

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B – DECEMBER 10th , 2017

FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS & FAMILIES

FIRST RECONCILIATION - SAT DEC 16TH, 2017

The Big Day is almost upon us. In one week's time, **on Sat Dec 16th** our children will **gather in the Church at 10:45 am** to celebrate **the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. This event is for all of our candidates (and families) involved in First Communion preparation this year.

Parents - please prepare your children for the event. They CANNOT fail the event. Do not give them an idea that they will not be forgiven or that the priest will be angry or disappointed with them for their sins. Not only is this NOT true but it can also worry them... each year we have some little one who is scared and crying. We don't want this. Our children are coming to meet Jesus in the sacrament and to receive the embrace that the Loving Father gives to his prodigal children.



Please remember to pick up your child's certificate as you leave the church after Confession. Inside the envelope you will find the next book to cover preparation for Holy Eucharist.

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

This past week, our catechists met with Fr Jimmy in order to prepare a schedule of meetings that will prepare adults for the sacraments of initiation. The schedule begins in early January.

If you have expressed an interest in this programme and have not been contacted, please contact us again so that we can establish the day and time that will work for all of us.



DAY OF CONFESSIONS - THIS FRIDAY

From Dec 10 to 16, 2017, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a **Day of Confessions**. This week, let us make the journey into the heart of our relationship with God. Take a long, loving look at the ways God calls us to grow. Take this challenge and hold it in readiness for the rich blessing that is manifest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In our parish, the schedule for confessions is as follows:
Fri Dec 15, 9-11 am, 1-2:30 PM & 6-7 pm

**VENERDÌ PROSSIMO AVREMO LA POSSIBILITÀ DI
CONFESSARCI. NON MANCATE!**

ENGLISH SUNDAY MISSALS / CALENDARS

Thank you Bernardo Funeral Homes for providing the **Sunday Missals** to the parish free of charge! These missals are to be left in the pew.

Thank you also to **Cardinal's Funeral Home** has also provided us with **Catholic Calendars for 2018** for free distribution to our community. Thank you!

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2018 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

REINTRODUCING PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Starting today, our parishioners will have the option to give their offertory via **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)**. With PAG, **your offering is deducted automatically by direct debit** from your bank account; a convenient way to support our parish continuously, even when you are away. Most importantly, you are in control. You can increase or decrease your amount or withdraw from the PAG plan simply by dropping a signed note in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

Last weekend we enclosed a registration form in the parish bulletin. This weekend there are copies available at the entrance to the church. If you wish to sign up for PAG, fill in the form, attach a void cheque and submit it to the Parish Office or place it in the envelope provided for the collection basket. If you have questions, Nerissa Flores from the Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto will be at the lobby of the church to assist you.



DURING THIS CHRISTMAS, SEASON...

Dear Parishioners,

Remember to give generously to our neighbors in need of our assistance during this time of giving. The St. Vincent de Paul box which is located at the back of the church is where you will find our envelopes. All donations over \$20.00 will receive a deductible tax receipt. Your donations go directly to the poor.

We want to thank you and wish you a Merry and Blessed Christmas, from St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.



CON L'ARRIVO DELLE FESTE NATALIZIE...

Cari Parrocchiani,

Durante questo periodo di regali natalizi, vi invitiamo a donare con generosità al nostro prossimo più bisognoso. La cassetta delle offerte per la Società San Vincenzo di Paoli è situata all'ingresso della Chiesa dove possiate anche trovare le apposite buste. Si rilascia una ricevuta per le tasse per donazioni superiori ai \$20. Il vostro contributo verrà devoluto direttamente ai poveri.

Da parte della Società San Vincenzo di Paoli qui alla Parrocchia di San Francesco d'Assisi, desideriamo porgervi i nostri più sentiti ringraziamenti e auguri per un lieto e Santo Natale.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS



Many of you have noticed the scaffolding coming down outside the church. The work on the ceiling of our sacristies has begun. You can also see some hoarding in the north side aisle as work on the ceiling there begins. So much of the work has gone on above the high platform and outside above our sight level. To the left here you can see what it is looking like above the platform.

In the weeks ahead a tarpaulin is going up to act as protection as work on the mosaic and the east

wall Stained Glass Window begins.

Another task we are working on is trying to make the air warmer. Drafts and open doors prove to be a challenge. Help us on the weekends: **DO NOT PROP ANY DOORS OPEN!** Once we lose our heat, it is difficult for the church to warm up again.

Thanks for your patience!

I LAVORI

Forse avete notato che stanno lavorando adesso più vicino a banchi. Nei prossimi giorni incominciano a coprire con una stoffa apposita, la zona del mosaico, per proteggere il santuario durante i lavori.

Siamo cercando di riscaldare la chiesa con più efficienza per facilitare i lavori e i processi di asciugamento.

La foto sopra ci da un'idea della zona sopra la piattaforma. Già si vede il miglioramento nell'aspetto della scelta dei colori.

CANCELLED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

During this season of Christmas Cards, we remind you of "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.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Offertory	December 2/3, 2017
Total number of envelopes	239
Total amount in envelopes	\$ 2,820
Total loose donations	\$ 452
Weekly Total	\$ 3,272
Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500
Income Deficit	-\$1,228

OUR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE IS ALREADY AVAILABLE AT www.stfrancis.ca. IT WILL ALSO BE THE BULLETIN COVER NEXT WEEKEND.

MASS SCHEDULE DECEMBER 9TH TO DECEMBER 17TH, 2017

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH SAN JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN

5:00 PM Rosa & Carmine Farrace

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

9:00 AM Basilio Dileo e Giovanni Callipo
Elisabetta Giuliano; Angelo Di Santo
Pasquale e Teresa Pepe
Famiglie Carnovale e Simonetta
Lorenzo Gulli e Rina Crea
Pasquale Gallippi; Antonio Romano
Vincenza e Candido Longo

11:30 AM Pasquale Raviele

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH SAINT DAMASUS I, POPE

8:00 AM Antonio Fusilo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:00 AM In onore di Santa Lucia

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH ST. LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

8:00 AM Frank & Maria Rosina Colantonio

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00 AM Antonio Tedesco

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

8:00 AM Per la salute di Michelena Fusilo

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

5:00 PM Maria & John DaSilva

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

9:00 AM Domenico e Maria Teresa Pileggi
Francesco Luciano Donato
Famiglie Corrado, Moretti & Prioriello
Rosanna Leoni; Anna Giovanco
Eugenia e Mario Franco
Giuseppe e Filomena Malfara
Giuseppina Marrello

11:30 AM Nicolina Roti