

## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B – DECEMBER 17th , 2017

### FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS & FAMILIES

#### 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 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am and Sat Jan 27<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 1 class (covering the Introduction and Unit 1) will be offered Sun Jan 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am or Saturday Jan 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.**

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

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.



### 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

St. Francis of Assisi has said, "it is in giving that one receives..." Thank you to everyone who registered for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). Thank you for sharing your gifts to the Church. Your support is always much appreciated - it will help everyone who depend on St. Francis of Assisi parish for pastoral care and will also support the continuing work being done in our church.

Those who still wish to sign-up, our PAG enrollment is continuous. Just fill out the registration form at the brochures we have at the front of the church and submit it with a void cheque to the office or drop it in the offertory basket next week. For more information, please call our church office or ask Fr. Jimmy after Mass. May God's peace and blessings be always with you and your loved ones.



### 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.

### 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE

**CALLING ALL TEENS!** It's time again for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Steubenville Toronto conference for Catholic teens. This years date is July 13-15, 2018. The theme for the 2018 conference is "**REVEALED**"

To register online check out [steubenvilletoronto.com](http://steubenvilletoronto.com). For all other questions you may call 416 599-7676, or contact them at [info@steubenvilletoronto.com](mailto:info@steubenvilletoronto.com)

### THE SULTAN AND THE SAINT - MOVIE



Did you know that St Francis went to the Holy Land and met the Sultan? It was an event that is connected to this day with the relationship between Franciscans and the world of Islam. It is part of the reality that took our friars to their ministry in the Holy Land.

A Movie about the meeting between St. Francis of Assisi with the Sultan in the middle of the battlefield that changed history. **Airs Tues. Dec. 26 at 8PM on PBS.**

**LA TERZA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO – ANNO B – 17 DICEMBRE 2017**

**THANK YOU FROM THE ZAMMIT FAMILY**

On behalf of my father, Joseph and our family, please allow me to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you who expressed your condolences in various ways, including your prayers and closeness.

We will celebrate a Memorial Mass for my mother, Matilda Zammit, on Wed Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Grazie dalla famiglia Zammit per le vostre preghiere e condoglianze nell'occasione della morte e le celebrazioni del funerale di Matilde, la mamma di P Jimmy. Una Messa Memoriale va celebrata mercoledì 10 gennaio alle 7 pm.

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING**

In a few short days we will be arriving at our Christmas Celebrations. We want to thank all of you who have extended greetings and who remember us in your prayers.

Please note that it is not possible for us to individually acknowledge your many kindnesses but know that we are remembering you and your loved ones at our Masses on Christmas.

We ask your help in passing our Mass times on to your family and friends. Perhaps you could take them a copy of this bulletin? Or send an email with a connection to our website.

**OUR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE IS ALREADY AVAILABLE AT [www.stfrancis.ca](http://www.stfrancis.ca). IT IS ALSO ON THIS BULLETIN COVER.**

As the Advent season unfolds, we ask that you remember our neighbors in need.  
*Society of Saint Vincent de Paul*

**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 | 207                |
| Total amount in envelopes | \$ 2,988           |
| Total loose donations     | \$ 254             |
| <b>Weekly Total</b>       | <b>\$ 3,242</b>    |
| <b>Weekly Expenses</b>    | <b>\$ 4,500</b>    |
| <b>Income Deficit</b>     | <b>\$-1,258</b>    |

Please note that in the coming weeks our bulletins will be prepared before we have this info. We will resume this after the Christmas celebrations.

**MASS SCHEDULE  
DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> TO DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> , 2017**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

5:00 PM Maria & John DaSilva

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00 AM Giovanni Olimpico

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00 AM Defunti Famiglie Castiglione e Marafioti

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00 AM Rzepka Family

7:00 PM John D'Acuto

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**ST. PETER CANISUS,**

**PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

8:00 AM Vito Garisto

7:00 PM George Sammut

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

8:00 AM Annunziata e Bruno Tassone

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**ST. JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST**

5:00 PM Dec Families of F. D'Urzo & D. Moscato

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00 AM Antonio Pitaro  
Salvatore Amato e famiglia  
Giovanni, Carlo & Famiglia Barbati  
Antonio, Margherita, Franco & Rocco  
Bifulchi  
Maria e Lucio e Famiglia Gemmiti  
Spagnulo e Urciuoli Famiglie  
Angelo Barillari; Angelo Francavilla

11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions