

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT –YEAR C– DECEMBER 2, 2018

FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS & FAMILIES

FIRST RECONCILIATION - SAT DEC 15TH, 2018

The Big Day is almost upon us. In two week's time, **on Sat Dec 15th** our children will **gather in the Church at 10:45 a.m.** 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.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY STATISTICS

Offertory	November 24/25, 2018
Total number of envelopes	216
Total amount in envelopes	\$ 3,120
Total loose donations	\$ 295
Preauthorized Giving (PAG)	\$ 241
Weekly Total	\$ 3,656
Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500
Income Deficit	\$ 844 or 19%

Upcoming Second Collections 2018

Christmas Flowers – Today, December 2, 2018

Church Restoration Fund – December 9, 2018

DAY OF CONFESSIONS - WEDNESDAY DEC 19

To return to the Lord with integrity, we benefit greatly from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year, we will provide the opportunity for all. From **December 18-22, 2018**, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a **Day of Confessions**. Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness. In our parish, the schedule for confessions is as follows: Wednesday, December 19th, from 9-11 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.

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GIORNIO DI CONFESSIONI – MERCOLEDI 19 DICEMBRE

**MERCOLEDÌ 19 DICEMBRE, AVREMO LA POSSIBILITÀ DI
CONFESSARCI. PREPARATEVI PER IL SANTO NATALE.
NON MANCATE!**

La partecipazione al sacramento della riconciliazione ci concede l'immenso beneficio di tornare al nostro Signore con integrità. Quest'anno ognuno avrà l'opportunità di accostarsi a questo sacramento. Tra il **18 e il 22 dicembre 2018**, in tutte le Parrocchie dell'arcidiocesi di Toronto, si terrà una **giornata dedicata alle confessioni**. La preparazione e la celebrazione della confessione ci permette di rinunciare alla via sbagliata per essere rinnovati nel cuore e nello spirito e per riconciliarsi con il nostro Dio il quale ci abbonda d'amore benevolente e misericordioso. Nella nostra Parrocchia, le confessioni avranno luogo **mercoledì, 19 dicembre dalle 9 alle 11 a.m., dall'1 alle 2:30 p.m. e dalle 6 alle 7 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

Remember that **this weekend** your envelopes for Christmas Flowers and Decorations would be very much appreciated.

Ricordate **le buste per le stelle di natale e le decorazioni**. È sempre un buon aiuto - grazie!

CANCELLED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

As we approach the 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.

**As the Advent season is starting we ask that you
remember our neighbors in need.**

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

ENGLISH SUNDAY MISSALS / CALENDARS

Thank you Bernardo Funeral Homes for providing the **Sunday Missals** to the parish free of charge! The church calendar begins today with the first Sunday of Advent. 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 2019** for free distribution to our community. Thank you!

LA PRIMA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO – ANNO C – 2 DICEMBRE 2018

ST MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2018

This year's concert will take place on Sun Dec 9th at 3 pm and Mon Dec 10th at 7 pm at Roy Thomson Hall.

*Massey Hall Forever * Roy Thomson Hall for Now*

For more info www.roythomsonhall.com

**Thinking about becoming Catholic?
Come to an information meeting
on Sat Dec 15th at 3:30 pm
in the parish rectory 72 Mansfield**

CONSULTATION: EDUCATION IN ONTARIO – PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK BY DECEMBER 15, 2018

The Government of Ontario is looking for feedback on the education system in Ontario. The goal is to prepare Ontario students for success, improve their academic achievement and equip them with tools for the working world. Visit fortheparents.ca to provide feedback, complete an online survey or register for a telephone town hall. Topics include:

- How to improve student performance in the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM);
- How our schools are preparing students with needed job skills;
- What more can be done to ensure students graduate with important life skills, like financial literacy;
- How to build an updated and age-appropriate Health and Physical Education curriculum that includes subjects like sexual health education, mental health and the legalization of cannabis;
- What measures can be taken to improve standardized testing;
- What steps schools should take regarding the use of technology in classrooms, such as the use of cell phones; and
- What elements would participants like to see included in the Ministry of Education Parents' Bill of Rights.

Please visit fortheparents.ca by December 15, 2018. To provide your feedback

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto** 416-968-0997, Email: vocations@archtoronto.org, www.vocationstoronto.ca

MASS SCHEDULE DECEMBER 1ST TO DECEMBER 9TH, 2018

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

5:00 PM Joseph Gagliardi

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

9:00 AM In Onore di San Nicola
Giuseppe e Francesco Sisi
Rocco Macri e def famiglia
Giovanni e Elisabette Artusa e Famiglia
Giuseppe Bertucci e Famiglia
Maria Santaguida e Rosanna Santaguida-
Leone
Rosa e Angelo Balenzano
Leonilde Lemos

11:30 AM George Sammut

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

8:00 AM Rt. Rev. Msgr. William McCann, D.P.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH ST. JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST DOCTOR

8:00 AM Antonio e Maria Rosa Santaguida

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

8:00 AM Maria Mendicino

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH ST. NICHOLAS BISHOP

8:00 AM Michele Caccamo

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH ST. AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR

8:00 AM In onore del Sacro Cuore di Gesu

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

9:00 AM Salvatore e Elisabetta Giuliano
Familia Carnovale e Simonetta
Angelo di Santo; Michele Caccamo
Michele Tersigni; Gerarda Tersigni
Maria Conceicao Avila: Maria Poveromo

11:30 AM Clifford Rahim