

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor's Corner

From the desk of Fr. Liborio

As we enter the last week of Advent, let us conserve our joy and celebratory spirit to Christmas itself.

Remember that it is still Advent – the season to prepare for the coming of the Lord – and not the Christmas season. Don't allow yourself to be like the many that stop celebrating as soon as Christmas day comes to a close. The Church in its wisdom has given us an Octave of Christmas. This means that "Christmas day" lasts for a full week.

So conserve your energy and don't have all your Christmas parties beforehand. May your greatest celebration be for Christmas and its season.

Happy Advent,

Fr. Liborio

St. Mary's Advent Reconciliation Evening: Monday Dec 19th, at 7pm

We will have a number of priests available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Monday December 19th, at 7pm.

One of the ways we prepare fully for Christmas is to open our hearts to the Lord and ask His forgiveness of any sins we may have, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Bible Study



Learn the Old Testament roots of the Mass. Learn how the Earliest Christians celebrated Mass and See how the Mass brings heaven down to earth and draws us up to heaven.

Join us for the **THE BIBLE & THE MASS**. A 6 – part Bible Study from Dr. Scott Hahn & the St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology.

Starting Wednesday January 18th, 2012 at 7:00 – 8:45 PM. Cost \$ 14 for workbook and refreshments. Babysitting will be provided.

For further information or to register, call the parish office.

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Jan 9, 9:30, 2nd Monday Muffin Morning in Sullivan Room \$1

Jan 12, 19, Thurs., 1 to 4 pm, - Duplicate bridge practise in Sullivan Room

Jan 26, 12:15pm - 4pm- Greenway Chartwell Retirement Residence, Ken Willans Dr., invites +55 for complimentary lunch and Contract and Duplicate Bridge. Submit names to Agnes 905 451-7819

Parish Office – Closures for Christmas Break

The Church office will be closed from Saturday December 24th to Monday December 26th. The office will reopen Tuesday December 27th.

The office will close again from Saturday December 31st to Monday January 2nd. The office will reopen on Tuesday January 3rd.

We ask for your understanding and patience. We regret any inconvenience this may cause you



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec 19th
Ferial

9 AM – Rita Cini†

Tuesday, Dec 20th
Ferial

8:30 AM – High School Mass
10:00 AM – High School Mass
7 PM – Souls in Purgatory†

Wednesday, Dec 21st
St. Peter Canisius

9 AM – Josef Arruda †

Thursday, Dec 22nd
Ferial

9 AM – Ben Mangabang†

Friday, Dec 23rd
St. John of Kanty

9 AM – Frank Rybka & Maria Rybkova†

7 PM – Rosa Maria Macri†

Saturday, Dec 24th
Ferial



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, Dec 19th
9:00 AM – Mass

Tuesday, Dec 20th
9:00 AM – Mass
7:00 PM – Mass
7:45 PM – Prayer Group

Wednesday, Dec 21st
9:00 AM – Mass
7:00 PM – Legion of Mary

Thursday, Dec 22nd
9:00 AM – Mass

Friday, Dec 23rd
9:00 AM – Mass
6:00 PM – Holy Hour
7:00 PM – Mass

Saturday, Dec 24th
9:00 AM – Mass
5:00 PM – Christmas Vigil Mass
7:00 PM – Christmas Vigil Mass
9:00 PM – Christmas Vigil Mass
12 Midnight – Christmas Mass

December 18th – December 24th 2011

ONLINE GIVING – DONATE NOW



The Archdiocese of Toronto is pleased to announce that you can now support your parish or favourite charity of the Archdiocese by making a gift over the internet using your credit card.

On December 1, 2011, a new button will be accessible on the Archdiocesan website www.archtoronto.org. Clicking the button "DONATE NOW" will take you to a page where you can make a gift using your credit card. Some of the options will include:

- ◆ Your Parish (for offertory, building fund, or capital campaign)
- ◆ ShareLife
- ◆ St. Michael's Choir School
- ◆ St. Augustine's Seminary
- ◆ Tribute (In Memoriam & Living Gifts)
- ◆ Archdiocese of Toronto
- ◆ Sunday Television Mass
- ◆ Humanitarian Relief (coming January 1, 2012)



Thank you for your support of the Church!

Salt + Light

Down, O Love Divine." Fr. Thomas Rosica will lead evenings of reflections on the spirit of Advent including John the Baptist, The Annunciation, and the Visitation that will air December 19, 20, 21 at 8:00 p.m.

Salt + Light Availability: Bell TV – 654, Rogers – 240, Cogeco – 185 or online via live stream at www.saltandlighttv.org/live.

Mass for the Unborn - Dec 28th

The Mass for the Unborn. St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto.

The Mass for the Unborn will be celebrated at St. Michael's Cathedral at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Rev. Ed McGovern will be the celebrant.



All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

★ **Christmas Vigil Masses - Saturday December 24th, 2011**
English 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, & 12:00 midnight.

★ **Christmas Day Masses - Sunday December 25th, 2011**
English 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon & 3:00 pm (Spanish)

Note: Parishioners are encouraged to bring bells to ring at the "Glory to God" on Dec 24 & 25 Masses



★ **Monday December 26th, 2011**
The Church will remain open until 10am and then close for the rest of the day.

★ **Feast of Mary, Mother of God - Saturday December 31st**
English - 5 pm Mass

★ **Feast of Mary, Mother of God - Sunday January 1st, 2012**
English – 8:30am, 10am & 12 noon & 3:00pm (Spanish)

★ **Monday – January 2nd, 2012 - 9:00am Mass**
The Church will remain open until 10am and then close for the rest of the day.

VOCATION CORNER



From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"... and so the Saviour came into the world.

Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world.

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Hansoo 416-968-0997 vocations@vocations.ca. Also visit: <http://www.vocatiois.ca/> www.vocationstoronto.ca

Liturgy of the Word for Children

There will be no Liturgy of the Word for Children on Christmas day or New Year's Day.

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will resume on January 10th, 2012 at 7:45pm.

LET US PRAY

For the Sick:

Jim Cassidy
Julio D'Souza
Janet O'Reilly
Joy Clarke
Linda Yard
Sophia Di Muccio



For the Deceased:

Maria Tome
Carmine Mauro
George Tomakjaj
Ruth Asselstine
Silvio Fernandes
Donna Hayes
Anne Smith
Eleanor Lalonde

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Weekend of December 11th

Offertory Collection: \$ 11,871.85