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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND  
CONFIRMATION 2017**

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**Second book - Preparing for Eucharist 1&2**

This is just a reminder to our Grade 2 families preparing for First Communion that **the Unit 2 class (covering chapters 3 & 4) will be offered Sun Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am and Sat Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 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 2 class (Seeking God in Prayer) will be offered Sun Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am and Saturday Feb 18<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM.**

Parents – please remember to work with your children and **help them to fill out the pages of their workbook.** 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.

**The St. Vincent de Paul Corner**

This week your donations helped a former business executive who was forced into bankruptcy when he was diagnosed with cancer. He is a single parent to his young son and he is trying his best to stay positive and make ends meet. 100% of your donations go to help the needy. Please give in the poor box at the rear of the church. Thank you!



**FAMILY OF FAITH - ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

As we go to print on **Thurs Jan 26<sup>th</sup>** the secretary of the Family of Faith Campaign tells us that we have pledges over the next five years totalling **\$446,090.00** 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 99.14% 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. Now when you say yes, you are saying yes to St Francis of Assisi.

**Band of Christian Brothers Men's  
Conference**

**Saturday, February 18, 2017 9:00 am to Saturday, February 18, 2017 4:30 pm.** Serviam Ministries is hosting its 2nd annual men's conference. Join Fr. Larry Richards and Archbishop of Montreal, Christian Lépine, for a day of prayer

and fellowship, and the chance to be embolden and challenged in your faith by becoming the man God created you to be. For more information see the following: [www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/](http://www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/) **PHONE:** 1-888-522-2070 **EMAIL:** [info@serviamministries.com](mailto:info@serviamministries.com)



**SLATE ROOF TILE SPONSORSHIP  
SPONSORIZZAZIONI DI UNA TEGOLA D'ARDESIA DEL TETTO**

Many of you will be aware that 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?

*Chiedeteci - ci sono dépliant tradotti anche in italiano con tutti i dettagli.*

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.

*Le tegole vanno per una cifra di \$100 l'una per un ricordo che deve durare per 100 anni. Tanti di voi già avete fatto la vostra offerta - grazie per la vostra generosità. Il Signore vi premierà!*

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.



*Marriage Sunday*

**Cardinal Collins** has designated the weekend of **February 11/12, 2017 as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto.** The event provides an opportunity to honour husband and wife while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the marriage covenant. To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend.

Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community. For more information and resources on marriage, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)

**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on **Thursday, February 2, 2017** and in parishes on the weekend of **January 28/29, 2017**. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generally to God's gift of their vocation.

All are welcome to come to a special Mass presided by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick today Sunday, **January 29 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica**, Toronto to celebrate with and pray for these men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese.

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD-  
FESTA DELLA PRESENTAZIONE DEL SIGNORE**



**Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup>** is the feast of the **Presentation of Our Lord**. The Church celebrates this feast - The **Feast of the Purification** which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as **Candlemas Day** for the traditional blessing and distribution of candles on that day. It is customary to bring candles from home, (candles for the family altar, Advent candles, etc) to be blessed that one uses for devotional

purposes and candles to be lit when the priests visits the sick to bring them Holy Communion or administer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Parishioners are invited to bring their own candles to be blessed at the start of the Mass. (To those who are interested and for a donation of \$5, we will also have some boxed pairs of 51% beeswax candles available, until quantities last.)

Lunedì 2 febbraio è la Festa in cui si celebra Cristo come luce che illumina le genti e debba essere posto nel contesto del mistero pasquale, la forza redentrice della morte e risurrezione di Cristo. All'inizio della Santa Messa si potrà compiere la benedizione delle candele, secondo il Rito del Messale Romano.

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> – ST BLAISE  
BLESSING OF THE THROATS  
SAN BIAGIO, VESCOVO E MARTIRE**

The Blessing of the Throats is observed on the feast day of Saint Blaise which falls on **Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. **Throats will be blessed after the 8am. Mass** and the prayer for the blessing is:

*Through the intercession of  
Saint Blaise, Bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from  
every disease of the throat and from every other illness.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Dopo la Santa Messa delle 8, venerdì il 3 di febbraio**, si potrà impartire la benedizione della gola. Per la benedizione, si pronuncia la seguente formula:

*Per l'intercessione di San Biagio  
Vescovo e martire  
Che Dio ti liberi da ogni mal di gola  
E da ogni altro male  
Nel nome del Padre, e del Figlio  
E dello Spirito Santo. Amen*



**MASS SCHEDULE**  
January 28<sup>th</sup> to February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

- SATURDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, DOCTOR**  
**5:00 PM** Francesco Diodati
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
**9:00 AM** In onore del Madonna Addolorata  
Rosa Cutuli e Giuseppina Natale  
Rosanna Leone; Giuseppe Pirroncello  
Bruno Giuseppe Macri  
Antonia Teresa Vono  
Giovanni Di Lecce & Maria Poveromo  
Teresa & Bruno Malfara  
**11:30 AM** Caterina Rizzuto
- MONDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**8:00 AM** \_\_\_\_\_
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
**ST. JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST**  
**8:00 AM** \_\_\_\_\_
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**8:00 AM** \_\_\_\_\_
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**  
**8:00 AM** Madonna della Pietra - Candelora
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**ST BLAISE, BISHOP & MARTYR**  
**8:00 AM** In onore del Sacro Cuore de Gesù
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**5:00 PM** 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Ann. Lena & Laic Seeboo
- SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**9:00 AM** In onore del Madonna della Pietra  
Vito & Domenico Corrado  
Maria & Domenico Gagliardi  
Angelo, Antonio e Maria Azzoli  
Elisa Pelai; Francesco Diodati  
Caterina Iaconiello  
Carolina & Fortunato Rigitano  
**11:30 AM** Annunziata Nasso