

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY ROSARY PARISH TORONTO, ONTARIO Second Sunday of Advent

Advent Penitential Service for all parishioners: December 17 at 7pm

MISSION: BLT

Mission: BLT meets next Sunday for our Christmas party from 2-4 p.m. All youths 11+ are welcome.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

The next training session for new Altar Servers will take place THIS TUESDAY, December 8 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Church. All young people in at least grade 4 are welcome to attend training. There will be no further training sessions until May, so act now if you are interested! Call Lindsay at 416-923-8471 for more information.

WYD IN SPAIN

Are you going to be at least 18 years old in August 2011? Interested in WYD in Spain in 2011? Registration opened on December 1; apply today at ocytoronto.org. Space is limited!

Ideas

"Missa est"

In 2007 Pope Benedict gave universal permission for priests to say the "traditional" Mass, i.e., as it was celebrated from the sixteenth century until the liturgical changes authorized by the Second Vatican Council. In this week's IDEAS Father Callam examines some of the reasons for the Pope's decision. See IDEAS on the parish website — www.holyrosary.ca.

A SHARELIFE MESSAGE



"The overall Parish Campaign raised \$11,439,697 in 2009. While some of us may have 'tightened our belts' in the past several months, it is those people whose belts had already been tightened who have been most dramatically affected by recent economic conditions. Now they are turning to ShareLife agencies for material, psychological and spiritual assistance in order to get through the day. Through our collective support of ShareLife agencies, the homeless find shelter, the hungry are fed, the vulnerable find protection and the troubled find peace. The words of King Darius used to describe the God of Daniel (6:27) '*He delivers and rescues, he works wonders in heaven and on earth*', ring as true today as they did when Daniel was saved from the lions. We are the hands of God on earth today. Through our participation in ShareLife, people continue to be rescued and wonders continue to be worked. May Our Lord bless you always."

*Yours sincerely, in the Lord,
Thomas C. Collins, Archbishop of Toronto*

NEW TIME FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcements which have been taking place before the Mass began are now read out after the final prayer.

PILGRIMAGE – PARIS, LISIEUX, LOURDES, FATIMA – MARCH 18 – 27, 2010.

Join Fr. Joe Walsh, C.S.B., on a 10-day pilgrimage to Paris, Lisieux, Lourdes, Fatima and Lisbon in March 2010. We will be visiting St. Thérèse's house in Lisieux, St. Vincent De Paul and Chapelle of the Miraculous Medal in Paris, celebrating Mass at The Grotto of Lourdes and visiting Our Lady of Fatima Basilica. For more information, please contact the following during office hours: Ophelia (416)323-5183 or Mary (905)474-9929 x225.

EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS/SALES THIS WEEKEND

In the Parish Hall:

1. **Development & Peace** will be taking orders for Christmas baskets that will be ready for Sunday, December 13. Colombian crafts and jewellery will also be on sale this Sunday.
2. **Campaign Life Coalition** is selling Christmas cakes, religious cards and diaries.
3. **Religious items** are on sale.

At the back of the Church:

1. **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is selling Christmas gift cards to ensure that needy families in our parish will have a turkey and dessert for their Christmas dinner.
2. **Kenya Leadership Program:** Anne Crighton is a 15-year-old parishioner who in August 2010 will be going to Kenya to participate in the Kenya Leadership Program. Anne will be selling Christmas cards to fundraise at the back of the church after each Mass this weekend.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS ON SALE

This year the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to give you an opportunity to purchase a Christmas gift card for your family or friends.

For a donation of \$15.00 you will ensure that a needy family in our parish will have a turkey and dessert for their Christmas dinner.

Our members will be accepting donations after all Masses next weekend.

A tax receipt will be mailed to you.

We thank you for your continued generosity and support for our work.

URGENT APPEAL FOR A LIVING LIVER DONOR

A parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, Whitby, is at the top of the Toronto General Hospital liver transplant recipient list and is appealing to fellow parishioners with the Archdiocese of Toronto to help her find a partial liver donor (the donated portion of the liver regenerates to 100% of its original capacity within 12 weeks). Lina Spencer is a wife and mother of a 4-year-old child. Her health is deteriorating quickly. She will die if she does not find a donor soon. A match of blood type O is required. The living donor must be between 18 and 60 years of age and in good health. For more information please contact Cailin MacLeod, RN, at Toronto General Hospital, Transplant Assessment Coordinator, Living Donor Program at 416-340-4800, Ext. 7594. Please give Lina Spencer's name as the recipient.

THANK YOU COUNCILLOR MIHEVC

Our complaint about the missing hedges has now been resolved. Thanks to Councillor Joe Mihevc's help, these hedges have now been replaced.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINNING JANUARY 4, 2010

Please mark your calendars if you have little ones (born in 2006) who may be starting school in September OR please bring it to the attention of others in your neighbourhood who may be considering registering their first child at Holy Rosary. The hours of registration will be from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. We will be offering extended hours for registration on the evening of Wednesday, January 13. You will need to bring the following documents at registration time: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records, health card, and permanent residency card for children born outside of Canada. In addition, we will need parents' work number, emergency contact information and your family doctor's information.

Briefly Bin

Bible Classes are held on **Thurs. at 7:30 p.m.** Please call the office at 416-923-8471 for the new location.

Holy Rosary Charismatic Prayer Group: meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Room 2.

Development & Peace meetings: held on the **3rd Mon.** of each month in the Parish Hall, Room 4 at **7:30 p.m.** **The next meeting is on December 21.**

Tagalog Mass: The Mass originally scheduled for **December 27 is cancelled.** The Joy of the Lord Prayer Group **meeting for today, December 6, is cancelled.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Christmas is almost upon us and it's time for the Flower Guild to ask for your help. Each weekend before Christmas, there will be envelopes in all pews and church entrances for donations toward the cost of decorating Holy Rosary for Christmas. The flower guild depends entirely on your generosity. Please remember to include your weekly-envelope number for tax purposes.

With many thanks, The Flower Guild.



Saturday, December 5th, 2009

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased members of the Marzalik Family

Requested by Theresa Marzalik

Sunday, December 6th, 2009

8:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Family members (+)

Requested by D. Quon

11:00 a.m. Sheila Moran (+)

Requested by Moran family

12:30 p.m. Michael Erdman (+)

Requested by Mother

Monday, December 7th, 2009

12:10 p.m. Ottavino Family

Requested by Mary Ann Ottavino

Tuesday, December 8th, 2009

12:10 p.m. Enzo Comar (+)

Requested by His wife

Wednesday, December 9th, 2009

12:10 p.m. Florence Geffen (+)

Requested by Martha Ortiz

Thursday, December 10th, 2009

12:10 p.m. Jean O'Brien (+)

Requested by Mary and Derek Keaveney

Friday, December 11th, 2009

12:10 p.m. Gerry LePage (+)

Requested by Maura O'Donovan

Saturday, December 12th, 2009

5:00 p.m. Enzo Comar (+)

Requested by His wife

Sunday, December 13th, 2009

8:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Joachim (Joe) Fung (+)

Requested by 9:30 a.m. Choir

11:00 a.m. Joachim Fung (+)

Requested by Maria di Paolo

12:30 p.m. Dave Kitamura (+), Fumie Kobayashi (+), & Kiyoshi Kobayashi (+)

Requested by Kobayashi Family