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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### FIRST COMMUNION - UNIT TWO

Sun Nov 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am in the church or  
Sat Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in the church

### CONFIRMATION - UNIT TWO

Sun Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 am in the church or  
Sat Nov 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in the church

*(Remember that parents need to accompany the candidates and everyone is welcome to stay for Mass after class.)*

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### Celebrating Our Centenary - Cardinal Collins

On October of 1915, the doors of the present church (the “new” St. Francis) were solemnly opened by His Grace Archbishop Neil McNeil.



Join us on Sunday November 8th, at 11:00 am Mass as we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of this event. This Mass will be celebrated **by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.**

Following the Mass, there will be a reception in the Parish Hall. Former

and present parishioners are welcome to attend and celebrate with us as we mark another milestone in our shared history!

*Please note **this Mass will be 11:00 am (NOT 11:30) on this date only.***

Help Us Decorate the Altar: For this occasion we are planning to decorate the Altar with flowers. Envelopes marked “Altar Flowers” are at the rear of the church for donations. Flowers purchased will be used for the November 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> weekend. All flowers will be arranged by volunteers. Help us make the church more beautiful and memorable!

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### UPDATES

**Sun Nov 15** – 9 am Italian Mass

**CELEBRAZIONE DEI CADUTI** -- Remembrance Day (Italian)

At a recent **Parish Council Meeting** we were informed that we need volunteers to form part of an organizing subcommittee for the **Photo Album Project**. This would include booking appointments for photo sittings and follow up. This is a good way to participate in a short term project.

The Photo Album is a project that gives us another way to have a record of who we are at St Francis 100 years after our front doors opened. It is a manner of belonging to the living history of St Francis of Assisi Parish.

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### PROJECT HOPE – 100 REFUGEE FAMILIES

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In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched “Project Hope,” a special emergency appeal. To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) or call (416) 934-3411. You can also donate through our parish with a cheque made payable to ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI – PROJECT HOPE – REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP.

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## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY UNITED IN LOVE ... LET US GO TO SERVE!

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Thank you! The Church is missionary throughout the year and it is every day that we are missionaries. Once again, we have proof that our people are generous. The Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith thanks you for your great generosity. This year, it managed to raise \$626.00. It commits itself to pay in full the donations collected on World Mission Sunday of October 18 to the sister churches from Africa, Asia, Oceania, South America and Eastern Europe. Once again, your generosity is constant from one year to another. Thank you!

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN HALL

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As we approach our centenary celebrations we need help to prepare the parish hall. We are **seeking helpful hands to assist in cleaning the parish hall on October 31st from 10am to 12pm.** We need people to help dust, sweep and mop the floors in addition to setting up tables and chairs for the following weekend. Many hands make quick work! **Please consider in helping us make our centenary a success and get involved in your community!** We will be gathering in the parish hall.

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### DONATION OF BAKED GOODS NEEDED

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We are looking for parishioners who would like to donate baked goods for the reception in the parish hall. Are you an excellent baker? Consider baking some treats for November 8th. Please **bring your donations of baked goods on Sunday before 10:30am** to the parish hall. **Please consider in helping us make our centenary a success and get involved in your community!**

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### WE NEED YOUR HELP! CENTENARY RECEPTION SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP

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We are looking for much needed help on Sunday, November 8th to assist in the set-up of the food for our reception, including cleaning up the hall following the reception. If you are interested in helping out on this milestone day in our history please leave your contact information in the sacristy or via email at [stfrancis.toronto@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancis.toronto@gmail.com). **Please consider helping us make our centenary a success and get involved in your community!**

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### CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC

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We have collected a number of adults who have never been confirmed but who are already Catholic. At this point we are planning a number of meetings following Sunday 11:30 am Masses. If you are interested, please contact the parish by email.

We have also had a request to bring someone into the Catholic Church. This will require more preparation but we can begin the process. Do you know of anyone who is interested in exploring the Catholic faith and perhaps eventually joining the Church?

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**ALL SOULS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER  
SS ANIME A NOVEMBRE – BUSTE**

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This is just a reminder that as is customary, we will be celebrating 30 Masses throughout November for the Holy Souls. If you want to list your dear departed, you may want to prepare these envelopes for next weekend in order that they be processed before November 2nd. You will find your envelope in your packet that gets mailed to your home if you are a registered envelope user or you can find others at the entrance to the church. Of course, before or after Nov 2nd, God will always accept your prayers for the Faithful Departed.

Please note: Mon Nov 2nd – All Souls Day - Mass at 8 am in Italian & a special Mass at 7 pm in English and Italian.

V'invitiamo a preparare le vostre buste per le sante anime nel mese di novembre. Così le buste saranno già arrivate e preparate prima dell'inizio di questo mese dei defunti. Troverete queste buste o nel pacco che arriva a casa vostra quattro volte all'anno o ci sono buste apposite all'entrata della chiesa. Sapete bene che le vostre preghiere per i fedeli defunti vanno accettate sempre dal Signore della Vita.



Notate Bene – lunedì 2 novembre – Giorno dei Fedeli Defunti – Messa alle 8 am in italiano e una Messa speciale alle 7 pm in inglese e italiano.

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**OUR PIPE ORGAN'S CENTENARY**

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It was a 100 years ago that the doors of this church were solemnly opened on October 31st by the then Archbishop, Neil McNeil. Next week on November 8th at 11am we will commemorate this milestone in our history with His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. Also, it is the date on which our pipe organ was inaugurated by the then organist, Miss Genevieve Kelly, at the console. This instrument has been in constant use for the last 100 years and is one of the earliest examples of the instruments made by the Canadian Pipe Organ Company Ltd. of Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec. We have been restoring and executing much needed maintenance on the organ over the last few months, with work expected to be fully completed by mid-November. A leaflet can be found at the back of the church with a detailed history of our church and this fine pipe organ at St. Francis. Today, rather than the usual closing hymn you will hear the organ played as a solo instrument.

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**26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF RELIGIOUS SONG**

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Catholic Family Radio invites you to the **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Religious Song, on November 22, 2015 at 5:00 pm**, at the John Paul II Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga, ON. Join us for a **Gala Concert** of Festival Laureates followed by a concert of an internationally-acclaimed tenor – **Friar Alessandro Brustenghi OFM**, from Assisi, Italy. He will be accompanied by Kinga Mitrowska, soprano, Camerata String Ensemble, and Quo Vadis Choir under the direction of Christopher Jedrysik.

Tickets: \$30.00 – adults, \$20.00 – children, youth and students. Visit [www.radiorodzina.com](http://www.radiorodzina.com) or call 416-588-0555.

Featuring **Friar Alessandro Brustenghi OFM** of Assisi in Italy, a tenor, who is the first ever friar to sign an official contract with the Universal Music record company. In 1999, he joined the convent of Friars Minor and began his ministry working as a carpenter. He also sang during the liturgy in the Basilica of Our Lady of the Angels in Assisi. Religious superiors discovered his talent and encouraged him to sing God's praise, as he has been blessed with a unique voice.

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**WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT WEEKEND (Nov. 20-22)**

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Women's Fall Retreat Weekend at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga, November 20-22. Theme: "Become an Icon of Jesus." Preached by the Centre Team. For further information or to register please call 905-278-5229.

**MASS SCHEDULE  
OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> TO NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2015**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**BVM ON SATURDAY**

**5:00PM** For Parishioners' Intentions

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

**9:00 AM** All Souls

**11:30 AM** For Parishioners' Intentions

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**ALL SOULS DAY**

**8:00 AM** All Souls

**7:00 PM** *Bilingual Mass* – All Souls

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**ST. MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS**

**8:00 AM** All Souls

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**ST CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP, III ORDER**

**8:00 AM** All Souls

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS OF THE  
SERAPHIC ORDER**

**8:00 AM** All Souls

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**8:00 AM** All Souls

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**ST DIDACUS OF ALCALA, FRIAR RELIGIOUS**

**5:00PM** Rev. Msgr. William McCann, D.P.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00 AM** All Souls

**11:00 AM** 100th Anniversary Mass with His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins