



2016 NATIVITY SCENE SLOW DOWN FOR JESUS! RALLENTATEVI PER GESÙ

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, after the morning Mass, we blessed this year's Nativity Scene. Some people had asked us if we were going to do our outdoor Nativity Scene, given that the scaffolding is up and the workers are all around.

Look at this picture. The Holy Family found their place in our busy world and they do so every year. This year they are coming to St Francis, in the midst of all the work that is going on. One of the workers holds a sign telling us to slow down - otherwise we will miss the sacred blessing that is present.

Siamo preparando per il Santo Natale. Anche se la chiesa sembra un cantiere di lavoro, la Sacra Famiglia non rinuncia a stare tra noi. C'è uno dei lavoratori che ci invita a rallentarci per non perdere l'opportunità riconoscere ciò che è sacro anche in mezzo della vita quotidiana a volte troppa affrettata.

IT'S TIME TO TALK @ EUTHANASIA

IT'S TIME TO TALK FACTS ABOUT EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE IN CANADA

Since Canada legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide in June 2016, 374 people across the country have already died by lethal injection. Meanwhile, only 30% of Canadians have access to quality palliative (end of life) care. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and to write directly to the Ontario government.

EUTHANASIA/SUICIDIO ASSISTITO - SAPEVATE?

Da quando il Canada ha legalizzato l'eutanasia e il suicidio assistito nel giugno del 2016, 374 persone in tutto il paese sono morti con un'iniezione letale. Mentre solo il 30% dei canadesi ha accesso a cure palliative di buona qualità. Per

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DAY OF CONFESSIONS

"Jesus in the confessional is not a dry cleaner: it is an encounter with Jesus, who waits for us just as we are. Is going to confession like a torture session? No! It is going to praise God, because I, a sinner, have been saved by Him. And is He waiting to beat me? No, he waits with tenderness to forgive me. And if tomorrow I do the same? Go again, and go and go and go. He always waits for us." - Pope Francis.

This coming week from today to **DEC 17 2016**, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a **Day of Confessions**. In our parish, the schedule for confessions is as follows:

Mon. Dec. 12 - 9 am – 11 am, 1 pm – 2:30 pm, 6 pm – 7 pm

"Gesù nel confessionale non è una tintoria. La confessione è un incontro con Gesù che ci aspetta come siamo. Allora andare a confessarsi non è andare a una seduta di tortura? No! E' andare a lodare Dio, perché io peccatore sono stato salvato da Lui. E Lui mi aspetta per bastonarmi? No, aspetta con tenerezza per perdonarmi. E se domani faccio lo stesso? Vai un'altra volta, e vai e vai e vai. Lui sempre ci aspetta." – Papa Francesco.

Tra oggi e il 17 dicembre, 2016, in ogni parrocchia della Diocesi di Toronto avrà luogo una **Giornata dedicata alle Confessioni**. Le confessioni nella nostra parrocchia si terranno **lunedì 12 dicembre** dalle 9 am alle 11 am, dall'1 pm alle 2:30 pm e dalle 6 pm alle 7 pm.

Nota Bene: Se c'è un funerale quel giorno, l'orario delle confessioni del mattino verrà sospeso.

Our Children's Liturgy will NOT meet on Dec 25th & Jan 1st.
Thank you to our faithful Catechists!
Enjoy your well-deserved break.

WELCOME BISHOP ROBERT KASUN CSB



St Francis of Assisi Parish forms part of the Central Zone of the Archdiocese of Toronto. **Bishop Robert Kasun** is the Auxiliary Bishop who is responsible for our area.

Our Bishop will visit St Francis next **Sunday - Dec 18th and celebrate our 11:30 am Mass.** Come out to meet Bishop Kasun at our parish.

Dom 18 dic, arriva tra noi **SE Mons Robert Kasun** per visitare la nostra parrocchia e per celebrare la Santa Messa del

11:30 AM. Venite a salutarlo.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2017 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905 624-4422

ENGLISH SUNDAY MISSALS & CALENDARS

Thank you **Bernardo Funeral Homes** for providing the Sunday Missals to the parish free of charge! The church calendar began two weeks ago.

Cardinal's Funeral Home and Bernardo Funeral Home have also provided us with 2017 Calendars for free distribution to our community. Thank you!

WRITING CONTEST- WIN 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, 2017. The Theme for this coming year is "Reconciliation – The love of Christ compels us" (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-20). Students should read the above Scripture passage and respond to the following statement in the essay: As the Christian world reflects on the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation (1517-2017) and after reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-20, discuss the main obstacles to Christian reconciliation and ways to overcome them based on your own experiences.

First prize is an iPad Air 2 (64 GB), second prize is a Kobo Aura H2O, 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 13, 2017. E-mail your essay to **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. 403 or 1-855-441-4077.

Don't miss this opportunity!

MASS SCHEDULE

December 10th to December 18th, 2016

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

5:00 PM Candido Longo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM Vito e Domenico Corrado
Famiglia Simonetta e Carnovale
Franco Chiocca
Pasquale e Teresa Pepe
Giovanni, Carlo e Famiglia Barbati
Antonio Margherita e Franco Bifolchi
Francesco Luciano Donato
Giuseppe Sinopoli e Famiglia
Antonio Tedesco & Lucia Rocchetti
Eugenia & Mario Franco

11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:00 AM In onore di Santa Lucia

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

ST. LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

8:00 AM Frank e Maria Rosina Colantonio

9:30 AM *School Mass - both schools join together*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00 AM Francesco Galle e Famiglia

7:00 PM Memorial Mass – Caterina Silvaggio

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

8:00 AM Rocco, Lucia e Salvatore Amato

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

8:00 AM Antonio Martino, Caterina Iori e Famiglia Martino

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM Giuseppe Malfara
Basilio Dileo e Giovanni Callipo
Giuseppina Marrello
Domenico e Maria Teresa Pileggi
Caterina Rizutto; Bruno Macri
Rocco Macri e Famiglia
Francesco Mediate e Famiglia
Giovanni e Giovanna Scarturchio
Salvatore Amato e def. Famiglia

11:30 AM Antonio Pitaro