

Daily Mass Intentions

Wednesday December 26
9 am Intentions of Tina Hanks

Thursday December 27
8.30 am Cristobal Martinez

Friday December 28
8.30 am Paul & Catherine Bouwmeister

Saturday December 29
9 am Carmela & Vincenzo Altieri and Armando Altieri
5 pm Benjamin Cootauco

Sunday December 30
4.30 pm Mary Kuzyk

Please remember the sick in your prayers

Terry McCormick, Connor Thompson, Lita Toribio-Limcangco, Pascoal Colaco, Natalie Lam, Christopher Coburn, Howie MacDonald, Leticia Aragon, Nick Aragon, Sandra Fairweather, Jenny Selzer, Joseph Kondracki, Filemon Remo, Zoltan de Nemethy, Orly Salvador, Paula Lagdameo-Ward, Archie O'Neill, Jean Garel, Terry Pinkney, Lisa Cruz, Luz Partolan, Collin Fabian, Teresa Breen, Cecilia Fearon, Tom Joyce, Eleanor Ma, Erin Pennell, Rosario Cabaron, Joe Geraci, Mardi de Kemp, Tracy Kelly, Peter Mazereeuw, Lilia Barias, Mary Cabaron, Sister Mary Martin, Camilla Gyorffy, Kevin Watts, Cachita White, Christopher Davis, Chin Kee Yap, Cesar Tomas, Margie Guerrero, Euclides Guerrero, Carmelo Addorisio, Arcangelo Petitti, Margaret McDowell, Antonio Mattacchione, Benedict Ortiz, Beatrice Limcaco, Tina Joy Hartjes, Elizabeth Buchinger, Candelaria Martin, Bok Dujua, Joaquin Gozun, Adriana De Franco, Dorothy O'Hara, Joe Musso, Lena Badali, Pilar Isip, Patricia Macri, Mariela Urriola Sr., Thelma Moore, Dolores Ortiz, Julie Near, Nancy Picciolo, Sandra Garzon, Angelita Cadiz.

Junior Youth Group

The next meeting will be on Mon. Jan. 14. Grades 4, 5, 6 & 7 will be going skating at Centennial Arena (Bullock & McCowan). Parents drop off and pick up at the arena. A \$2 charge will apply.

ST. PATRICK'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLETS are available in the office for \$10 each.

LECTORS – please come to the church office to pick up your Lector Workbooks for Year A 2008. These are \$10 each.

Did you miss having your photograph taken for the parish directory? It's not too late to be included: just submit a picture at the parish office to the attention of Lois Shaw by Jan. 2nd. Details are on the parish website, www.stpatrick.on.ca. Check out the '75th Anniversary Parish Family Photo Album Program' at the bottom of the home page.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S 2007 / 2008

MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

No 8.30 am morning mass

5 pm mass with Youth Band
7 pm mass with Schola Choir
9 pm mass with Folk Ensemble
11.30 pm mass with Choir
Preceded by
10.30 pm music for Strings
11 pm Christmas Carols

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.45 am mass with Cantor
10.30 am mass with Cantor
12.15 pm mass with Cantor

BOXING DAY, Dec. 26

9 am mass

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, Dec. 29

Masses 9 am and 5 pm

Sunday, Dec. 30

Masses 8.45 and 10.30 am, 12.15 & 4.30 pm

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Masses 8.30 am and 5 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY

No 8.30 am morning mass

10.30 am mass with Cantor
12.15 pm mass with Cantor
4.30 pm mass with Cantor



H.O.P.E.

HOPE has a new ministry called Friendly Visiting

This is a programme designed to be of service to parishioners who are living at home but are not as able to get around as they did at one time. These parishioners often just need the friendship of another individual to lend a hand, or to offer a listening ear.

In St. Patrick's parish, we are blessed to have people from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds and we would love to be able to extend this friendly visiting service to all parishioners. If you know of someone who would benefit from a regular visitor, or if you wish to volunteer to become a friendly visitor, please leave your name with the parish office.

Remember:

Christmas is not just a day. It's a spirit all year long that makes us live Christ's way. May it be said of all of us that we know how to keep Christmas well. God bless us, everyone!

From the Pastor:

A Christmas Message

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." John 1:14

This Monday evening we will begin our celebrations of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, as we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist.

Just as the news of every birth is cause for rejoicing, Christian people everywhere rejoice in the birth of Jesus, for we know that this was the birth of One who would teach us, guide us, save us, and redeem us. The birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ would truly alter the course of our history.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank and bless all of you for the many ways you have tried to live out your Christian faith over the past year. With all the staff of St. Patrick's, I pray that the blessings of God will be with all of you this Christmas season.

*Peace and prayers,
Fr. Michael*

OUT OF THE COLD CLOTHING DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus have been cooking and preparing a full meal on the 1st Monday of each month for the homeless who frequent the shelter provided at St. Brigid's Church in the city. Last year we made a plea for used clothes and the response was overwhelming.

This year the clothing centre at St. Brigid's has a definite need for the following items:

- Long underwear – sizes medium and large
- Socks – new or unused
- Sweatshirts (m & l), sweaters (m & l)
- Jeans – sizes 34-38
- Men's winter jackets – sizes 40-44
- Men's boots and running shoes

PLEASE NOTE: CHILDREN'S CLOTHING IS NOT NEEDED.

If you can help, please bring these items to the church Dec. 29 & 30. Thank you.

2008 DONATION ENVELOPES ARE OUT IN THE LARGE HALL READY FOR PICK UP. THESE ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. THIS IS FOR PARISHIONERS WHO ALREADY HAVE AN ENVELOPE NUMBER. For others who wish to use donation envelopes but do not yet have a number, please come to the church office.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008



Hi, my name is Mazen Shakkouri. I am currently a second year student studying Civil Engineering Technology at Seneca College and will be graduating within one year's time. This is the first time that I am participating in something of this magnitude. I was originally introduced to this program by my parents who thought that it is a great idea to participate in. I was initially sceptical since I knew that this pilgrimage would cost a great deal of money and headache when it came to booking time off from work. However, after giving it more thought, I came to the conclusion that this is something that is extraordinary. I believe that after my pilgrimage comes to a close, I will have a deeper understanding of the Christian faith. Not only will I become closer to God, I will also gain a new found sense of confidence within myself; not to mention all of the new people that I will become friends with on my pilgrimage. In conclusion, I believe that my pilgrimage will make me more spiritually and emotionally confident as I meet the obstacles that life throws at me.

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The Candy Cane

Just a stick of hard peppermint candy, striped in royal red, and shaped in the letter "J"?

No! It is to remind us at Christmas of the gift of the baby Jesus, the greatest gift of all!

The candy is so hard, it reminds us of the firmness of the promises that God makes for His children.

The "J" is for Jesus and when you turn it over, it is a shepherd's staff, and reminds us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

The white is for our Saviour who is so sinless and pure.

The red stripe shows us that Jesus shed His blood for us.

And the green represents the new life we have received from Jesus.



"The earth and its fullness belong to the Lord; the world and those who dwell in it. For He founded it upon the sea and established it upon the rivers." Psalm 24:1-2

How can we take credit for the good things in our lives when Psalm 24 reminds us that God created absolutely everything and everyone on the earth? Surely we all have an obligation to return a portion of our good fortune to the Lord, for without Him nothing would be possible.

St. Patrick's Scripture Studies

The Book of Exodus, a 10 week course begins on Jan. 7th, 7.30 pm in the St. Patrick's School Library. Consider this a great opportunity to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Remember, these were the Scriptures that Jesus used so often in the Gospels! Call Paul Howard at 905-471-1103.

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Scripture News:

St. Patrick's returns to the Holy Land.

Organizational meeting Jan. 6, 2008 at 1.45 pm in the large hall.

New date of departure,

Nov. 23 – Dec. 3, 2008.

Pilgrimage facilitator –

Kitty McGilly.

St. Patrick's program organizer – Paul Howard, 905-471-1103.

Singles please note: a special effort is being made to accommodate you, either with a single supplement or matching up. Don't miss this opportunity because of a sense that you're at a handicap alongside couples and cost. There are possibly other singles like you who would want to make this pilgrimage of a lifetime to the land of Jesus, Mary, the Apostles and those first Disciples!

LEGACY NEWSLETTER – PLANNED GIVING

Information for Catholics

"Legacy" is a newsletter published by the Archdiocese of Toronto to keep parishioners informed about issues related to gifts to a parish or an Archdiocesan charity. Published twice a year, Legacy includes stories of parish support, information about tax-smart giving and creative gift ideas. It also provides education and the opportunity to connect with Catholic Advisors to make a Will, create an estate and financial plan and make burial arrangements. This free publication is available to all parishioners who wish to keep abreast of giving trends, legislation changes and other important information related to supporting our Church and your personal estate plan. The latest issue is being mailed this week. To subscribe to Legacy for free, please contact Paul Nazareth, Manager of Planned Giving and Major Gifts at 416-934-0606, via email at pnazareth@archtoronto.org, by mail at 1155 Yonge St. Toronto, ON, M4T 1W2, or www.stewardshiptoronto.org.