

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C – NOVEMBER 29TH, 2015

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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#### FIRST COMMUNION – UNIT THREE

Sun Nov 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the church or  
Sat Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 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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### CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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As we begin our Advent journeys you may want to consider gift giving that makes a difference. What do you get for someone who has everything? A goat? Some chickens? Why not! There are a number of charities that work in different parts of the world that would be happy to have sponsors to enable them to give a goat or a chicken to a family. This puts food on their table and helps them be self sufficient. Isn't this better than more socks or cologne/perfume – especially the scents you don't care for.

#### GIFT IDEAS

You can always make a donation to Project Hope via our Humanitarian Relief envelopes at the entrance to the church.

or

Chalice gifts to the needy - [www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca)

Gospel for Asia – [gfa.ca/gift](http://gfa.ca/gift)

World Vision – [worldvision.ca/gifts](http://worldvision.ca/gifts)

Middle East Emergencies – [www.cnewa.ca](http://www.cnewa.ca)

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### ADVENT CALENDAR FOR GROWN UPS

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Last weekend we included an Advent Calendar with little scripture thoughts aimed at adults. There are about 40 copies left over and they will be at the entrance to the church for those who would like to take one home.

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### ST MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL OPEN HOUSE

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You are invited to the Cathedral for a sneak preview of the restoration progress. Meet the Restoration Artists who will be showcasing their work with diverse exhibits.

**Tue Dec 8<sup>th</sup> & Wed Dec 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 7 pm  
with a Prayer Service at 12 noon each day**

[www.stmichaelscathedral.com](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com)

Siete invitati al Duomo di St Michael per vedere i lavori che stanno in corso e per incontrare gli artigiani che stanno elaborando il ristoro dell'edificio. La riapertura definitiva non avverrà prima di settembre 2016, perciò questo momento sarà un'anteprima del futuro.

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### ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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Join us for a night of Christmas Carols/Concerto de Natal/Concerto di Natale/Concierto de Navidad on **Saturday, December 12, 2015, 7:30–9:00 pm!** At St. Anthony's Church, 1037 Bloor Street West, Toronto.

Experience the joy of praise in song with different choirs and a special appearance by The Children of Safe Haven.

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### FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING AWARD

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#### Win Great Prizes!

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 14 – 18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2016. The Theme for this coming year is "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God." (1 Peter 2:9). Students should read the Scripture passage 1 Peter 2:1-10 and respond to the following statement in the essay:

Despite division in Christian unity, explain why all Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants should still be considered a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.

First prize is an iPad Pro (32 GB), second prize is a Kobo Aura, and third to sixth prizes are a one-year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes.

Essays will be edited and published in the Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is January 8, 2016. E-mail your essay to [editor@catholicregister.org](mailto:editor@catholicregister.org) or FAX it to 416-934-3409 (please include your full name, email address, phone number, and the name of your school on the front page of the essay). For further information call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 404 or 1-855-441-4077.

Don't miss this opportunity!

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### ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL 50<sup>th</sup> MASSEY HALL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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This year's **Massey Hall concert is Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are available from the Massey Hall Roy Thomson Hall Box Office.

Since 1965, choristers have made their way from Bond Street to the grand dame of Shuter Street in December to sing out the songs of Christmas. The annual Massey Hall concerts are a cornerstone of the choral year, beloved by students, parents, alumni and music aficionados alike. The historic concert hall, which has played host to some of the biggest names to visit Toronto, is an intimate venue where audiences have a firsthand experience of the musical accomplishments of the Choirs, and in 2013, tickets went fast for two ultimately sold-out shows.

This year, Massey Hall is back again with a great line-up of repertoire, special guests **True North Brass** and the **Scola Cantorum Strings**, and our usual passion for the great choral works of the season. For information about the concerts, please visit [www.christmasconcert.ca](http://www.christmasconcert.ca). Tickets can be purchased online through the Massey Hall Roy Thomson Hall Box Office.

Abbiamo una scuola di canto riconosciuto in tutto il mondo - St Michael's Choir School. Perché non pensate a invitare un amico/a o la famiglia a godere una notte di canto natalizio. È anche un modo di preparare per il mistero dell'Incarnazione.

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### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Tues Dec 8<sup>th</sup> marks the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Mass will be at 8 am in Italian and 7 pm in both Italian & English.

LA PRIMA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO – ANNO C – 29 NOVEMBRE 2015

**SUPPORT FOR RECENTLY SEPARATED OR DIVORCED CATHOLICS**

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a 6 week group program for adult men and women coping with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Group participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. The group will run on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 beginning January 5th to February 9th, 2016 at our Central Office, 1155 Yonge Street (Summerhill Subway Station).

For further information, please contact Alex Lopechuk at 416-921-1163.

**IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS MAY BE MADE TO ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH**

We are at the end of November, traditionally the month in which we remember our deceased relatives and friends in a special way. During the past year we have noticed that a number of our parishioners have caught on to the idea of asking their friends to make donations to charity "in Lieu of Flowers". This is commendable. Please remember that **St Francis of Assisi Parish is recognized as a charity** by the Government of Canada. We can make donation cards available free of charge to any funeral home/family that would like to include St Francis of Assisi in your "in Lieu of Flowers" request.

Vi ricordiamo che diverse famiglie hanno deciso di chiedere i loro amici/famigliari a sostituire i fiori con offerte di carità, riconoscendo che i fiori vanno subito buttati via. **Anche la nostra parrocchia di San Francesco può essere ricordata fra le buone opere di carità.**

**CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2016 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.



St. Francis of Assisi Parish is participating in the Archdiocese's 'Day of Confessions' initiative for Advent 2015. Confession times here at St. Francis will be

**Wednesday December 16**

**9:00 to 11:30 am**

**12:45 to 3:00 pm**

**6:00 to 7:00 pm**

**Portuguese Confessions at St Agnes**

Confissões de Advento em Santa Inês

no dia 11 de Dezembro, 2015, às 7:00 pm

NB - there is a poster at the door of our church listing the Day of Confessions dates and times in other local parishes.

**MASS SCHEDULE  
NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> TO DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 2015**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>  
ST JAMES OF THE MARCHES, FRIAR PRIEST**

5:00 PM All Souls

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00 AM All Souls

11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**ST ANDREW, APOSTLE**

8:00 AM All Souls

6.45 PM Annual Mass for the Dead  
Santa Messa per i Nostri Defunti

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

8:00 AM Nicola Morfea

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

8:00 AM Crea Family

7:00 PM Rosa Balenzano

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST**

8:00 AM In onore di Santa Lucia

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**ST JOHN DAMASCENE**

**PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

8:00 AM In onore del Sacro Cuore di Gesù

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

5:00 PM Francesco Luciano Donato

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00 AM In onore di San Nicola da Crissa

Antonio e Mariarosa Santaguida;

Giuseppina e Rocco Renda;

Giuseppe e Francesco Sisi;

Giovanna Mongillo;

Famiglia Carnevale;

Salvatore e Caterina Romano;

Domenico e Nunziata Ionadi;

Cioffi Family; Pasquale Gallipi

11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

**SPECIAL MASS FOR THE DEAD  
UNA SANTA MESSA SPECIALE PER I NOSTRI MORTI  
1 Nov 2014 – 30 Nov 2015**

On Mon Nov 30th at 6:45 pm we begin reading all the names of those who have died since Nov 1st 2014 and continue with the celebration of Mass for their souls.

Ricordate che lun 30 nov alle 6:45 pm incominciamo a ricordare i nomi di tutti le sante anime che abbiamo accompagnato dal 1° nov dell'anno scorso.