

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – JANUARY 11TH, 2015

FHC & CONFIRMATION REMINDER

Parents and Children for **First Confession** and **First Holy Communion** are reminded to attend one of these dates for Unit 3 Chapter 5:

Today Sunday January 11th at 10:30 am OR
Saturday January 17th at 4 pm

Please also note that **First Reconciliation** is on
Saturday January 31st, 2015 at 11am

Parents and **Confirmation** Candidates are also reminded to attend **ONE** of the following dates for their Unit 2 meeting

Sunday January 18th at 10:30 am OR
Saturday January 24th at 4 pm

MORE OFFICIAL SVDP REPORT

After this week's Saint Vincent de Paul (SVDP) meeting, we are happy to report the following numbers.

Our SVDP at St Francis visited about 30 families in the month of December in which over \$2,225 of food vouchers were distributed and \$765 of vouchers to the Salvation Army stores for clothing and furniture.



Your generosity is the only way that our SVDP Conference can reach out and help these families. Thanks to our Conference members who serve our brothers and sisters in need. Thanks to you for the contributions you put into that little box perched on a wooden cross-staff. Those in need are not forgotten at St Francis of Assisi!

Grazie da parte dei membri della Società di San Vincenzo da Paoli. In questo mese del santo natale, hanno visitato circa 30 famiglia dando \$2,225 di buoni per cibo e altre \$765 di buoni per indumenti e mobilia (letti, sedie, tavole di cucina) tramite i depositi gestiti dai membri del *Salvation Army*. È solo con la vostra generosità dopo le ss Messe la domenica tramite il piccolo cassetto che riescono a venire incontro con i bisogni dei bisognosi.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESTARTS TODAY

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes today. *Our Catechists are back to lead our children at the 11:30 Mass.*

New volunteers are welcome and appreciated!

A word to the wise – if you or someone you know plans on applying at some point for a position with TCDSB or other Catholic School Boards, one of the questions on the Pastoral Reference form asks about volunteer work in the community or parish. This is a tailor made opportunity to pump up your résumé.

MARRIAGE BANNS

The Marriage between Franco Gabriele Tuzi and Karine Elizabeth Kjeldsen will take place on January 24th, 2015 at St Francis of Assisi Church.

In your prayers please remember this couple and all who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18-25, 2015 marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's theme, "Jesus said to her: 'Give me a drink.'" is taken from John 4:7.



2014 marked the 50th Jubilee year for the publication of the Decree on Ecumenism by the fathers of the Second Vatican Council. The decree insists that *prayer is the soul of the ecumenical movement.*

On Sunday, January 25, 2015 at 4:00 pm there will be an ecumenical prayer service with **His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins**, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, Slovak Catholic Bishop John Pzak, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church Rev. Dr. Harris Athanasiadis, and other city-wide religious leaders.

The service will be held at **Yorkminster Park Baptist Church**, 1585 Yonge St. Refreshments to follow in parish hall. For more information, please call the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs, 416-934-3400 ext 344 or ext. 527 or visit vkwok@archtoronto.org

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS – RECTORY GIFTS

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contributions to the parish over these past few weeks.

We wanted to show below, for comparison sake, the Sunday Offertory donations and Christmas offerings made during the month of December 2013 and December 2014:

December /Christmas 2013		December/Christmas 2014	
Sunday Offerings (5)	\$13,236.00	Sunday Offerings (4)	\$12,350.00
Christmas	9,029.00	Christmas	9,229.00
Total	\$22,265.00	Total	\$ 21,579.00

To 2014 add Rectory Gifts (Jan 04/15) - \$17,936.00

A lot of this has come in by small donations but we had many one hundred dollar donations as well as a few five hundred and even a thousand and more. Although we printed 500 envelopes, they seem to have been used. If you still want to make a contribution to this fund, please use one of your offering envelopes and write in big letters – "**Our Rectory Christmas Gift**" If you are making a big contribution, you may want to consider using a cheque made payable to St Francis of Assisi Church – it is always a wise practice for big donations. Please remember to put your details on the envelope and even more so if you are using a plain envelope.

Ringraziamo tutti voi generosi parrocchiani che abbiate contribuito alle offerte di dicembre e il Santo Natale \$21,579 e le offerte per i bisogni della casa parrocchiale rinnovata \$17,936 – e ancora arrivano le offerte!

Rectory and Parish Restoration Project Update

see/vedete: www.stfrancis.ca

**Aggiornamenti a riguardo
del Progetto di Restauro della Rettoria e della Parrocchia**

IL GIORNO DEL BATTESIMO DEL SIGNORE – ANNO B – 11 GENNAIO 2015

ST LUKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH TIME SUPERVISOR

St Luke Catholic School is seeking a lunchtime supervisor. If you are interested in applying you can access the application by going to the TCDSB web site: www.tcdsb.org – “STAFF” – “Careers/Recruitment” - “Employment Opportunities” (far left side) – Immediate Openings – “Lunchtime Supervisors”.

Please see website for further details. You can also pick up an application by visiting [the school office](#).

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will be February 2015 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call **Liturgical Publications** at 905-624-4422

GOOGLE EXPERTS OR “CONOSCENTI” – HELP!

If there is someone out there who is good with things Google, a hand would be appreciated.

We are also looking at getting Fr Jimmy, Fr Conrad and Anna simultaneous access to **the parish** and **parish secretary mail accounts**. This ready made Google capability would probably streamline our communication capabilities. We need someone to guide us in this endeavour.

CLEANERS FOR THE CHURCH

We have great volunteers who take care of periodically washing the church. The work that they do saves the parish thousands of dollars in our yearly parish budget. (We save comparable amounts via our volunteer snow removers.)

The area that has given us some problems taking care of is that of the parish washrooms - those that we have in the basement and the accessible washroom on the church level. We are wondering if there is anyone in the parish who has a cleaning company and can contract with us for a cleaning at least twice a week. We want these areas to be fresh for the use of our parishioners and visitors.

We will give people a couple of weeks to leave their details with Anna in the rectory and then we will look at what offers come in.

ACCESSIBLE COMMON SENSE & COURTESY



Just a little word on a sensitive topic: people have been pleased with the possibility of having an accessible washroom on the church level. As the name implies, **this washroom is meant to serve the needs of those needing easier access – people with mobility challenges**

and parents with carriages and small children. Common sense and courtesy would invite those of us who are able bodied to use the facilities on the parish hall level – where there are multiple stalls and sinks. This leaves the special needs washroom free for those who require this type of service. Between the lines we also know that the fewer the users, the more likely the area will remain cleaner – always trying to respect the needs of our challenged parishioners.

MASS SCHEDULE JANUARY 10TH TO JANUARY 18TH 2015

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH

5:00 PM Zelma Barrios Crescia

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH

9:00 AM Domenico e Vittoria Bellissimo;
Nicola Simonetta; Francesco Pingitore;
Annunziata Rao e Famiglia;
Mario Caprio e Eleonora Caiffo;
Agostino Lanzeroti e Angela Longo;
Rosanna Leone; Marianna Sisi

11:30 AM Filomena Prioriello

MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH

8:00 AM OFM NYC

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH

ST HILARY, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00 AM OFM NYC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH

BLESSED ODORIC OF PORTUNAONE, FRIAR PRIEST

8:00 AM David Debono

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH

8:00 AM OFM NYC

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH

Ss. BERARD & COMPANIONS, FIRST MARTYRS OF THE FRANCISCAN FAMILY

8:00 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH

ST ANTHONY, ABBOT

5:00 PM Alessia Rosa Renda

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Nazzareno Carnevale; Domenico Jannetta;
Luigi e Laura Gagliardi; Giovanni DeLecce;
Giacchino e Lucia Piscitelli;
Teresa e Bruno Malfara; Luigia Lengua

11:30 AM Robert Taddeo

MASS BOOK 2015 PRENOTAZIONI SS MESSE

Please note that we have a Mass Register that covers all of 2015. **You may already book Masses up to and including Dec 2015** if you know the dates you would like.

Notate che sin d'adesso potete prenotare le ss Messe fino al 31 dic 2015. **Vi preghiamo di anticipare i vostri bisogni** e così evitate i fraintesi.