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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.**

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 26<sup>th</sup>** the secretary of the Family of Faith Campaign tells us that we have pledges over the next five years totalling **\$449,470.00** 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 99.88% 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.

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## THANK YOU FOR STAMPS DONATED

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You will find a letter on the notice board at the entrance to the church. Domenic at the Franciscan Missionary Union wrote thanking us for the stamps we mailed off to them after Christmas. Please take a moment to read how your used stamps can be valuable to the efforts of our missionaries.

Dall'ufficio missionario francescano, ci è arrivato un ringraziamento per i francobolli cancellati che sono stati riscuotiti a favore delle nostre opere missionarie.



### 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)

Domenica prossima celebreremo la Domenica del matrimonio nella nostra diocesi

## LA QUINTA DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO- ANNO A – 5 FEBBRAIO 2017

### FRIDAY VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul, Saint Francis of Assisi Conference, is looking for new members to serve the poor. If you feel that you are being called to serve the Lord but don't know what you should do, here is your answer!

Our Saint Vincent De Paul Conference **sees on average 5-6 people/families per week-** often providing them with food and clothing vouchers. We also donate beds and furniture that The Society's central warehouse delivers.

Our mission entails not only donations but you have a chance, as the apostles were commanded to bring the Lord's word to those who are hungry but unable to hear. It is so fulfilling knowing you just helped a family in need get past a difficult time. We hope you will join us and begin your service with Jesus Christ by helping the poor, sick and downtrodden and feel the Holy Spirit move by bringing His kingdom to earth as it is in heaven.

Call 416.536.8195 and leave a message in the **Saint Vincent De Paul voicemail box** or email Marion da Ponte at [mariondaponte@gmail.com](mailto:mariondaponte@gmail.com) and we will help you get started.

### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Did you know that **Development and Peace** was founded in 1967 by the Canadian Catholic Bishops after their participation in Vatican II where they listened to the concerns of the Bishops from the Global South about poverty, hunger, etc.? To find out more about the work of Development and Peace or to become a member or donor, visit the website at

<http://www.devp.org/en/get-involved>

### L'ORGANIZZAZIONE CATTOLICA CANADESE PER LO SVILUPPO E LA PACE – 50MO ANNIVERSARIO

Sapevate che l'organizzazione Cattolica Canadese per lo Sviluppo e la Pace è stata fondata nel 1967 da Vescovi Cattolici Canadesi in risposta alla loro partecipazione al Consiglio Ecumenico Vaticano II, ove hanno ascoltato le preoccupazioni dei Vescovi del sud del mondo a riguardo della povertà, la fame, ecc.? Per saperne di più del lavoro svolto dall'organizzazione Cattolica Canadese per lo Sviluppo e la Pace o se volete donare o diventare membri, visitate il sito:

<http://www.devp.org/en/get-involved>

### 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 emboldened and challenged in your faith by becoming the man God created you to be. For more information see the following:

**WEB:** [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)

### MASS SCHEDULE

February 4<sup>th</sup> to February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

#### 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 Pelaia; Francesco Diodati  
Caterina Iaconiello  
Carolina & Fortunato Rigitano  
**11:30 AM** Annunziata Nasso

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

**8:00 AM** Umberto Paparo e Famiglia

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>

**8:00 AM** For Parishioners' Intentions

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>

**8:00 AM** \_\_\_\_\_

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

**8:00 AM** \_\_\_\_\_

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> ST SCOLASTICA, VIRGIN

**8:00 AM** Basilio Francesco Dileo

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> OUR LADY OF LOURDES WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

**5:00 PM** Italo Maceroni

#### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>

**9:00 AM** Angelo Di Santo  
Salvatore Amato e def famiglia  
Famiglia Carnovale e Simonetta  
Domenica, Nicola, & Peter Vinci  
Giuseppe e Rosalia Didiano  
Bruno Macri & Family  
Michele Nigro  
Marina & Ciriaco Mirabella

**11:30 AM** For Parishioners' Intentions

*Delle volte, alcuni nostri parrocchiani lamentano che non trovano un posticino per un'intenzione per i loro cari defunti. Se avete notato, dall'inizio dell'anno corrente abbiamo avuto diversi spazi vuoti. Se vi sentite spinti a ricordare i vostri cari defunti, non lasciate passare queste opportunità.*