

**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!

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS BREAK CLOSURE

Please note that the **Parish Office is closed for the Christmas break and will re-open on Tues Jan 2nd, 2018, regular office hours.**

Certificates and Mass bookings can easily be made at other times. If someone is sick and needs a priest or if someone needs a Mass Card, please leave a message on the parish voicemail and we will try and get back to you as soon as possible.



Vi avvisiamo che **durante questo periodo natalizio, l'ufficio parrocchiale è chiuso per le feste. Riprendiamo lavoro il martedì 2 gennaio.**

Per le pratiche di ogni giorno non ci sono urgenze. In generale tutte gli uffici prendono una pausa per questi giorni. Detto questo, notate che per le visite agli ammalati lasciateci sulla segreteria telefonica (answering machine) un messaggio chiaro con diversi recapiti telefonici. Inutile lasciare solo il numero di casa se siete all'ospedale vicino all'ammalato – lasciate o i numeri dei figli o qualche numero di telefonino. Sapendo anche le nostre realtà, se c'è bisogno di una Messa Perpetua per qualche defunto, lasciate un buon messaggio e cerchiamo di venire incontro al vostro bisogno

DAILY TV CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

The National Catholic Broadcasting Council would like to share the following announcement of Christmas Mass times available to watch on Television;

Christmas Eve: Vision TV - 9:00 pm
yesTV – 10:00 pm

Christmas Day: Vision TV - 8:00 am & 12:00 pm
Salt + Light – 11:00 pm
yesTV – 1:00 pm

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 AND OTHER INFO

Please note that in the coming weeks our bulletins will be prepared before we have the necessary info to share our offertory totals. We will resume this practice after the Christmas celebrations.

Are you registered and do you use envelopes? Did you know that you can donate to St Francis by a monthly direct debit to your bank account (**Pre-authorized giving - PAG**) - guaranteeing that you never miss a contribution to support St Francis. Did you know that **you can also contribute online by credit card** - one time or a repeating (monthly?) contribution. Some people prefer using their credit card because in addition to its convenience they may also be loyalty points collectors-credit card contributions make it possible to collect these points.

The In Lieu of Flowers programme allows a family to designate St Francis of Assisi Parish as a beneficiary. In this way, instead of floral tributes that are thrown away after the funeral, a family can choose to have legacy contributions made in the name of their deceased loved ones.

Have you remembered **St Francis of Assisi Parish at 72 Mansfield Ave, Toronto** in your will? Your legacy donation allows you to continue to support the parish community even after your death.

During this season of Dickens' **A Christmas Carol**, we would remind you that it is just common sense to have a clear will prepared - it makes things simpler for those left behind. **Have you made your will? If not, what are you waiting for?**

You may contact the parish office in order to be supplied with the necessary info.

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 and the Sultan in the middle of the battlefield that changed history. **Airs Tues. Dec. 26 at 8 PM on PBS.**

LA QUARTA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO – ANNO B – 24 DICEMBRE 2017

THANK YOU FROM THE ZAMMIT FAMILY

On behalf of my father, Joseph and our family, please allow me (Fr Jimmy) 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 10th 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 AND NEW YEARS EVE

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 SCHEDULES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT www.stfrancis.ca.

MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 23RD TO DECEMBER 31TH , 2017

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

ST. JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

9:00 AM Antonio Pitaro; Franco e Rocco Bifulchi

Salvatore Amato e famiglia

Giovanni, Carlo e Famiglia Barbati

Antonio, Margherita,

Maria e Lucio e Famiglia Gemmiti

Spagnulo e Urciuoli Famiglie

Angelo Barillari; Angelo Francavilla

11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

8:30 PM Christmas Prelude (Music & Readings)

9:00 PM Mass in English

12:00 AM Messa Bilingue - Bilingual Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

9:00 AM Living and Deceased Benefactors

11:30 AM Living and Deceased Benefactors

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

8:00 AM Francesco Pasceri

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

8:00 AM Rosie Colella Ienco

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

8:00 AM Antonio e Italo Maceroni e def. fam.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

ST. THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP, MARTYR

8:00 AM Paul & Michelina Portelli

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9:00 AM In honour of St. Rita & St. Therese

Caterina Rizzuto; Luigi Nardella

Antonio Nero; Rosanna Leone

Agostino Lanzeroti e famiglia Fazzari

Defunti Famiglia Cortese

Luigi Marchesano;

11:30 AM Caterina Rizzuto

3:45 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4:45 PM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

5:00 PM Mass in English - for Parishioners Int.

**LATER MASSES IN ENGLISH
ON CHRISTMAS DAY (DEC 25 - EVENING)
AND NEW YEAR'S DAY (JAN 1 - EVENING)**

We have a number of parishioners who are in medical or other professions that often times have to work on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. We have done some searching and have come up with the following times and locations that may help make the holidays into holy days:

Our Lady of Guadalupe – 694 Weston Road
(near Black Creek Drive)

Christmas Day (Sun Dec 25) 5 pm

New Year's Day (Sun Jan 1) 5 pm

Holy Family - 1372 King Street West

Christmas Day (Sun Dec 25) 4 pm

New Year's Eve (Sat Dec 31) 11 pm

New Year's Day (Sun Jan 1) 8 pm

The Blessings Of
Christmas
PEACE★HOPE★JOY★LOVE