

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR A - JANUARY 8TH, 2017

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2017

Second book - Preparing for Eucharist 1&2

This is just a reminder to our Grade 2 families preparing for First Communion that **the Unit 1 class (covering chapter 1 & 2) will be offered Sun Jan 22nd at 10:30 am and Sat Jan 28th at 4:00 pm**, for those who miss the first session. Class will be followed by a regularly scheduled weekend Mass so that the family can fulfill its Sunday obligation.

Also for **Confirmation the Unit 1 class (covering the Introduction and Unit 1) will be offered next Sun Jan 15th at 10:30 am and Saturday Jan 21st at 4:00 PM.**

Following these classes, on Jan 15th & 21st, the Confirmation Candidates will be invited to participate at Mass in order to be enrolled with the Crucifix that will accompany them on their Confirmation Journey and remind us as a parishioner that these young people are preparing to be fully initiated into the faith.

Confirmation Books can be picked up this weekend. We will take booklets to St Francis and Pope Francis Schools after this weekend for those students who are registered in our programme.

Parents – please remember to work with your children and **help them to fill out the pages of their work book**. Also, we ask that you **make sure the children's name, phone number and School are clearly written on the book** – it helps us contact the family when a book is left behind.

We ask you to **have your First Communion child or Confirmation Candidate wear his/her crucifix when coming to class and Mass**. This reminds our parishioners to pray for them and for you.



FAMILY OF FAITH - ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

As we go to print on **Thurs Jan 5th** the secretary of the Family of Faith Campaign tells us that we have pledges over the next five years totalling **\$437,000**. That is just an amazing amount of generosity and trust in Divine Providence.

We have parishioners and friends who have promised to pledge but have not yet made their commitment. In the coming days our volunteers will be following up with phone calls in the hopes of answering any outstanding questions. Two simple answers to remember are that this pledge is over a five-year timespan and that “yes” the Family of Faith Campaign Office will issue income tax receipts for the

amounts given to The Family of Faith Campaign in 2016. These receipts will arrive at your address by late February.

We are standing at **over 97% of our goal of \$450,000**. After we met our standard goal of \$230,000, all the pledges arriving now are totally applied toward the projects here at St Francis - just look at the scaffolding.



SLATE ROOF TILE SPONSORSHIP

During these last few Christmas weeks, we released pamphlets in English, Italian and Portuguese on our **Slate Roof Tile Sponsorship**. This provides present and former parishioners with an opportunity to sponsor a slate tile that will go on our new roof. Part of this includes a text written on the underside of the tile - a way of memorializing your living or dead family and friends - perhaps an anniversary, marriage, baptism or birthday?

So far the response has been positive. Any amount arriving now will be part of your income tax receipt for donations in 2017. To clarify - this will be a ONE TIME donation of \$100 per tile.

You may find pamphlets in the various languages at the entrance to the church. Examples of the slate are in the baptismal chapel to the right of our main altar.

ONLINE DONATIONS

You can now donate online to the parish:

<https://community.archtoronto.org/page.aspx?pid=407>

When you choose the parish we are the fifth one on the list.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESUMES TODAY

Children's Liturgy resumes today Sunday, Jan 8th at the 11:30 am Mass.

If you have young children, we encourage you to send your youngsters downstairs with the group that is called forward at the beginning of the 11:30 am Mass. Our catechists take the children downstairs and have a “Liturgy of the Word” with the children - explaining the readings in a language that is more geared to them. There are often activities, including drawing and sometimes crafts.

This service is free and the children do NOT have to be registered in any way. Even if you visit periodically, your children are welcome. (NB This is NOT Catechism for First Communion.)

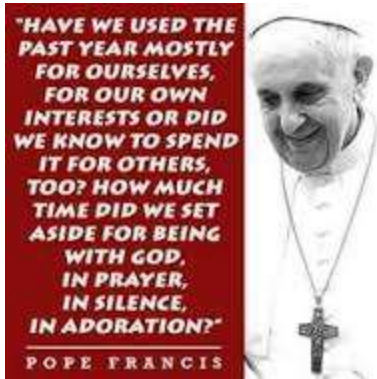


EPIFANIA DEL SIGNORE- ANNO A - 8 GENNAIO 2017

EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED - DID YOU KNOW?

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to arrange for the killing of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to ending the life of their patients.

See www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and to write directly to your elected member of Provincial Parliament.



NEW BEGINNINGS - MON JAN 16 @ 7 PM

Monday, January 16 @ 7 p.m. - New Beginnings Talk at 1155 Yonge St., Toronto - 4th Floor, entitled,

"Identifying the Innermost Root Source of our Chronic Problems".

Speaker: Dr. Ken Fung, MD, MB FRCS

"The evening will be about reclaiming one's authentic identity as a child of God, 'Imago Dei' and uncovering the 'root cause' of our chronic problems, praying for inner healing."

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES - JANUARY 15

A **World Day of Migrants and Refugees** is observed in many places in solidarity with the **World Refugee Day** promoted by the **United Nations** and observed since 2001 on 20 June. This January observance was instituted by Saint Pius X in 1914. "The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world"

(Pope Benedict XVI, 2012).

FRANCISCAN MISSION COLLECTION - SUN JAN 15TH

Please be generous with our Missionary Friars and the people who they serve in Central America.

COLLETTA PER LE MISSIONI FRANCESCANE - DOM 15 GENNAIO

Domenica prossima vi chiediamo un'offerta generosa per le opere missionarie dei nostri frati nell'America Centrale.

MASS SCHEDULE

January 7th to January 15th, 2017



SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH

ST. ANDRE BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00 AM Rosa Verdò e Basilio Dileo
Raffaele Macri e famiglia Polerà
Agostino Lanzeroti e Thomas Fazzari
Salvatore Amato e def famiglia
Famiglia Carnovale e Simonetta
Defunti Eduardo Cipolla e famiglia
Angelo & Grace Calaminici
Francesco Febbraro

11:30 AM Rosie Colella Ienco

MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 AM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH

8:00 AM Giuseppe Sinopoli e famiglia

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH

8:00 AM Bishop Gerald Scarpone OFM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH
ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS, VIRGIN

8:00 AM Bishop Gerald Scarpone OFM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH

8:00 AM Maria Spina

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH

5:00 PM Serafino Lio

SUNDAY JANUARY 15TH

9:00 AM Salvatore Giuliano e Elisabetta Giuliano
Bruno Valela; Angelo Di Santo
Vito & Domenico Corrado
Beate Hepperle; Vincenzo Pietropaolo
Nazzareno Carnevale
Domenico Ionadi e Nancy Tolomeo

11:30 AM Maria Spina