

Something to ponder.....



John the Baptist's message was: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." In fact, this is exactly the same message that Jesus will proclaim at the beginning of his public life (Mark 1:15). The word for repent here means much more than just being sorry for past misdeeds. The Greek verb *metanoieite* means having a radical change in one's thinking. It means seeing the world in a completely different way and taking on board a whole new set of values. 'Linked with this call is the proclamation, "The kingdom of heaven is close at hand." John in announcing the nearness of the Kingdom is pointing to Jesus, who is the divine incarnation of the Kingdom. In his human person he images perfectly his unseen Father and calls us to follow him in the same Way. As he will say later, he IS in fact THE Way. To live in him, through him and with him is to reach the ultimate goal of our existence - perfect union with the Father. All of this is included in this simpler proclamation of John, to be repeated by Jesus later himself.'



Archdiocese Toronto Day of Confession:



All the parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation available on **Wednesday, December 14th, 2016**. Please consult the Archdiocese website for available times.

The schedule for Our Lady of the Airways Parish will be as follows:

8:30AM – 12:00PM; 1:00PM– 6:30PM
& 7:30pm – 9:00pm

New Additional Times for Confession:

Our Lady of the Parish will be adding more times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The additional times are as follows:

- Every Wednesdays (7:30-7:50am & 6:30-6:50pm)
- Every First Fridays of the Month (7:30-7:50am & 6:30-6:50pm)
- Every Saturday mornings (8:00-8:20 am)

These additional times are now in effect.



Effective immediately, the church will remain opened throughout the day. It will no longer be closed from 4-6pm as was the case in the past. Can you spare a few moments during your busy day to spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament?

Mass Intentions & Activities for the Week

December 5th — 11th 2016

Monday: December 5th -

8:00am – Thesiamma Chacko

7:00pm – +Mary Manuelpillai

Tuesday: December 6th

8:00am – + Giuseppe Francesco Bava

7:00pm – + Antonia Zottola (1st year death anniv.)

Wednesday: December 7th

8:00am – + Luis Miguel +Maria Pinto

7:00pm – + Giuseppina Petrucci

7:00pm – Advent Retreat

Thursday: December 8th

8:00am – +Roy Thuraishingam

7:00pm – +Giovani Crisostomo

Friday: December 9th

8:00am – +Jao Guilherme + Alda Rodrigues

7:00pm – + Pacencia + Graciano Cortes

Saturday: December 10th

8:30am – +Gabriel Fernandes Jr.

9:00am – Baptismal Preparation

5:00pm – +Paul, Mildred, Milroy Antony + Roy

Thuraishingam

Sunday: December 11th

9:00am – +Maria + Jose Marques

10:30am – +Aldo Proia

12:00pm – For the Community of OLA (Blessing of the Shrine and Families of the Apostolate)

Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.



WEEKLY OFFERINGS



Last Sunday Collection \$ 6,026.00

Thank You For Your Generosity!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2017 READY FOR PICK-UP



Those who wish to receive envelopes are asked to fill out the registration form at the back and indicate that they would like to receive envelopes for next year. Offerings can be used as a tax write-off. Please throw away your 2016 sets of envelopes in the new year. Please write your name and address for few weeks to verify in our computer data.



In preparation of the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Fr. Thomas Lim will be giving a Advent retreat focusing on the Seven Capital Sins on **December 7th, 2016 - 8:00pm to 9:00pm.**

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Pilgrimage: to the Fatima Shrine in Youngstown,

New York, on Sunday, December 10, 2016. Spiritual Leader of Fr. Thomas Lim. Parishioners and friends are invited to participate to an afternoon of prayer, devotions to Our Lady, song, and a view of the spectacular displays of Christmas lights in Niagara Falls. Cost per person is \$35.00. For more information please Contact Silvana Morra -416-579-4798.



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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of Christmas Poinsettias in our Sanctuary. If you wish to dedicate your flowers, please fill out the "Christmas Flower" envelop which can be found in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Dedication forms will be accepted until Friday, December 23rd, 2016. God Bless!

Second Sunday of Advent - December 4, 2016

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997, email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca**

Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide — Did you know?

Since Canada legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide in June 2016, 374 people across the country have already died by lethal injection. Meanwhile, only 30% of Canadians have access to quality palliative (end of life) care. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and write directly to your Member of Provincial Parliament.

Friars' Student Writing Award 2017

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2017. The theme for this coming year is "*Reconciliation—The love of Christ compels us*" (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-20). Students should read the above Scripture passage and respond to the following statement in the essay:

As the Christian world reflects on the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation (1517-2017) and after reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-20, discuss the main obstacles to Christian reconciliation and ways to overcome them based on your own experiences.

First prize is an iPad Air 2 (64 GB), second prize is a Kobo Aura H2O, and third to sixth prizes are a one-subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be edited and published in The Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is **January 13, 2017**. E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or FAX it to 416-934-3409 (please include your full name, email address, phone number, and the name of your school on the front page). Please call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 for more information.

Il Domenica di Avvento

Abramo concepì Isacco per la fede nella promessa di Dio "e divenne padre di molti popoli" (cf. Rm 4,18-22). Ugualmente Maria concepì Gesù per mezzo della fede. La concezione verginale di Gesù fu opera dello Spirito Santo, ma per mezzo della fede di Maria. È sempre Dio che opera, ma attraverso la collaborazione dell'uomo. Credere, infatti, è rispondere con fiducia alla parola di Dio, accogliere i suoi piani come se fossero propri e sottomettersi in obbedienza alla sua volontà per collaborarvi. La fede vuole

sempre: 1) la fiducia in Dio e 2) la professione di ciò che si crede, poiché "con il cuore si crede per ottenere la giustizia e con la bocca si fa la professione di fede per avere la salvezza" (Rm 10,10). Una volta riconosciuta vera la parola di Dio, Maria credette alla concezione verginale di Gesù e credette pure alla volontà di Dio di salvare gli uomini peccatori, la volle e aderì a quel piano lasciandosi coinvolgere: "Eccomi, sono la serva del Signore, avvenga di me quello che hai detto" (Lc 1,38). Dalla sua fede quindi nacque Gesù e pure la Chiesa. Perciò, insieme ad Elisabetta che esclamò: "Beata colei che ha creduto all'adempimento delle parole del Signore" (Lc 1,45), ogni generazione oggi la proclama beata (cf. Lc 1,48). La Chiesa ha il compito di continuare nel mondo la missione materna di Maria, quella di comunicare il Salvatore al mondo. Il cristiano di oggi deve fare proprio il piano di Dio "il quale vuole che tutti gli uomini siano salvati" (1Tm 2,4), proclamando la propria salvezza e lasciandosi attivamente coinvolgere nel portare la salvezza al prossimo, poiché "in questo è glorificato il Padre mio: che portiate molto frutto e diventiate miei discepoli (Gv 15,8).

