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SUNDAY Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM
10:00 AM
12:00 PM

WEEKDAY Mass Schedule

Mon: 8:00 AM
Tues: 7:00 PM
Wed: 12:10 PM
Thurs: 8:00 AM
Fri: 8:00 AM
Sat: 9:00 AM

Confessions

Saturday: 9:30 AM
and by appointment

Marriage & Baptism

by appointment

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 16th

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro-Populo

Sunday December 17th

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

} Pro-Populo

Monday, December 18th

8:00 am Mass

† Gino Colavecchia

Tuesday, December 19th

7:00 pm Mass

† Ada Cosciaro

Wednesday, December 20th

12:10 pm Mass

† Antonietta D'Agrosa

Thursday, December 21st

8:00 am Mass

† Nick Vecchiarelli & Family

Friday, December 22nd

8:00 am

† Maria Rosa Caballero Felices

Saturday, December 23rd

9:00 am Mass

† Maria Politi Fiore



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary lamp burns this week for the health of:

M. Guadalupe Pelayo Olvera.

We ask for your prayers



For the Sick: Madeline Anta, Julie Anne McDonald, Elizabeth Skinner,
For the Deceased: Marietta Abrasosa

We continue to invite parishioners to submit names of family members and friends who need prayers. We ask that, for the sick, you call us if a change occurs so that we can make the necessary changes. Names will remain in our bulletin for a month for the deceased and 2 weeks for the sick, unless we receive a request to keep them in the list.



Who we are as witnesses to the light, as the voice for the Word, shapes how we live and explains why we live the way we do. The answer to the question, 'Who are you?' grounds the answer to the question, 'Why do you do what you are doing?' Advent is a good time to reclaim our fundamental identity, our Christ-linked identity. If Jesus is to be born anywhere today, it will be in the hearts of his followers.

CWL News

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held on **December 19**. Tickets (\$25.00) are available at the parish office or from Joan at 905-895-9295. "Donations of socks and underwear for Inn from the Cold can be brought that night" as well as \$5.00 and \$10.00 Tim Horton's gift cards. 2018 Membership fees (\$25.00) are now being received.



Christmas Play



Children who are still interested in joining the Christmas play are invited to participate in the following roles: Shepherds, Sheep and Choir, all other roles are no longer available. The play takes place at the 4:00 PM mass on Christmas Eve.

Thank you!!!

Dear parishioners: Through your loving and amazing generosity you have helped needy families and individuals throughout the year and during this joyous Christmas season. Thank you for your prayers and continued financial support. Thank you for seeing Jesus in those who are hungry and thirsty and in those who need comfort. We wish you all a blessed Christmas.

Sunday Missal

The Sunday missals are now available in the pews for use by parishioners. We ask that these missals **not be tak-**

en from the Church. If you would like your own copy, please contact the parish office to have your name added to the list so that we can order more copies. The cost of a new Missal is \$5.00.

Offertory Envelopes

This weekend we are distributing the donation envelopes for 2018. At this time, we would like to give everyone an opportunity to consider donating by Pre-Authorized Giving or credit card. Please call the office for more information on these methods of making your donations. If you are already donating by either one of those methods and no longer want to use a full box of envelopes, please call the office so that we may give you a box of envelopes containing only the special collection envelopes.



Marriage Preparation Course

Couples who are planning to marry and have already set a date with a priest are invited to register for our marriage preparation course. This course is **suited for the engaged only**. Those who are in a civil marriage or have lived common law need to take a specialized marriage course upon consultation with the priest. St. John Chrysostom Parish will be offering this course in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday, February 20** from 7 pm - 10 pm, **Thursday, February 22** from 7 pm - 10 pm and **Saturday, February 24** from 9am - 3 pm. Please call the office to register or for more information.



Sing Praises to the Lord!

It has been nearly twenty years since the parish last purchased hymnals. In consultation with the choir and the



community, we have decided to purchase 300 copies of the 3rd Edition of the Glory and Praise Hymnal. This will supplement the Catholic Book of Worship which we are currently using and provide us with a wider variety of music to use in our praise and worship of God. If you would like to help contribute to the cost of the hymnals we will be offering you the opportunity to dedicate a book in memory of someone who has died or in thanksgiving for those who are still living. For a donation of \$30, we will provide you with a bookplate that will be placed in one of the new hymnals. Please watch for people at the back of the church to accept your donation and information.

2016 Parish Finance Report

*"it's not how big your share is;
it's how much you can share"*

I invite all the parishioners to make a special effort to take and **review the 2016 Parish Finance Report** which will be distributed after mass as you leave the church. This is an important duty all pastors have in order to be accountable and transparent with the temporal goods of the parish. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Finance Council of the parish who have given much of their time and knowledge so that, together with me, the sacrificial giving of St. John's parishioners is treated with responsibility and respect. But most importantly, my gratitude goes to all those who, week after week, give generously and responsibly to our Sunday offertory making sure that we have the necessary funds to run the parish that provides the services our parish needs and values. I also invite those members of our parish who perhaps have not taken part in our common re-

sponsibility to care for our parish in all aspects. We all have different gifts, and we all are called to give sacrificially according to our gifts. Join us and share in our efforts to make St. John's Parish a community that shares in responsibility.

Fr. Efren Alvarez Delayo

Catholic School Supporter Declaration

To help us nurture the gift of Catholic Education in the years to come, we ask for the support of every member of our Catholic community. Please verify that your tax support is directed to the English Language Separate District Board. Call the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-6722, or visit www.mpac.ca. If needed, you may get an Application for Direction of School Support by calling the York Catholic District School Board Admissions Office at 905-713-2711, or visiting www.ycdsb.ca.

Christmas Flowers Donations In Memoriam



Our parish places a great deal of thought into how we prepare the environment for worship. We welcome your help by making donations toward the cost of flowers this Christmas.

These donations may be made **"In Memory of Loved Ones"** or **"In Thanksgiving"**. You can do this by placing their name and your name on the envelope provided and submit it to the office or place it in the collection basket during mass. Envelopes are also available at the entrance of the church.



Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24

8:30am, 10am

12pm mass –cancelled

Christmas Eve

4, 6, 8, (9:30 pm carols)

& 10 pm mass

Christmas Day

8:30, 10 & 12 pm mass

Tue-Wed-Thurs-Fri

Regular Mass Schedule

December 30

5pm

Sunday, December 31

8:30am, 10am & 12pm

New Year's Eve

5pm

New Year's Day

10am

Tue-Wed-Thurs-Fri

Regular Mass Schedule

OFFICE HOURS

December 25 & 26

Office closed

December 27, 28, 29

9am-4pm

January 1 & 2

Office closed

January 3, 4, & 5

9am-4pm

January 7

Regular office hours resume

Pray for Vocations

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. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director** at 416-968-0997 or Email:

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