

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – YEAR B – DECEMBER 31ST, 2017
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - JANUARY 1ST, 2018

**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!

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.

PRAYER VIGIL - DECEMBER 31ST AT 3:45 PM

Our community is encouraged to assemble for an hour of prayer as part of their New Year celebrations. Here at St Francis, we will have a special opportunity to do so at **3:45 pm on Sun Dec 31st**.

Things that could be included during this time for meditation and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament could include: reviewing the past year spiritually (repentance and thanksgiving); looking forward in faith to beginning a new year in the service of God, the Church, and the world; reflecting on God's people being a year nearer to eternity; praying for peace in the world (tomorrow is the World Day of Prayer for Peace).

(adapted from Canadian Ordo p 101)

WORLD DAY OF PEACE - JANUARY 1ST

The World Day of Peace was **established by Blessed Pope Paul VI in 1968** who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come." Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father.

The **theme** chosen by **Pope Francis** for this year is **"Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace"**.

(adapted from Canadian Ordo p 102)

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.**

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



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 Franciscan Province in Western Canada**. They have purchasers who give them money for the stamps and this money goes to help their Missionary effort.

**SACRA FAMIGLIA DI GESÙ, GIUSEPPE E MARIA- ANNO B – 31 DICEMBRE 2017
SOLENNITA' DI MARIA SANTISSIMA, MADRE DI DIO - 1° GENNAIO 2018**

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 a S Francesco, merc 10 genn alle 7 pm.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE KINDNESSES

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 the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. May she bless you all in the year ahead!

Vi ringraziamo per tutte le vostre gentilezze, pero non è possibile di mandare un ringraziamento personale a ciascuno dei nostri parrocchiani. Perciò, nella vigilia e nel giorno del primo gennaio vi ricordiamo come nostri benefattori nelle intenzioni delle ss. Messe. Che la Santa Madre di Dio vi benedica tutti!

**NEW YEAR SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE AT
www.stfrancis.ca**

**MASS SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 30TH TO JANUARY 7TH , 2017**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9:00 AM In Onore di S. Rita e S. Theresa
Luigi Nardella; Luigi Marchesano
Antonio Nero; Rosanna Leone
Agostino Lanzeroti e famiglia Fazzari
Defunti Famiglia Cortese

11:30 AM Caterina Rizzuto

**NEW YEAR'S EVE - VIGIL MASS FOR
TOMORROW'S SOLEMNITY**

3:45 PM *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
4:45 PM *Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*
5:00 AM *Mass in English*
For our parishioners' intentions

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST
THE SOLEMNITY OF
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

9:00 AM For our parishioners' intentions
11:30 AM For our parishioners' intentions

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND
STS. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN,
BISHOPS AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH**

8:00 AM Defunti famiglie Taliana e Carabot

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

8:00 AM _____

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4TH

8:00 AM Membri Francescani e Lega Sacro Cuore

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH

8:00 AM In Onore del Sacro Cuore di Gesù

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH
ST. ANDRE BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS**

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH
EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

9:00 AM Francesco Pasceri
Rosa Virdo e Basilio Dileo
Raffaele Macri e famiglia Polera
Famiglia Carnovale e Simonetta
Domenico Giuliano e famiglia
Vito e Domenico Corrado
Filomena e Adrianna Taddeo
Luigi Marchesano

11:30 AM George Sammut

**LATER MASSES IN ENGLISH
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 New Years 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)

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

Holy Family - 1372 King Street West

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