

**GETTING READY FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
AND CONFIRMATION 2017**

We are asking families this year to “preregister” online before coming to the registration meeting. You will need your child’s baptism certificate before doing the preregistration. (Confirmation families whose children were baptized in other countries will need to provide a mailing address for the Church of Baptism - we have to follow up Confirmation with a formal note to that Church)

First Confession and First Communion children should be in Grade 2 or higher. Confirmation Candidates should be in Grade 7 or higher.

As we go to print we have 2 children preregistered for First Communion and 4 young people preregistered for Confirmation. If our numbers for past years are any indication, we expect about 50 families to enrol for each of these sacraments.

Parents - you often meet the parents of other classmates of your children - pass the word on to them.

Did you know that last year many parents simply used their smartphones to do the preregistration? Go ahead and try.

**ADULT BAPTISMS,
WELCOMING NEW CATHOLICS,
PREPARING ADULTS FOR
FIRST COMMUNION AND/OR CONFIRMATION**

Two of our parishioners recently attended a workshop on RCIA - the preparation of those who would like to become Catholic or those who would like to complete their Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic faith. We now need to hear from people who are interested in exploring these possibilities. Are you or anyone you know thinking about taking a closer look at the Catholic Church? Please pass the word around.

Do you know that Confirmation is one of the “requirements” to stand as an official godparent for Baptism or Confirmation? If you have NOT been confirmed, don’t wait until someone asks you to stand as Godparent. The question is usually followed by a mad scramble to be Confirmed and it cannot always get done in time.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY SUMMER BREAK

Children’s liturgy resumes today Sunday, September 11th at the 11:30 Mass. Welcome to the parents and youngsters, **Thank you to our faithful catechists** who are taking on this responsibility again and any who would like to assist them.

**POP CAN TAB PROJECT AND
CANCELLED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS**

Those of you who come to St Francis know that we collect the tabs of soft drinks for Fr Giacomo. He is trying to collect enough to buy a wheelchair for the needy.

Another little project that we have is “Stamps for the Missions?” Used stamps are cut off envelopes, leaving a little bit of the envelope as a border to avoid damaging the stamp itself. These are collected and sent to **the Mission Office of our Western Canada Franciscan Province**. They have purchasers who give them money for the stamps and this money goes to help their Missionary effort.

WELCOME HOME TO RETURNING PARISHIONERS

We welcome home our returning parishioners and we welcome any new parishioners. We missed our supporters during the summer months. Many people come back after the summer and drop in the envelopes they missed donating while they were away - this is a great help.

We have just completed our six month financial report and this period we actually finished slightly in the red. Perhaps one of the easiest ways of explaining our situation is to share some numbers from our July statement.

Opening Balance July 1 st	Not counting uncashed cheques	9,963.64
July deposits	Not just collections	17,665.10
July payments	Cheques cashed	23,896.29
Opening Balance Aug 1 st	Not counting uncashed cheques	3,732.45

When you do your own household budgeting you know that surprises can come up. In the first six months of this year we had an HVAC issue that cost us 10,925.50 to resolve. We paid off that bill. Just when we thought we might catch our breath, we received a bill this week to insure the parish: \$14,444.68. We have to figure out a way to pay that as well as all our other bills and commitments.

You can understand why we depend on our parishioners supporting us year round. Thanks for your “summer make up” cheques and thanks also if you subscribed to Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) that ensures your support gets to the parish even when you can’t. (PAG registration forms are available at the entrance to the church.)

Thank you to anyone who has responded to our invitation to consider the possibility of increasing their support.

We have asked our accountant to research what our operating expenses work out to on a weekly basis so that we can compare that with our weekly offertory collection income. This gives us an indication of how we are financially faring as a parish reality.

(In Italiano Domenica prossima.)

**PARISH CELEBRATION OF
STS COSMAS AND DAMIAN,
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI,
ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
ST PADRE PIO**



We are beginning to plan our traditional autumn procession.

**Sunday Sept 18th
Solemn Mass in Italian at 2:30 pm
Procession at 3:30 pm**

Please advise and invite your friends and family who have moved out of the area.

V’invitiamo a prenotare la data di **domenica 18 settembre**. Così, insieme celebriamo la festa dei nostri santi protettori. Passate la parola.

**Santa Messa Solenne in italiano alle 2:30 pm
Processione alle 3:30 pm**

SOME PARISH UPDATES

A few updates from our Parish:

Sunday September 18th - **Feast day Mass & Procession** for our Holy Protectors.



Sat Oct 1st - 3 pm - **St Francis Blessing of Creatures** on the south lawn of the church.

This is a great event where people can bring their pets and see them blessed. Invite your neighbours and let them know - even though they might not be parishioners or even Catholic.

Sunday November 13th - 9 am **Mass in Italian for "The Fallen" - War Dead.**

ALCUNI AGGIORNAMENTI A RIGUARDO DELLA PARROCCHIA

È aperta l'iscrizione preliminari online per le Prime Comunioni (Grado 2) e per le Cresime (Grado 7) per il 2017. A voi genitori, vi chiediamo gentilmente di pre-registrarvi e agli inizi di settembre vi informeremo delle formali riunioni che si svolgeranno per finalizzare l'iscrizione ed è a quel punto che saranno distribuiti i libri.

Domenica 18 settembre - **Festa in onore dei Santi Protettori con Santa Messa e Processione.**

Sabato 1° Ottobre alle 3 pm - La benedizione delle creature nella ricorrenza del tempo festivo di San Francesco.

Domenica 13 novembre alle 9 a.m. - **Santa Messa in italiano per "i caduti in guerra".**

Needs of the Church in Canada Collection – Sunday September 25th

There will be a second collection on Sunday September 25th, 2016 for the Needs of the Church in Canada.

St. Michael's Cathedral Rededication Celebrations

Friday September 30, 2016 12:00 PM there will be a public Mass of Appreciation for Workers/Trades/Guests, no RSVP required, seating first come, first served.

1:00 – 4:00 PM Street /Party on Bond Street.

7:00 PM Sacred Music Concert. Free general admission.

Tickets available online at www.archtoronto.org.

Marriage Banns between Minichini And Fasciano

There is a promise of marriage between Joseph Minichini & Maria Fasciano. In our prayers let us support this couple and all couples preparing for marriage.

MASS SCHEDULE

September 10th to September 18th 2016

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH BL. AGNELLUS OF PISA, FRIAR DEACON

5:00 PM Ferdinando Taddeo

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

9:00 AM Per tutti i Santi e tutti i Morti
S. Cosimo e Damiano
Pietro Petri; Annunziata Nasso;
Famiglia Simonetta e Carnovale
Maria Assunta Sobara
Giovanni, Carlo e Famiglia Barbati
Pasquale, Maria Pia e Maddalena Cioffi
Rosaria e Salvatore Ceniti

11:30 AM For Parishioner's Intentions

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

8:00 AM Antonio e Domenico Clasadonte

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00 AM Antonio Fuscillo

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:00 AM Adolorata Paparo

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

8:00 AM Angela & Vito Donato

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

SS. CORNELIUS, POPE, & CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

8:00 AM Vito e Domenico Corrado

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

THE STIGMATA OF OUR HOLY FATHER FRANCIS

1:00 PM **Wedding Mass**
Nicola Sinopoli & Michelle Matos

5:00 PM Living and Deceased Friars

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

9:00 AM Domenico & Maria Teresa Pileggi
Gaetano Plati; Lucy Barone
Luigi and Christina Marcelli
Laura Masella; Caterina Rizzuto
Franco Chiocca
Maria Teresa & Rafaele Marchese e Famiglia Marchese
Carmine e Rosa Ferrace
Maria Poveromo

11:30 AM Anthony Terenzio