghiaccio recente. L'anteprema arriva per posta e quando abbiamo chiamato pochi giorni fa la stamperia “Select Press”, ci hanno informato che da dieci giorni non arrivava la posta – forse il postino è stato impedito da qualche ramo caduto sulla strada?

Arrivati gli originali dall'Italia, provvederanno alla stampa immediata. Nel frattempo chiediamo la vostra comprensione e pazienza. Paragonati con la sofferenza dovuta alla

mancanza di elettricità e riscaldamento sofferte da tante famiglie, le nostre inconvenienze sono molto di meno.

## L-EPIFANIA – ANNO A – 5 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 TO OUR CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS GRAZIE PER IL VOSTRO AIUTO

It has been a great pleasure to hear our parishioners and visitors complement the wonderful environment created in our parish over these days of Christmas. Things began early as the outside crew tries to set up the external nativity scene on the last days of forgiving weather. They timed themselves very well this year.



The inside crew has to sort through decorations and climb ladders to get things done. Many are the evenings in late Advent when you can pass by the church in the cold nights and see lights shining

inside. That usually means that our volunteers are hard at work hanging angels and swags, setting up the internal nativity scene and eventually arranging the poinsettias around the altar to warmly welcome the image of the Infant Jesus that is processed in during our Christmas Eve Masses.

Our choir begins practising in the weeks ahead – you can often hear Christmas hymns being secretly sung in preparation for the great season of the incarnation. Song sheets and programmes are printed and everyone settles in for the celebration of the mystery of our redemption.



Cogliamo l'occasione per ringraziare tutti i nostri volontari per la loro grande collaborazione nella preparazione dell'esterno e interno della chiesa per le feste natalizie. Non c'è modo di ringraziare le anime generose per tante ore di lavoro, tante volte nascosto. Noi arriviamo a celebrare in una chiesa preparata senza accorgerci del sacrificio fatto dai nostri parrocchiani. **Grazie dal cuore!**

### THE GREAT DISMANTLE! SMANTELLIAMO!

Next Sun Jan 12<sup>th</sup> will be the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, marking the end of Christmas Season and the return to Ordinary time. Could you spare some time to help dismantling the two trees, the Christmas Altar, the inside nativity scene and to pack away decorations? Please dress in comfortable clothes and congregate right after the 11:30 Mass at the front of the church, near the altar.

### 2014 ENVELOPES – BUSTE DELL'ANNO NUOVO

Now that we have started a new year, we would kindly remind you to use the **new** 2014 offertory envelopes. Those who have not yet received the 2014 envelopes may call the parish office.

Per evitare confusione nella nostra contabilità, vi chiediamo di buttare via le buste vecchie del 2013. Adesso dobbiamo usare solo quelle del 2014 – Felice anno nuovo!

### MASS SCHEDULE JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> TO JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> 2014

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>

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

11:30 AM Luigi Gagliardi – One Year Anniversary

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

8:00 AM Amadeo e Giulia Perri

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST RAYMOND OF PENAFORT, PRIEST; ST CHARLES OF SEZZI, FRIAR RELIGIOUS

8:00 PM Fr. Gilbert J. Silverio OFM

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM Fr. Gilbert J. Silverio OFM

7:00 PM Antonio Fragale

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM Pasquale e Angelina Martino

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM OFM NYC

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST THOMAS OF CORA, FRIAR PRIEST

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>

#### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 AM Giovanni, Carlo e Famiglia Barbati; Domenico e Vittorio Bellissimo; Nicola Nesci e Matthew Nesci; Raffaele e Caterina Gallè; Raffaele Macri; Caterina Greco; Francesco e Carmelo Gallè; Angelo Calaminici

11:30AM Nicola, Elisa e Matthew Pelaia