

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C – DECEMBER 6TH, 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 12th

10:45 am Welcome and Reconciliation Service
All Catholic and Public School Candidates
(as always - accompanied by parents)

CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

Gospel for Asia – gfa.ca/gift

World Vision – worldvision.ca/gifts

Middle East Emergencies – www.cnewa.ca

Unicef Canada - shopunicef.ca

Se volete, abbiamo proposto ai nostri parrocchiani di considerare un regalo con una differenza. Invece delle cose che vanno accantonate senza apprezzamento, perché non cercate di assistere i bisognosi - a nome del destinatario della vostra generosità?

ST MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL OPEN HOUSE

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 8th & Wed Dec 9th from 10 am to 7 pm
with a Prayer Service at 12 noon each day

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.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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.

Free will donations are welcome.

SOCIETY OF SHARING: INNER CITY VOLUNTEERS

"Society Of Sharing: Inner City Volunteers," a ShareLife member agency, is currently seeking volunteers for various positions, including friendly visitors, social group facilitators and medical/shopping escorts. You can make a difference in the life of a senior, or an adult with a physical disability, who is isolated and living in downtown Toronto. For more information, please contact our Recruitment & Training Specialist at 416-413-0380 or donnett@societyofsharing.org.

INCREASED PARKING ENFORCEMENT

On Nov 23rd we received an email from Councillor Mike Layton's office informing us of an effort to *increase parking enforcement during services*. (See the copy on the bulletin board.)

In compliance with the request, we are reminding you to observe parking regulations and we especially emphasize that you should NOT be blocking fire hydrants, driveway ramps and pavement ramps that help those with wheelchairs, baby carriages and people with mobility issues.

Should you receive a ticket, we have form letters that will attest that you were at Mass here at St Francis - come into the sacristy right away and make sure you obtain this - it may help you to have the ticket pardoned.

It is important to realize that any **consideration** given to our parishioners is not a right or entitlement.

Dall'ufficio del consigliere Mike Layton è arrivata una comunicazione che le forze dell'ordine faranno una campana per accertare che le regole di posteggio vanno osservate. Vi chiediamo la gentilezza di evitare azioni che bloccano o i residenti o chi ha difficoltà di muoversi. Inoltre, se ricevete qualche multa, abbiamo delle lettere in sacrestia che attestano alla vostra presenza alla s Messa - dovete rientrare nella chiesa subito a chiedere questi moduli che possono aiutarvi ad acquistare un condono. (Abbiamo appiccicato la lettera sulla bacheca.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ADULT CONFIRMANDI

We offer our prayers for and congratulations to our Adult Confirmandi who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:30 am Mass this morning:

Sherry Alves
Clare Ashford
Bruno Crescia
Petri Konomi
Diane Pires



We also welcome **Sofia Sepaniouk** into the Catholic Church, recognizing the validity of her original baptism and officially accepting her profession of faith after her time of preparation.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Tues Dec 8th marks the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

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

Martedì 08/12 sarà la Solennità dell'Immacolata. Le ss Messe saranno alle 08.00 in italiano e alle 7 di sera in inglese e italiano.

LA SECONDA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO – ANNO C – 6 DICEMBRE 2015

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.

Vi ricordiamo delle possibilità di partecipare al Giorno delle Confessioni - iniziativa della curia a Toronto. A San Francesco abbiamo scelto mercoledì 16 dicembre:

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.

Appiccicato alla bacheca troverete un manifesto con i giorni e gli orari delle confessioni nelle parrocchie circostanti a San Francesco.

“PERPETUAL HELP: A SOUL MAGNIFIED”

Presentation on Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Sunday, December 6 – 11:00 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday, December 9 – 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at
St. Patrick's Church, 131 McCaul Street, Toronto.



St. Patrick's Church and the Redemptorists throughout the world are celebrating this special Year of Grace for the 150th anniversary of the restoration of public veneration of the original Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help in Rome. Join us as we reflect on the meaning of this beloved icon. Redemptorist lay missionary, Anne

Walsh from St. John's, Nfld. will lead us in this reflection. Come and learn more about *the Icon of Love* that has been an important part of the spiritual life of the faithful throughout the world. For more information about this and other events planned for our Jubilee Year, visit our parish website: www.stpatrickstoronto.ca.

MASS SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 5TH TO DECEMBER 13TH 2015

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

5:00 PM Francesco Luciano Donato

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH ST AMBROSE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00 AM Michele Caccamo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00 AM Defunti Famiglia Giovanna e Giovanni
Scarturchio e Famiglia Garisto

7:00 PM Bilingual Mass - Messa Bilingua
Intention of OFM Imm Conception Province

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH ST JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN, HERMIT

8:00 AM Incoronata Perfetto e Antonia Cuschiotta

7:00 PM Carmel Farrace

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

8:00 AM Rosaria Ariganello

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH ST DAMASUS I, POPE

8:00 AM Pasquale e Rosanna Marcello

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PATRON OF THE AMERICAS

5:00PM Stan Rzepka

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

9:00 AM In onore di Santa Lucia (2), Santa Anna
San Padre Pio e tutti i Santi

Salvatore e Lucia Amato e Famiglia;
Mariano, Fiorina, Franco Greco e Fam;
Domenico e Vittoria Bellissimo;
Francesco Pingitore;
Giuseppe e Vittoria Carnovale e
Rosario Simonetta;
Famiglia Corrado e Moretti;
Frank e Maria Rosina Colantonio;
Giuseppe Malfara

11:30 AM Carolina e Fortunato Rigitano

