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From the Desk of Fr. Tim...***On this Fourth Sunday of Advent...***

...We meet the figure of Joseph, of the house of David, who receives word that his intended wife is the faithful instrument in God's plan to save the world through the gift of the Son she has conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. In this way, the prophesy of Isaiah has been fulfilled: "*Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel*" which means, "*God is with us*".

Let us prepare our hearts for our Christmas so that we too can be faithful instruments of God that welcoming Christ into our own hearts and lives.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day...

Please be sure to consult our Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule (which is included in this bulletin). Please keep in mind that our 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (with the Youth Choir and Children's Dramatization of the Gospel) is largely geared for families with young children. Our 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve mass is also traditionally quite crowded...the later in the evening the more chance of securing a seat! Please note that there is no Midnight Mass again this year.

We thank our parish choirs for their extra efforts to provide music ministry for the Christmas Masses. The Youth Choir will sing at 4:00 p.m. mass and the 10:30 a.m. Folk Choir will sing at the 6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. We thank Mark Linsao & Megan Miceli for providing music on Christmas Eve at 8:00 p.m. and on Christmas Day at 10:30 and 12:00 Noon. Cheryl Hodges and Christine Wall will share their gift of music at the Christmas Eve 10:00 p.m. mass. Claudia Ferro will play and sing on Christmas Day at the 9:00 a.m. mass.

Thank you for your Support...

I thank you for your generous support of the recent St. Vincent de Paul Society collection: **\$18,702.00** was collected for use in 2018 in addition to the gift cards that were donated for the Christmas outreach. We also thank you for your support of the Youth Bake Sale which raised **\$1620.00** for Dr. Andrew Simone's Canadian Food for Children Charity. I thank Fr. Charles, the Youth Group leaders and members for their baking and selling of what they made. Thanks also to our parishioners who donated baked goods to the sale.

As your pastor, I have been touched by your generosity for these special collections and appeals throughout the year, and in your sharing in the financial responsibility of this parish, and so I thank you in advance for your kindness by generously supporting your parish at Christmas. Kindly consider Pre-Authorized Giving as an option for 2018 by returning the PAG form (along with void cheque) to the office directly or by dropping it into next Sunday's Offertory basket!

Confirmation Preparation Programme Begins!

At each mass this weekend, we are praying for our Grade 7 candidates for Confirmation this year as they present their Commitment Forms to the parish community. Their preparation programme continues with a first Preparation Class on *either* Monday, January 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. OR on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is mandatory for all candidates from our parish schools and from the RCIC Program!

Those Grade 7 students who did not attend the Registration meeting earlier this month are asked to bring their registration form, baptismal certificate copy and \$20 offering to the church office as soon as possible. They should also plan to attend a special Make-up Registration meeting with their parents and sponsor on Saturday, January 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the church. Any older youth or adults wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2018 are asked to contact Fr. Charles as soon as possible, 905-820-1444.

Liturgy of the Word for Children... will resume on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 Noon masses. This is a wonderful opportunity for children in grades 3+ to learn about the mass at their level.

From the Desk of Fr. Tim...continued...

Family of Faith Update...

We continue to be grateful for the generosity of our parishioners here at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, whose contributions of \$1.5 million in donations and pledges to the campaign have helped to provide resources for parishes, investments in youth ministry and campus chaplaincy programs and restoration work at St. Michael's Cathedral. We will retain our share of \$645,000 of these funds here at the parish level to offset the cost of our 2015 parking expansion/Glen Erin Drive access project which has had such a positive effect on our weekend mass parking problem. As of June 30, 2017, we have received \$211,178 through your generosity!

Pledge amounts given through cheque, credit card or donation of securities prior to December 31 will receive a 2017 tax receipt directly from the Family of Faith campaign office. If you wish to make any additional payments on your pledges prior to year-end, they too will receive a tax receipt for 2017. Just a reminder to make cheques payable to Family of Faith Campaign, and mail them by December 31 directly to: Family of Faith Donation Processing Centre, 1155 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON M4T 1W2. Pre-addressed envelopes are available through the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity!

St. Clare Choir Thank You – Our sincere thanks to the teachers of St. Clare and their wonderful school choir for sharing their gift of music at our special 9:00 a.m. Seniors' Christmas Mass. A special thank you to our parishioner, Cheryl Hodges who accompanied the choir at the mass and at the reception in the parish hall.

Youth Group – Students in grades 7-12 are invited to join Fr. Charles and the youth group leaders for their outreach initiative to Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children warehouse on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon. Speak with Fr. Charles to confirm your attendance or about joining the Youth Group!

Loyola Playgroup – Moms, dads, grandparents, caregivers are invited to resume gathering for playgroup in the parish hall on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. New members are welcome.

Major Relic of Saint Francis Xavier to visit the Archdiocese of Toronto - A first-degree relic of missionary Saint Francis Xavier is coming to the Archdiocese of Toronto on January 12-14, 2018. The forearm of the saint is permanently displayed at the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The relic will be hosted by St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on January 12, at St. Francis Xavier Church, Mississauga on January 13, and at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Toronto on January 14. For more info visit: www.cco.ca/relic . The body of St. Francis Xavier, which is buried in Goa, India, as well as the relic of his arm, are incorrupt—they have not experienced natural decay since his death in 1552. Organizers expect close to 100,000 people will visit the various events across the country—the same number of people it is believed Francis baptized with his right arm and hand.

Win Great Prizes! It is time for the **Friar's Student Writing Award**. Students aged 14-18 years are invited to write a 500- word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2018. The theme is "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power" (cf. Exodus 15:6). Essays will be edited and published in the Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is January 8, 2018. Email your essay to editor@catholicregister.org and include your name, email address, phone number and school. For more info call 416-934-3400 ext. 344. Please check the poster on the bulletin board in the front vestibule for more details including the prizes list.

Christmas Mass Schedule and New Year's Mass Schedule 2017/2018

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (no Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day: Monday, December 25 at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 Noon (no 7:45 a.m. mass)

New Year's Eve: Sunday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day: Monday, January 1 at 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 Noon (no 7:45 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. masses)

Feast of the Holy Family:

December 30/31 Regular Schedule for Saturday evening and Sunday masses.

Our priests and deacon will be very happy to offer individual Family blessings following the final hymn of the Mass, asking the blessing of the Holy Family upon the lives of our families in the coming year...please take part!



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