

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT –YEAR C – DECEMBER 23, 2018

WEEKLY OFFERTORY STATISTICS

Offertory	December 8 / 9, 2018
Total number of envelopes	213
Total amount in envelopes	\$ 2749
Total loose donations	\$ 276
Preauthorized Giving (PAG)	\$ 241
Weekly Total	\$ 3,266
Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500
Income Deficit	\$ 1234 or 27%

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS BREAK CLOSURE

Please note that the **Parish Office is closed for the Christmas break from Mon Dec 24th, and will re-open on Thurs Jan 3rd, 2019, 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 mercoledì 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

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH CARDINAL COLLINS

As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to Honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2019, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Ave., Woodbridge). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend- couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online or by phone to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling **416-934-3400 ext. 523.**

CANCELLED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

As we are in 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.

PRESEPIO - 2018 - NATIVITY SCENE

It is a pleasure to see a fuller representation this year since we don't have our contractors on site with all their materials. The renovation work has been important but it is also nice for this full sized scene to be out there. Some people stop their vehicles or drop by just to relive the Christmas Story... others who are not familiar with our traditions may even ask what this is about... and hearing someone tell them they may even welcome a spark of faith to warm their hearts?

PARISH RCIA

We have had our first meeting to gauge how many could be interested in beginning their RCIA journey that would allow them to explore the Catholic faith. If you or anyone you know might be interested in exploring our faith, please have them contact our office as soon as possible.

Welcome to our Faith

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Pina & Onofrio Garcea were married on Dec. 20th 1958 in Sant'Onofrio, Calabria Italy.

We welcome this family to celebrate their special blessing at the Saturday 5 pm Mass on Dec 22nd.

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.

LA QUARTA DOMENICA DI AVENTO – ANNO C – 23 DICEMBRE 2018

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 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.

OUR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT www.stfrancis.ca.

MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 22ND TO DECEMBER 30TH, 2018

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

5:00 PM Antonietta Schiavo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

9:00 AM In Onore delle Sante Anime

Giovanni e Carlo Barbati

Antonio e Margherita Bifulchi

Pasquale e Teresa Pepe

Salvatore Amato

Agostino Lanzeroti e Giuseppe Raso

Filippo e famiglia Zambrano

Giuseppina Marrello

11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

8:00 AM Joseph Gagliardi

9:00 PM Vigil Mass - Living and Deceased Benefactors

12:00 Living & Dec. Parishioners & Benefactors
Midnight *Messa Bilingue – Bilingual Mass*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

8:00 AM Living & Dec. Parishioners & Benefactors

11:30 AM Living & Dec. Parishioners & Benefactors

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

8:00 AM Living and Deceased Friars

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27TH ST. JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

8:00 AM Paul e Michelina Portelli

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

8:00 AM Antonio e Italo Maceroni

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9:00 AM Mario D'Ambrosio; Pasquale Gallippi
Francesco e Teresa Mediate

Caterina Rizzuto; Vincenzo Gullone

Annunziata e Vincenzo Derenzo

Ascenza Sarra e famiglia

Marco Antonio e Caterina Silvaggio

11:30 AM _____

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

Christmas Day (Tues Dec 25) 5 pm

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

Holy Family - 1372 King Street West

Christmas Day (Tues Dec 25) 4 pm

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