

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, Dec 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

9 AM – Liz Rybka –
Special Intention

Tuesday, Dec 13th St. Lucy

9 AM – Alvero Frade†
7 PM – Giuseppina Albanese†

Wednesday, Dec 14th St. John of the Cross

9 AM – Lucia Cas †

Thursday, Dec 15th Ferial

9 AM –Domingo Abando†

Friday, Dec 16th Ferial

9 AM – Amelia & Domingo Sousa †
7 PM – Antonio Gomes †

Saturday, Dec 17th Ferial

9 AM –Mark Russell †
Angel Cono Salomene †
Melanie Lourdes Torres †
Dominic, Cecilia, Patricia
Rodrigues † & Ignatius D'Sousa †
Leslie Keller †
Rodolfo Santos †
Giovann & Amalia Ricchiuto †
Filpo & Marta Calvano †
Frank Manna †
Dario Cui †
Antonio Feliciano Melo †
Michael O'Brien †
Alejandro Agut †

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, Dec 12th 9:00 AM – Mass

Tuesday, Dec 13th
9:00 AM – Mass
7:00 PM – Mass
7:45 PM – Prayer Group

Wednesday, Dec 14th 9:00 AM – Mass

Thursday, Dec 15th
9:00 AM – Mass
11:00 AM – Mass - Archbishop
Romero High School

Friday, Dec 16th
9:00 AM – Mass
6:00 PM – Holy Hour
7:00 PM – Mass

Saturday, Dec 17th
9:00 AM – Mass
5:00 PM – Mass

Pastor's Corner

From the desk of Fr. Liborio

For the next two weeks Fr. Ricardo and I will be in and out of the office. We will be travelling to our local parishes to help with Confessions. A good number of the priests we will help will also support us on our Monday December 19th Advent reconciliation evening.

It is good when priests are able to get-together and support each other in the ministry. Please be patient with Fr. Ricardo and myself if we do not return your phone calls or emails as quickly as we would wish. And if you see us on the road, travelling from one parish to another, wave to us and say a prayer that we may be true instruments of God's healing power to those who will be going to confession to us.

And pray also, that Fr. Ricardo will give lighter penances that he normally gives of walking around the world... in bare feet... just kidding... he only asks his penitents to walk across Canada... ha ha ha.

Happy Advent,

Fr. Liborio



CHRISTMAS PLAY



St. Mary's Parish is having its Christmas Play on Dec 18th at 7.00 pm.
All are welcome.

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 on 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. We encourage you and your family to make it to confession before Christmas.



If you are not able to make it December 19th at 7pm, then we encourage you to attend one our local parishes reconciliation evening.

Local Parishes Advent Reconciliation Evenings

Our local parishes will be celebrating their advent parish reconciliation on the following days and times:

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| ○ St. Anne's | Sunday December 11 th @ 7pm |
| ○ St. Jerome's | Tuesday December 13 th @ 7:30pm |
| ○ St. Marguerite d'Youville's | Wednesday December 14 th @ 7pm |
| ○ St. Anthony of Padua | Thursday December 15 th @ 7pm |
| ○ St. Leonard's | Friday December 16 th @ 7pm |
| ○ St. Mary's | Monday December 19 th @ 7pm |

Refugee Corner – An update on our refugee Family

Adward, his wife and his four daughters had an interview with the Canadian Embassy in Syria last Sunday. They are currently in the process of completing their medicals. If all goes well, they may arrive within the next 3 months. In anticipation of their arrival, our committee is busy with preparation to support the family in their new home. Thank you very much to those individuals and parish groups who have already donated to our cause. We will continue to raise funds to support our Iraqi refugee family. Please pray that they may have a safe and swift journey to Canada.

St. Mary's Refugee Committee

December 11th – December 17th 2011

Youth Group Holiday Schedule



The Youth Group will be having its last meeting for the 2011 year on Friday, December 16th on which we will be having an excursion outside of the Church. For additional information, please contact us at: saintmarysyoungroup@gmail.com. We will resume our meetings in the 2012 year starting on Friday, January 13th.

Family Christmas Sponsorship

Delivery Day is Saturday **Dec. 17** at St. Mary's School Gym. If you are **NOT** delivering to your family **OR** if you are sponsoring **only the food or only the gifts**, please bring to the gym between **9am- 10am**. If you are delivering, please bring to the gym between **10am-11am**



Bible Study



Bible STUDY
Join us!

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.

St. Mary's Catholic School Council

All Staff, Parents, Guardians, Members of the St. Mary's Community, Former Staff and Graduates of St. Mary's School from 2002 to present!

Please join us as we say "Thank you" for 9 ½ Years of Leadership and Support to:
Ms Patricia Peroni.

Date: Thursday December 15th, 2011
Where: St. Mary's School Gym
Time: 5:30pm – 7.30pm.
Gift Presentation: 6:30pm



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

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 "Gloria" on Dec 24th & 25th Masses and at 9am Mass



★ **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 – 5pm 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



There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe.

Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day?

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

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Dec 12, 9:30, Second Monday
Monthly Muffin Morning in the Sullivan Room \$1



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 be discontinued from Dec 13th, 2011 and 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
Irene Tantengco



For the Deceased:

Maria Tome
Carmine Mauro
George Tomakjay
Ruth Asselstine
Silvio Fernandes

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Weekend of December 11th

Offertory Collection: \$ 11,133.67