

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT –YEAR C – DECEMBER 9, 2018

FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS & FAMILIES

FIRST RECONCILIATION - SAT DEC 15TH, 2018

The Big Day is almost upon us. In one 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	December 1/2, 2018
Total number of envelopes	151
Total amount in envelopes	\$ 2438
Total loose donations	\$ 479
Preauthorized Giving (PAG)	\$ 241
Weekly Total	\$ 3,158
Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500
Income Deficit	\$ 1342 or 30%

Upcoming Second Collections 2018

Church Restoration Fund – December 9, 2018

DAY OF CONFESSIONS - WEDNESDAY DEC 19

From **December 18-22, 2018**, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a **Day of Confessions**. This week, let us make the journey into the heart of our relationship with God. Take a long, loving look at the ways God calls us to grow. Take this challenge and hold it in readiness for the rich blessing that is manifest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 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 – MERCOLEDÌ 19 DICEMBRE

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

Dal **18 al 22 dicembre, 2018**, in ogni Parrocchia dell'Arcidiocesi di Toronto avrà luogo una giornata dedicata alle Confessioni. Durante questa settimana, mettiamoci in cammino verso il cuore della nostra relazione con Dio. Esaminiamo con attento amore ai modi in cui Dio ci chiama a crescere. Lasciamoci interpellare per prepararci a ricevere le ricche benedizioni che si ottengono mediante il sacramento della Riconciliazione. 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.**

SACRED CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT

The Choirs of Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts are pleased to present A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on **Wednesday, December 19th at 7:30pm.** This traditional Christmas celebration made famous by King's College, Cambridge tells the story of the birth of Jesus in scripture and song. 150 young singers offer anthems, hymns and carols. Be with us for this beautiful, prayerful and inspiring start to the holidays.

General Admission \$20.

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 has started, we ask that
you remember our neighbours 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 began 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 SECONDA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO – ANNO C – 9 DICEMBRE 2018

**ST MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL
TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2018**

This year's concert will take place today 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

"Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? 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 8TH TO DECEMBER 16TH, 2018**

**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
Famiglia Carnovale e Simonetta
Angelo di Santo; Michele Caccamo
Michele Tersigni; Gerarda Tersigni
Maria Conceicao Avila: Maria Poveromo

11:30 AM Clifford Rahim

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

8:00 AM Rosarina Ariganello

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

8:00 AM Salvina e Carmnu Vella

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

8:00 AM Carolina e Fortunato Rigitano

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
ST. LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR**

8:00 AM Frank & Maria Rosina Colantonio

9:30 AM School Mass

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR**

8:00 AM Santa Lucia

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

5:00 PM John D'Acunto

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

9:00 AM Basilio Dileo e Giovanni Callipo
Antonio Pitaro
Vito & Domenico Corrado
Giuseppe & Filomena Malfara
Maddalena Cioffi & Famiglia
Angelo Barillari
Domenico e Maria Teresa Pileggi
Vincenza e Candido Longo

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