

Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of the Lake Parish Family

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Peace on Earth

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Responsorial Psalm for December 29, Ps. 128

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

MASS INTENTIONS

We join in prayer with those who have requested that Masses be offered for their loved ones, living or deceased.

Tuesday, December 31st to Sunday, January 5th

Tues. Dec. 31, 8:30am (S):

Tues. Dec. 31, New Year's Eve: (K) 4pm (S) 6pm

Wed. Jan. 1, New Year's Day: (S) 8:30am (K) 11am

Thurs. Jan. 2, 8:30am (K):

Fri. Jan. 3, 8:30am (S):

Sat. Jan. 4, 8:30am (K):

Sat. Jan. 4, 4pm (K):

Sat. Jan. 4, 6pm (S): + Judith Derouin

Sun. Jan. 5, 8:30am (S):

Sun. Jan. 5, 11am (K):

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please contact the office to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list for one month. Please keep the following people in your prayers. Betty Arsenault, Joan Bentley, Luis and Nohora Calderon, German Calderon, Betty and Ligia Calderon, Frank Cinelli, Vincent Cinelli, Winnie Price, Eric Sutton, Cathy Thompson

VISITS TO SHUT-INS

We are happy to take Communion to those in our parish who cannot worship with us because of illness or infirmity. Contact the office if you would like a visit or know of someone who should be contacted. If you are interested in being a visiting Minister of Communion, contact Deacon Brian Mason through the office or see him after Mass.

VOCATIONS

By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, please contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

FATHER CHRISTOPHER ROOM

The Fr. Christopher Room is available for rent. This space is perfect for small celebrations and the room can accommodate 75 people. Please call the office for details.

BIBLE TIMELINE

Bible Timeline will start up again on Monday, January 6th at 7pm in Keswick.

COLLECTION UPDATE



December 14/15: \$4,803.55 - 70%
December 21/22: Not available
before publication.

Goal \$6,800

Philippine Relief (Typhoon Haiyan): \$3,679.80
Moving Forward Together Campaign: \$781.00

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers – Jan. 4/5

SUTTON: Saturday, January 4, 6pm

(EM) Barb S., Lidwina G.

(LEC) Tom H., Helmut K.

SUTTON: Sunday, January 5, 8:30am

(EM) Patrick D., Gerry D.

(LEC) Treena B., Janet C.

KESWICK: Saturday, January 4, 4pm

(EM)

(LEC) Marilyn V.

KESWICK: Sunday, January 5, 11am

(EM) Rita W., Mary F., Ann P., Scott D.

Mike K., Katarina P.

(LEC) Margaret S., Sr. Mary

2014 ENVELOPES

The 2014 envelopes are ready for pick up. You will notice a few changes. There is no longer a renovation fund or a mortgage fund envelope. We have decided to instead use a monthly Building Maintenance Fund envelope, through the recommendation of the auditor. This will concentrate the funding as well lessen the burden on the parishioners of having so many collections. Thank you for your continued generosity. **Please do not use the envelopes until January 2014.**

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will re-open Friday, January 3rd.



POPE FRANCIS (@PONTIFEX) ON TWITTER

December 12 - We cannot think of a Church without joy. This is the joy of the Church: announcing to all the name of Jesus.

December 14 - This is Christian hope: that the future is in God's hands.

LECTORS NEEDED

We are in need of Lectors for Immaculate Conception at both the 6pm and 8:30am Masses. If you are interested in this Ministry, please speak to Father.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration begins January 6, 2014 in all York Region Schools. We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where we emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is infused with the gospel of Jesus Christ. You can register your child at your local Catholic school. For more information, please visit the Board website at www.ycdsb.ca and click on the Admissions tab.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 31st

4pm at Our Lady of the Lake in Keswick

6pm at Immaculate Conception in Sutton

Wednesday, January 1st

8:30am at Immaculate Conception in Sutton

11am at Our Lady of the Lake in Keswick

In Canada there are two Holy Days of Obligation, December 25th and January 1st.

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RECORD UPDATE

If you changed your address this year and did not notify the office, please call or email the office so that your income tax receipt is mailed to the correct address.

STUEBENVILLE TORONTO 2014

YOUTH CONFERENCE

We are thrilled and very blessed to announce that, for the first time ever, the Steubenville Youth Conference experience will be coming to Toronto, held at the Mattamy Athletic Centre (formerly Maple Leaf Gardens.) From July 4 to 6th, over 2,000 young people will gather to celebrate and grow their faith! Steubenville Conferences, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, are a series of 18 Summer conferences across North America that bring over 40,000 teens and their leaders closer to Christ. This is an amazing opportunity for youth to experience the Church in a whole new way, right here in our home diocese! Our parish will be taking a group of youth to the conference this year. In order to reserve a spot your registration must be submitted by January 6th to Shannon Connors, Youth Minister.

ASK FATHER SHERWIN - DO I NEED TO FAST BEFORE RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST?

Preparation: In order to appreciate the dignity of the Eucharist, and to prepare to receive the Lord with joy, the Christian community has recommended, since the early centuries, a time of fast from food and drink taken for nutrition. This ancient tradition of receiving the Eucharist before any food shows the importance of sacramental food. A time of silence and recollection is also desirable before Mass and Communion. *Normal rules:* The general Eucharistic fast is one hour from food and from beverages. Water and medicine do not break the fast. *For the dying:* No Eucharistic fast is necessary. *For the sick* (at home or in hospital, even if not confined to bed), for the elderly and for those who care for them: water and medicine at any time; they may receive Communion even if they have had something to eat or drink within the previous hour.



The next Life Night is on January 18th. Beginning with Mass at 4pm, 5 to 5:30 dinner and Life Night from 5:30 to 7:30. Feel free to bring a friend.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

There is a Teen Meeting on Tuesday, January 14th or Wednesday, January 15th at 7pm at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Keswick. Please attend whichever meeting is most convenient. Attendance required at only one meeting.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, especially at the 4pm Mass in Keswick. Please speak with Father.

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