

DECEMBER 30, 2018

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 3:00 pm - 8:00pm

Sat 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Sun 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat);

9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

VESPERS Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm

LAUDS Sat: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm



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STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES

By Michael Pirri

"So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2.16-19)

There is a great German carol *Es Ist Ein Ros*, whose first line in English is "Lo, how a rose e'er blooming", or the lesser known "A Spotless Rose is blowing". Within Mary the root of the rose is said to be growing. In English, we infer the rose is Jesus, sprung up from the root of Jesse, making reference to Isaiah 11.1: *"A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots."* In the original German however, the rose is Mary, making reference to Galatians 2.1: *"I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys."*

Our Gospel reading on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is also heard on Christmas day this year. In it, Mary pauses and treasures the news from the shepherds. Having just delivered a baby, she's likely exhausted both mentally and physically when strangers show up and share with her the news from the angels. I can imagine that privacy and safety were among the primary concerns for Mary and Joseph when they settled for the evening in the stable. Amidst all this chaos, Mary welcomed the news from the shepherds the same way she welcomed the news from Gabriel at the Annunciation: with a quiet receptiveness. We too must have the courage to hear the messages God has for us amidst the chaos.

HOLY FAMILY READINGS:

1 SAMUEL 1.20-22, 24-28

PSALM 84

1 JOHN 3.1-2, 21-24

LUKE 2.41-52

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD READINGS:

NUMBERS 6.22-27

PSALM 67

GALATIANS 4.4-7

LUKE 2.16-21

A setting of "A Spotless Rose" by Herbert Howells will be sung on December 31st, at the 5:00PM Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are currently in need of Altar Servers who are able to serve at the Saturday 5:00PM and Sunday 4:30PM Masses on a regular basis. Women and men who are interested are invited to contact Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or (416) 926-1300 x.3210

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

January 5/6 is the next John Ford First Sunday Food Drive. Although all donations are accepted, we are in most in need of:

- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Corn
- Canned Tuna, Salmon
- Mayonnaise
- Cookies
- Family-size Juices
- Fruit Cups
- Cake Mix
- Granola Bars
- Vegetable Oil
- Vegetable Stock
- Tea
- Sugar
- Salt, Spices
- Apple Sauce

If you are able and willing, please contact Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or (416) 926-1300 x.3210

Thank you for your continued support of the Out of the Cold and Miller Group Outreach Ministries.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

As the new year is about to begin, our Parish Office is looking to ensure that information is properly recorded in our system. If you have moved in 2018, please confirm your new address with the Parish Office so that you will receive the donation receipt at the correct address.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note in addition to the office closures on January 1st, the Parish Offices will only be open from 10:00AM to 1:00PM until our regular weekday schedule resumes on January 7, 2019. The weekend office hours remain unchanged.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Please note the following Mass schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Jan 1)

- Monday 5:00pm (Vigil)
- Tuesday 9:00am, 12:00pm;
NO 10:30am or 4:30pm; **Parish office Closed**

FAMILY COFFEE HOUR

Families with young children are invited to join us at our monthly gathering following the 9AM Mass on **January 6**. An opportunity to meet other families in our community and for the children to celebrate the arrival of the Wise Men in Bethlehem.

To mark Epiphany, we will be serving a traditional French "Galette des Rois" - we hope to mark this feast day with all our young families!

COLLECTING: RELIGIOUS THEMED CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd team is collecting religious themed Christmas cards for use in our children's program. Rather than recycling the Christmas greetings you received this year, please consider donating the used cards to our program. Since we simply need the religious drawing at the front of the card, feel free to cut away the back cover.

Cards can be left at the back of the church in the basket designated for this purpose. Used religious themed Christmas cards will be accepted until Sunday January 13.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Total Unavailable



MASS INTENTIONS

DEC 30TH – JAN 5TH

SUNDAY FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

9:00am *Pro Propulo*
10:30am *Pro Propulo*
12:00pm *Pro Propulo*
4:30pm *Pro Propulo*

MONDAY

7:30am *Pro Propulo*
12:10pm *Pro Propulo*
5:00pm *Pro Propulo*

TUESDAY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:00am *Pro Propulo*
12:00pm *Pro Propulo*

WEDNESDAY ST. BASIL AND ST. GREGORY

7:30am The Thalheimer Family
12:10pm Tom and Loulo Prassas (+)

THURSDAY

7:30am Wesley Horne (+)
12:10pm Donald Purschke (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am Felipe Macalino (+)
12:10pm *Vocations*

SATURDAY

5:00pm Juan Amestoy (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Mary O'Brien, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Gemma Ciavarelal, Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Rebecca Beaton, Gemma Ciavarella, Rita Moran, Marie Ange, Paul O'Brien, Barbara Boyle, Carry Eillen, Maria Teresa Blackwell, Donna Wood, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Emilia Perejmybida, Young-Mi Sim, Marywynne Parke, and Jasper David-Fuchs.

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