

Today's readings urge us to prepare for and be open to God's presence in our lives. We have been taught that this presence is ongoing, yet it doesn't always seem so. We need to work to overcome fear and doubt, especially in challenging times, but the task need not be a frantic effort. These readings carry warnings and longings, but the operative words are comfort, tenderness and hope. We wait and prepare because of the promise.



A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'

---Mark 1:3

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
"Comfort, give comfort to my people."

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
The day of the Lord will be unexpected

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8
The Baptist foretells the Messiah's coming

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	December 9, 2017
5:00 PM	ISABEL JHOCSON (RIP)
Sunday	December 10, 2017
9:30 AM	FOR ALL OF THE INTENTIONS OF ST.BARTHOLOMEW PARISH COMMUNITY
11:15 AM	DINA D'ANGELO (RIP)
1:00 PM	THANKSGIVING FOR THE SEQUEIRA FAMILY
Tuesday	December 12, 2017
8:30 AM	PERSEVERANDO CASANOVA (RIP)
Wednesday	December 13, 2017
8:30 AM	BLESSING FOR MERJEAN ENRIQUEZ
Thursday	December 14, 2017
8:30 AM	GEORGE HART (RIP)
Friday	December 15, 2017
8:30 AM	JOSE & JOSEFINA SARASUA (RIP)
Saturday	December 16, 2017
9:00 AM	ILDEFONSO EDDIE COUTINHO (RIP) BLESSING FOR DOMINGO & KENZIE ENRIQUEZ BLESSING FOR THE HEALING OF ANGIE IZHAR

PLEASE NOTE: The bulletin is processed a week in advance. To ensure that the name is printed on the bulletin, the Mass Intention must be booked 2 weeks prior to the date.



(Ages 18-39)
UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 13, 2017 @ 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Regis College (Toronto, ON.)

HODIE CHRISTUS NATUS EST!

Join Toronto's new professional-level chamber choir, **Encontra Vocal Ensemble**, as they perform Advent and Christmas themed music.

Tickets \$35 - 416-922-5474 x 266

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www.faithconnections.ca/event



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NEW BABY ITEMS AND TOILETRIES

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ROSALIE HALL.

Donations will be collected in the Narthex on December 2-3 & 9-10.



Koro Pilipino
SIMBANG GABI Masses of Advent

at St. Bartholomew Parish
December 15-17-18-20-22

8:00 pm

****Other dates are posted on North Lobby Bulletin Board**

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Calling all children from Kindergarten and up! Christmas is getting closer and closer. We need children to come and take part in the Christmas Pageant which will be presented

Sunday, December 24 @ The 5:00 pm, Christmas Eve Mass.

We have speaking and non-speaking parts. **Please come out and join. Practices are every Saturday afternoon at 3:00pm.**



Do you have securities that have gone up in value? You can now make your Parish Offertory and special collections gifts using securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds). You will not have to pay any capital gains on your securities gift and you will get a tax receipt for the full amount. It's very easy to do! For more information: Development Office of the Toronto Archdiocese 416-934-3411 archtoronto.org/development

If you want your donation to be in the 2017 tax receipt, the donation must be received by December 25, 2017. Post-dated cheques after the December 25th deadline will be recorded on the following year, 2018. Tax receipts for 2017 will be available at the beginning of February in the North Lobby. **PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.**



DECEMBER 2 - 3
WEEKLY DONATIONS
\$5570.40 (313 ENVELOPES)
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Second Sunday of Advent-December 10, 2017
John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a church vocation, contact:
Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Dir.,
Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997
vocations@archtoronto.org



MATURING ADULTS



Tuesday, December 12, 2017

From 1:00 - 2:30 PM

COME AND BE JOYFUL

Enjoy an Afternoon of Fellowship, Worship & Refreshments. Join Us for a Service of Lessons and Carols for the Advent Christmas Season!



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Ontario Regional Council

AGINCOURT FAMILY SERVICES, ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF ADULT WINTER WEAR (COATS, HATS, MITTS...), AND PERSONAL TOILETRIES (TOOTHBRUSHES, SOAP, DEODORANT...). ALL DONATIONS ARE TO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SHEPPARD AVE. OFFICE LOCATED: 4155 SHEPPARD AVE. E., UNIT#100 416-321-6912 x221 MON – FRI 9:30AM – 3:00PM
"What you did unto the least of these you did unto me."

SUNDAY FOOD DONATION SCHEDULE

December 16-17

Last name starting with A

December 23-24

Last name starting with B, C



SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass

Sat, Dec 23 5:00 pm

Sun, Dec 24 9:30 am/11:15 am/1:00 pm NO MASS

Christmas Eve Mass

Sun, Dec 24 5:00 pm (Children's Pageant)
8:00 pm / 11:00 pm

Christmas Day Mass

Mon, Dec 25 9:30 am/11:15 am/1:00 pm NO MASS
Dec 26 – 27 NO MASS

Sunday Mass

Sat, Dec 30 5:00 pm

Sun, Dec 31 9:30 am/11:15 am/1:00 pm NO MASS

New Year's Eve Mass

Sun, Dec 31 5:00 pm

New Year's Day Mass

Mon, Jan 1 9:30 am/11:15 am/1:00 pm NO MASS
Jan 2 – 3 NO MASS

****Please make note of the times when NO MASS is listed**