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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### CHILDREN'S LITURGY CHRISTMAS BREAK

The last day of the Children's Liturgy will be on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Children's Liturgy will start up again on January 10<sup>th</sup>.



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### CONGRATS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED

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Last Sunday we had five adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation and one who transitioned from the Eastern Church to our Catholic community. **Congratulations!**

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### FRANCISCAN VISITATION THIS PAST WEEK

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Friar Niall O'Connell has been in Toronto conducting Canonical Visitation with the Franciscans of The Province of the Immaculate Conception. He was at St Francis last weekend. This past Thursday all the friars met at St Jane Francis for a Regional Meeting in preparation for the elective chapter that will take place in May 2016. Your prayers and support are always appreciated.

La settimana scorsa abbiamo avuto tra di noi il visitatore generale, Fra Niall O'Connell dall'Irlanda, mandato a nome del Ministro Generale Franciscano. La sua presenza è stata parte regolare della preparazione per il nostro capitolo elettivo, programmato a maggio prossimo nell'USA.

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### PLANNING FEASIBILITY STUDY

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*"It is in giving that we receive"* -- St. Francis of Assisi

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in our **Planning Feasibility Study** this fall. We appreciate that you took the time out of your busy schedules to meet with our consultants at either an Open Forum session or personal face to face interview over the past few months. We have received the report from the consultants, M & M International. The results were favourable to move forward in **the Family of Faith Campaign with the Archdiocese**. The goal is much reduced, and our parish Finance Council will be meeting with the Archdiocese after the Christmas break to discuss our plans and their support to repair our church.

Again, thank you! Please pick up a copy of the **Executive Summary** of the report at the end of this weekend's Masses at the back of the church, where it will be distributed by volunteers. We will be back to you early next year with our next steps about our Family of Faith Campaign. *Blessings.*

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## 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - RIZZO

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Congratulations to **Maria & Vito Rizzo** who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary (11 Dec 56 - St Agnes) with a blessing after the 11:30 Mass today.

**AUGURI!**

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## SUPPORT FOR RECENTLY SEPARATED OR DIVORCED CATHOLICS

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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.

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## DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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We would like to thank all those who contributed to the Christmas Flowers collection last weekend - \$1,022.35. We are sure that there will be other envelopes arriving this weekend. This goes a long way to covering the Christmas trees (over \$400) and then the poinsettias that we order (last year over \$800), allowing us to choose sizes and colour.

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## CHRISTMAS EVE

### LA VIGILIA DEL SANTO NATALE THURSDAY DECEMBER 24 24 DICEMBRE GIOVEDÌ

*No Morning Mass*

Christmas Prelude (Music & Readings)	8:30 PM
Mass in English	9:00 PM

Messa Bilingue – Bilingual Mass	12 midnight
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## CHRISTMAS DAY

### IL SANTO NATALE FRIDAY DECEMBER 25 25 DICEMBRE VENERDÌ



Messa in Italiano	9:00 AM
Mass in English	11:30 AM

*Our regular weekend English Mass schedule does not change: Saturday 5pm and Sunday 11:30 am.*

*L'orario della domenica è come sempre - la Messa in Italiano alle 09.00*

## LA TERZA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO – ANNO C – 13 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**

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 gg e gli orari delle confessioni nelle parrocchie circostanti alla nostra.

### STUDIO DI FATTIBILITÀ E PIANIFICAZIONE

*"E' nel dare che riceviamo."* - San Francesco d'Assisi  
Desideriamo ringraziare a tutti voi che avete partecipato al nostro **Studio di Fattibilità e Pianificazione** durante lo scorso autunno. Apprezziamo che avete dedicato del vostro tempo per incontrarvi con i nostri consulenti sia durante il Forum Aperto, sia durante l'intervista diretta e confidenziale svoltosi nel corso degli ultimi mesi. Abbiamo ricevuto la Relazione elaborata dai consulenti della M & M International. I risultati sono positivi e sostengono il proseguimento della Campagna Diocesana detta "Famiglia di Fede". Peraltro, l'obbiettivo finanziario è notevolmente inferiore al previsto, e il Comitato Finanziario della nostra Parrocchia si incontrerà con l'Archidiocesi dopo la pausa Natalizia per parlare dei nostri piani e del loro potenziale sostegno circa gli interventi di restauro della nostra Chiesa.

Ancora una volta, Grazie! Vi preghiamo di prendere una copia del Sommario Esecutivo di tale Relazione, le quali saranno distribuite dai nostri volontari all'ingresso della Chiesa dopo la Santa Messa. Agli inizi dell'anno nuovo, torneremo ad aggiornarvi per quanto riguarda la prossima tappa lungo la nostra Campagna detta "Famiglia di Fede". Che Dio Vi benedica.

### YEAR OF MERCY

The Archdiocese joins with the Universal Church in celebrating the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. This Year of Mercy runs from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8, 2015) through to the Feast of Christ the King (November 20, 2016).

Make a pilgrimage to one of our archdiocesan Holy Doors to receive the Jubilee Indulgence.

(Visit [www.archtoronto.org/mercy](http://www.archtoronto.org/mercy) for more details, locations and resources.)

"May the Church be a place of God's mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, forgiven ... the Church must have its doors wide open so that all may enter. And we must go out through these doors and Proclaim the Gospel." (Pope Francis)

### MASS SCHEDULE DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> TO DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2015

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

5:00 PM Stan Rzepka

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

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

Famiglia; 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

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00 AM Assunta Mannella

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM Nicola e Matthew Nesci

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM Salvatore e Antonia Altomonte e Piero, Luigi,  
Anna

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM Saverio e Celeste Di Rollo

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

5:00 PM Annunziata e Domenico Carnevale

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 AM Giovanni, Carlo e Famiglia Barbati;  
Salvatore e Gerardo Amato e Famiglia;  
Antonina, Margherita e Franco Bifolchi  
e Famiglia; Domenico Jannetta;  
Teresa, Pepe e Pasqua Consiglio;  
Giuseppe Bertucci e Famiglia;  
Giovanni e Elisabetta Artusa e Fam;  
Luigi and Christina Marcelli;  
Lucy Barone; Laura Masella

11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions