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prepare the way...



ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF 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 and 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 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.

We thank our parish choirs, organists and cantors for their extra efforts to provide music ministry for the Christmas Masses: Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. (Claudia Ferro), Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m. (Folk Choir), Christmas Eve 8:00 p.m. (Noon Choir with Isaac Eng, Violinist and Megan Miceli, Cantor), Christmas Eve 10:00 p.m. (Cheryl Hodges, Christine Wall, Cantor and Isaac Eng, Violinist), Christmas Day 9:00 a.m. (Claudia Ferro), Christmas Day 10:30 a.m. and Noon: (Mark Linsao and Megan Miceli, Cantor).

Thank You for Your Support...

I thank you for your generous support of the recent St. Vincent de Paul Society collection where over \$18000 was collected for use in 2020 in addition to the gift cards that were donated for the Christmas outreach.

As your pastor I have been touched by your generosity for these special collections and appeals throughout the year and also in your sharing in the financial responsibility of this parish, and so 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 2020 envelopes...and consider Pre-Authorized Giving as an option by returning the PAG form (along with void cheque) to the office directly or by dropping it into next Sunday's Offertory basket!

Parish Evening of Reflection, Wednesday, January 22, 2020, "The Humour of God - A Pilgrim's Journey"

Women and men of the parish are invited to an Evening of Reflection with Sr. Francis, Director of Mission and Ministry, St. Bernard's Convent, Toronto on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Sr. Francis uses humour to illustrate how God's has worked in her life and vocation, and her talk comes highly recommended by those who have heard her personal testimony.

We will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a glass of wine or beer then enjoy a pasta dinner, dessert and coffee, followed by a talk by Sr. and with time for questions and answers. Tickets are \$15 per person and will be available at the weekend masses on January 4/5 and during the week until we are sold out.

Little Rock Bible Study – *The Gospel of Matthew* begins on Thursday, January 30, 2020...

This year (Year A in the liturgical cycle) we primarily read the Gospel of Matthew at Sunday mass. This gospel provides a bridge from the Jewish world awaiting a Messiah to the emerging Christian world of Jesus and his followers. This Gospel introduces us to Jesus as the Master Teacher whose words of instruction are captured in large teaching sections. The first five lessons of the series take us from the birth of Jesus through much of his public teaching life, to the first prediction of his passion. This second part of the study reveals a growing tension as Jesus ministers around Jerusalem, is arrested, is crucified, and rises to new life. Revealed as Emmanuel (God with us) at the start of the Gospel, Jesus will promise his continuing presence as the disciples are commissioned at the close of the Gospel.

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 ten-week Thursday evening bible study on Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall...registration is \$30 per participant. All are welcome!

DECEMBER 22, 2019

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule 2019/2020

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Feast of the Holy Family, December 28/29...

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...plan to take part!

Liturgy of Word for Children...will resume on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 10:30 am and 12 Noon masses.

Loyola Playgroup will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Moms, dads, grandparents and caregivers are welcome to come out for playtime, circle time, crafts and snacks.

EDGE - The EDGE program for students in grades 6 – 8 will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020. The topic is "Always Burning – IGNITION an EDGE Night on the Mission of the Holy Spirit Breathing Fire". Even if you haven't come to EDGE before you are welcome to join us!

FORGED Young Adult Ministry will meet at St. Ignatius Loyola parish on Wednesday, January 8 in the parish hall from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Even if you haven't come before you are welcome to come out! We always have a social!

Walk-In Counselling – The holiday season can be very stressful. Individuals, couples and families can come to Walk – In counselling on Tuesdays from 12:30 – 7:30 p.m. at 2227 South Millway, Suite 202 (near South Common Mall). You can make an appointment, 905-450-1608 ext. 201. Parking and childminding are free.

Courage & Encourage provide spiritual support and pastoral guidance in full accordance with authentic Catholic teaching on homosexuality and chastity. *Courage:* Spiritual support for adults who experience same-sex attraction and who desire to develop a life of interior chastity in union with Christ. The Chaplain is Fr. Kevin Belgrave, 416-928-5094 couragetoronto@yahoo.ca . *Encourage:* Spiritual support for family and friends of those who experience same-sex attraction; faithful to Church teaching on chastity. The Chaplain is Fr. Eric Rodrigues, 416-928-5094 encouragetoronto@yahoo.com . All inquiries are kept confidential.

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Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board Kindergarten Registration...

Start the journey into learning by enrolling your child in one of our Catholic Elementary Schools during the week of January 6 – 17, 2020. Children born in 2015 or 2016 can start Full Day Kindergarten in September 2020. Please find out more and register online at: www.dpccsb.org .

Preparing your Child with Differing Abilities for the Sacraments...

Parents and their children are invited to an interactive evening to explore the Adaptive Sacrament kits on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at the Catholic Education Centre, 40 Matheson Blvd. West, Mississauga, Room 301 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be available at 6:00 p.m. Please advise of any food restrictions upon registration for the event. To attend and for further information, please contact Laura Conte 905-890-0708 ext. 24011 or laura.conte@dpccsb.org . Please note that Fr. Tim and Fr. Mauricio also use the Adaptive Sacrament kits to help the Grade 2 and Grade 7 students preparing for the sacraments in our parish.

Information Session Supporting the Transition of Children with Differing Abilities into Dufferin-Peel...

Please come to the information session to learn more about the entry planning and transition process on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, 40 Matheson Blvd. West, Mississauga. The Snow Date is Thursday, January 30, 2020. The session will be presented by the Special Education and Learning Services department. For more information, please contact Laure Conte at the Board Office at 905-890-0708 ext. 24011 or laura.conte@dpccsb.org .

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