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prepare the way...



ADVENT

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, Christmas Day Masses and Music Ministry...

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...there is usually more space for seating at the 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. masses and on Christmas Day at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 Noon.

We thank our parish choirs, organists and cantors for their extra efforts to provide music ministry for the Christmas Eve Masses: the Youth Choir at 4:00 p.m., the Folk Choir at 6:00 p.m., the 12:00 Noon Choir with Isaac Eng, Violinist at 8:00 p.m. and Cheryl Hodges, accompanist, Christine Wall, Cantor and Isaac Eng, Violinist at 10:00 p.m. On Christmas Day music will be provided by Claudia Ferro at 9:00 a.m., and Mark Linsao, accompanist and Megan Micelli, cantor at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 Noon.

Thank You for Your Support...

I thank you for your generous support of the recent St. Vincent de Paul Society Collection: \$20619 was collected for use in 2019 in addition to the gift cards that were donated for the Christmas Outreach.

As your pastor I have been touched by your generosity not only for these special collections and appeals throughout the year, but also in your sharing in the financial responsibility of this parish. I thank you in advance for your kindness in generously supporting your parish at Christmas. Please don't forget to pick up a package of 2019 envelopes...and to consider Pre-Authorized Giving as an option for 2019 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!

We continue to pray for our Grade 7 candidates for Confirmation now that they have presented their Commitment Forms to the parish community. Their preparation programme continues with a first Preparation Class on *either* Monday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. OR Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. Please be reminded that attendance mandatory for all candidates!

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 Registration Make-up Meeting with their parents and sponsor on Saturday, January 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the church. After this date, NO further registrations will be accepted for the 2019 Confirmation class.

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.

Liturgy of the Word with Children...

This Sunday is the last session in 2018 for the Children's Liturgy of the Word with Children. The program will resume on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at both the 10:30 a.m. and the 12 Noon masses. This is a wonderful opportunity for children in grades 3+ to learn about the mass at their level.

Sunday Missals and Sunday Missals for Young Catholics...

Please visit the parish office to pick up your 2018/2019 Sunday Missals for \$5.00 each.

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

Little Rock Bible Study - THE GOSPEL OF LUKE... Thursday January 10

This year (Year C in the liturgical cycle) we primarily read the Gospel of Luke at Sunday mass. This gospel tells the story of Jesus of Nazareth as a mighty prophet and Savior of the world in fulfillment of Old Testament expectations. Luke also emphasizes Jesus as a person dedicated to prayer. He begins with Jesus' virginal conception and birth and follows Jesus through his public ministry to his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven—all under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Luke, along with Matthew and Mark, is one of the synoptic gospels.

This is an excellent introduction to bible study for those who have not yet attended one of our Little Rock Bible Studies! We begin this twelve-week Thursday evening bible study on Thursday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall...registration is \$30 per participant. All are welcome!

Parish Evening of Reflection 2019... A Journey Worth Taking... Finding God in the Terror of 911...

On Thursday, January 24 all women (and men!) of the parish are invited to an *Evening of Reflection* with Susan Gonz. Susan's successful, fast-paced corporate life came crashing down when she met Jesus in the rubble of the terror attack on the Twin Towers - a moment that changed everything. Today, Susan tells her own story of transformation and growth *by putting God first*. During these years she has developed a deep, personal friendship with God and found her voice and dignity as a woman of faith.

We will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a glass or wine or beer and pasta dinner, dessert and coffee, followed by a talk by Susan and time for questions and answers. Tickets (\$15 per person) will be available beginning the morning of Saturday, January 6, and after the weekend masses on the weekend of January 5/6.

A Blanket for the Manger *Thank You* – A sincere word of thanks from *Birthright Mississauga* to everyone who donated baby items. The bassinette was overflowing with gifts expressing your love and support!

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

Loyola Playgroup resumes on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall.

EDGE Youth Ministry – Students in grades 6 – 8 are invited to come out on Monday, January 7, 2019 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The topic is "Epic Universe" Social Night. Come and check it out!

Living with Christ Daily Missal - Working with Living with Christ/Novalis, the Archdiocese of Toronto has been able to include the *Living with Christ* daily Missal as a new feature on the www.archtoronto.org website. Securing access to these online readings for the day is significant because most daily readings found online are from the United States Lectionary. There are some key differences between the American and Canadian Lectionaries in translations, the arrangements of some readings and feast days, as well as some differences in the instructions for readers. By partnering with Living in Christ, we are ensuring website visitors will find the same readings they would hear in their local parish Mass. The Daily Readings tab can be found under the *Our Catholic Faith* drop-down menu on the Archdiocesan website.

Christmas 2018 & New Year's Mass Schedule 2019

Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. (No Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25 at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 Noon (No 7:45 a.m. Mass)

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

New Year's Day: Tuesday January 1, 2019 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 29/30 - 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 plan to take part!



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