

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR B – JANUARY 7th, 2018

FIRST COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Second book - Preparing for Eucharist chapters 1 & 2

This is just a reminder to our Grade 2 families preparing for First Communion that **the Unit 1 class (covering chapters 1 & 2) will be offered Sun Jan 21st at 10:30 am or Sat Jan 27th 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-The Gifts of the Holy Spirit) will be offered Sun Jan 14th at 10:30 am or Saturday Jan 20th at 4:00 PM.**

We remind our parents that they need to **make sure the dates are on their family calendar and they need to bring their children to these meetings. The preparation work needs to be done at home-** this is part of the understanding and commitment you took on when you registered your child. As we hear in the Baptism rite - ***you are the FIRST teachers of your child - may you also be the best of teachers.***

Also please remember that **your child should be wearing their crucifix** when they attend class and when they attend Mass. **We also expect families to stay for the Mass immediately following the class.**

Our **recommendation** is that families plan to attend the first class of the two opportunities for each unit. Flu season is upon us and the family may not be able to make the second meeting.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Offertory	December 16/17, 2017
Total number of envelopes	202
Total amount in envelopes	\$ 2,390
Total loose donations	\$ 364
Weekly Total	\$ 2,754
Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500
Income Deficit	\$-1,746

Offertory	December 23/24, 2017
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Total number of envelopes	153
Total amount in envelopes	\$ 2,425
Total loose donations	\$ 176
Weekly Total	\$ 2,249
Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500
Income Deficit	\$-2,251

Offertory	December 30/31, 2017
Total number of envelopes	123
Total amount in envelopes	\$ 2,272
Total loose donations	\$ 162
Weekly Total	\$ 2,434
Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500
Income Deficit	\$ -2,066

WEEKLY OFFERTORY AND OTHER INFO

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESUMES TODAY

Children's Liturgy resumes today Sunday, Jan 7th at the 11:30 am Mass.

If you have young children, we encourage you to send your youngsters downstairs with the group that is called forward at the beginning of the 11:30 am Mass. Our catechists take the children downstairs and have a "Liturgy of the Word" with the children - explaining the readings in a language that is more geared to them. There are often activities, including drawing and sometimes crafts.

This service is free and the children do NOT have to be registered in any way. Even if you visit periodically, your children are welcome. (***NB This is NOT Catechism for First Communion.***)



EPIFANIA DEL SIGNORE– ANNO B – 7 GENNAIO 2018

2018 WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES GIORNATA MONDIALE 2018 DEL MIGRANTE E DEL RIFUGIATO

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2018 World Day of Migrants and Refugees is **“Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting and Integrating Migrants and Refugees.”** In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that “every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age...”

A special Mass commemorating the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 1 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Cathedral, located at 2 High Meadow Place in North York. Bishop Kirkpatrick will be the homilist for this liturgy. A reception will follow with a number of dignitaries in attendance. All are welcome to attend!

Il tema annunciato dalla Sua Santità Papa Francesco in ricorrenza della Giornata Mondiale del Migrante e del Rifugiato 2018 è **“Accogliere, Proteggere, Promuovere e Integrare i Migranti e i Rifugiati.”** Nel suo messaggio, Papa Francesco ci ricorda che “ogni forestiero che bussa alla nostra porta è un’occasione di incontro con Gesù Cristo, il quale si identifica con lo straniero accolto o rifiutato di ogni epoca...”

Una Santa Messa speciale in commemorazione della 104esima Giornata Mondiale del Migrante e del Rifugiato sarà celebrata **domenica, 14 gennaio, 2018 all’1 p.m. presso la Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Cathedral, situata al 2 High Meadow Place a North York.** A tenere l’omelia sarà il Vescovo Kirkpatrick. Un piccolo ricevimento seguirà dopo la Santa Messa in cui vi saranno presenti vari dignitari. Siete tutti invitati!

FRANCISCAN MISSION COLLECTION - SUN JAN 14TH

Please be generous with our Missionary Friars and the people who they serve in Central America.

COLLETTA PER LE MISSIONI FRANCESCANE - DOM 14 GENNAIO

Domenica prossima vi chiediamo un’offerta generosa per le opere missionarie dei nostri frati nell’America Centrale.

MASS SCHEDULE JANUARY 6TH TO JANUARY 14TH, 2018

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH

5:00 PM For Parishioners’ Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

11:30 AM George Sammut

MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 AM _____

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH

8:00 AM _____

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH

8:00 AM _____

7:00 PM Matilda Zammit

Please note: You are invited to this one month Memorial Mass for Fr Jimmy’s mother.

NB: Siete invitati a partecipare a questa Messa memoriale per l’anima della mamma di P Jimmy.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH

8:00 AM _____

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS, VIRGIN

8:00 AM _____

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH

5:00 PM _____

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

9:00 AM Francesco Mediate e defunti famiglia
Salvatore Amato; Maria Spina
Mariano e Fiorina Greco
Angelo Di Santo
Teresa & Bruno Malfara
Domenico & Nancy Ionadi
Emma & Eugenio Mauro

11:30 AM For Parishioners’ Intentions