

**Email Update Wednesday October 26, 2022**

***From the Desk of Fr. Tim...***

**Ministry Fair Thank You!**

Thank you for your participation in our Parish Ministry Fair: I am delighted to inform you that over 230 ministry positions were signed up for through this year's fair! This is a great sign of your willingness to offer your time and talent in service of our parish and local community. Those who signed up will be contacted this week to confirm their desire to participate, and to receive further instruction and training. If you would still like to sign up for one of our Parish Ministries, please contact the parish office, or let me or Fr. Alex know after one of the weekend masses. Thank you again!

**Thanksgiving Display Thank You!**

A sincere *Thank You* to Longo's Winston Church for again generously donating potted plants and flowers, and harvest fruits and vegetables for the Thanksgiving display in our sanctuary.

**Eternal Rest Grant unto Them O Lord...**

Beginning on the weekend of November 5/6 and throughout the month of November the Church's tradition of praying for our deceased relatives and friends will be observed at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish by the offering of all Saturday evening and Sunday Masses for our beloved relatives and friends.

Again, this year you are asked to record the names of those you wish us to remember at these masses on the envelopes provided for that purpose (available at the doors of the church) and to place your envelope in the basket near the altar. The Basket of Remembrance will remain in place throughout November.

If you are not currently attending mass in person, please send the names of your loved ones to the parish office and our staff will ensure that these names are also placed in the Basket of Remembrance.

Please note that no offering is required - we are much more interested in recording the names of those you wish remembered at mass! However, any donations are received they will be used to support the next Refugee family that we sponsor through the Office of Refugees - Archdiocese of Toronto.

**All Souls Day Wednesday November 2 at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses**

We will celebrate All Souls Day on Monday November 2 with masses at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. offered for our beloved deceased relatives and friends. Please note that the 9:00 a.m. mass will also be livestreamed through the parish website for all those joining us from home.

A special Mass of Remembrance will also be offered on Saturday November 5 at 9:00 a.m. for those who have died over the past year. Invitation letters have been sent to those families whose loved ones have been buried from St. Ignatius Loyola Church over the past year.

## **Parish Rectory Cook Needed**

An experienced cook is needed in our parish rectory on a permanent part-time basis. This person would be required to work four days per week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday), four hours per day. They would prepare lunch or supper for priests and guests and would also be required to shop for food items and monitor menus and spending in order that meals are prepared economically. If interested, please forward your resume to Fr. Tim Hanley either electronically, [thanley@archtoronto.org](mailto:thanley@archtoronto.org) or by dropping it off at the parish office Monday November 14.

## **SVP *Bundle-Up Sunday*, November 5/6**

The next *Bundle-Up Sunday* will take place on the weekend of November 5/6 before and after all masses. The container will be in the front parking lot and SVP volunteers will be happy to assist you with your donations. Please see the list of acceptable/ unacceptable items on the posters in the foyers.

## **EDGE is Back...Friday November 11!**

We are bringing back our EDGE Youth Ministry beginning Friday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall for our young people in grades 6, 7 and 8! This experience is a dynamic, fun, and exciting opportunity to make the Catholic faith and everyday life come together in a way that you haven't thought of before! It includes Socials, Issues and Catechesis Nights, talks, videos, games, and skits.

Beginning on November 11, the program runs every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Interested? Then, please join us for the first EDGE Night on November 11. The registration fee is \$40 per student up to a maximum \$100 per family (3 or more children from the same family).

Please visit <https://youtu.be/2DgN6ezoUQk> for a sneak peek into EDGE ministry on YouTube.

## **Pakistani Floods – Humanitarian Relief**

Devastating floods in Pakistan have affected more than 33 million people. Flooding & landslides have destroyed homes, crops, health centres, roads, and bridges. There is an elevated risk of disease. Priorities include clean water, shelter, and health care for those directly affected by this tragic situation.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada – Development and Peace as well as the Archdiocese of Karachi) to support relief efforts underway. Please note that these organizations are **not** subject to the government matching funds program.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways: Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org). By phone through the Development Office, 416-934-3411. Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Pakistan Floods – Humanitarian Relief.

Please continue to pray for those who have died and been displaced because of this tragic situation.

## **Ukrainian Crisis Update: Are you able to host a Ukrainian family?**

Are you able to host a Ukrainian family? When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 80,000 Ukrainians have already arrived in Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 500,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children.

There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months including those who have already arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis \(archtoronto.org\)](https://www.archtoronto.org/ukrainian-crisis) and register for a virtual information session.

## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Christmas Gifts and Annual Collection**

Once again, our parish Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) will be providing *Christmas assistance* to families-in-need within our community. Awareness of maintaining each person's dignity is always our priority. Food insecurities and the increase in food costs is foremost in the minds of many of our families. It is our aim this Christmas season to offer a gift of assistance with a food voucher that will allow families to provide a special Christmas meal for their loved ones. Please consider assisting our neighbouring families-in-need through a financial donation to our Christmas Campaign.

Hunger never sleeps and so we also welcome your generous financial donations to the *Annual Collection*; your continued support of this SSVP drive provides financial assistance for the entire upcoming year to our neighbours-in-need.

Donations to both the *Christmas and Annual campaigns* can be made by cash, cheque (payable to Society of St. Vincent de Paul) or via the on-line portal accessible through our SSVP link on the parish website under Outreach Ministries, or at <https://Canadahelps.org/en/dn/53987>.

We will have a Vincentian volunteer in the foyer to gratefully accept your donations before and after masses on the weekends of November 19/20 and in the parish hall at the Advent Fair on November 26/27. Please ensure that envelopes (which will be provided) are clearly noted as "Christmas Gifts Collection to Families" or "Annual SSVP Collection" along with your name and address. Our goal this Christmas season is to be able to assist over 100 families in our community. Donations outside of this window can always be dropped off at the church office during their hours of operation. Please note that tax receipts will be issued for donations to SSVP greater than \$20 if you have provided your name and address.

God's blessings to each of you for your ongoing generosity and support during this especially challenging year through your poor-box donations and most especially during this Christmas season.

## **Knights of Columbus Poinsettia Sale**

Please support the Knights of Columbus Poinsettia Fundraiser! The Knights will be in the foyer on the weekend of November 19/20 after all masses and at the Advent Fair on November 26/27.

## **Please mark your calendars!**

We are happy to announce that we will be holding our annual Cider Sunday and Advent Fair on the weekend of November 26/27 in the parish hall. The event will include hot cider, Campaign Life Christmas cakes, Knights of Columbus poinsettias, St. Jude's Cupboard religious goods including Advent candles, Monsignor Shiels' Christmas cards and the Daughters of St. Paul religious books and items. You are also invited to drop off your SVP Christmas and Annual Campaign donations at the Fair.

## **Sunday Missals 2022/2023**

Sunday Missals in both the adult version and the children's versions (suitable for students in Grade 1-6) will be available next weekend, November 5/6, on the table outside of the sacristy. The cost remains the same at \$5.00 per copy. Please leave your money in the box provided.

