

Our Lady of the Airways Preparing for Christmas



Christmas Concert - Sunday, Dec. 2nd at 4:30pm

All Parishioners are welcomed to attend!

Children's Christmas Eve Choir

Children in Grade 3 and up are invited to participate in a Christmas Choir to sing at the **5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass**.

Practices Times are as follows:

Sat. Dec. 15th & Sat. Dec. 22nd - 6pm to 6:45pm,
and Mon. Dec. 24th - 4:15pm.

Those interested are asked to meet Zabrina Villasanta in the church.



BAKE SALE Just in time for Christmas!

Saturday, Dec. 15 & Sunday, Dec. 16

This annual event is a great opportunity for our Community to greet each other, enjoy a cup of coffee and take home some yummy homemade goodies. We are calling on all the talented and generous parishioners to bake items such as: cup cakes, rostoli, pizzelle, cookies, fudge, pies, cakes, bread, and other items of your choice. The sale begins on Sat., Dec. 15th after the 5pm Mass, and continues on Sun., Dec. 16th after all Masses. **We ask that baked goods be dropped off at the church on Sat., Dec. 15th anytime after 10am.**



Vendita Dolci nella nostra parrocchia **Sabato 15 Dicembre, e Domenica 16 Dicembre**

Questo evento annuale é una buona opportunità per la nostra comunità d' incontrarsi e godersi una tazza di caffè, e comprare dolci fatti in casa. Chiediamo a tutti i dotati e generosi pasticceri della nostra comunità di preparare qualche dolce, per esempio: Pizzelle, Crostole, Crostate, Biscotti, Fudge, Torte, Pane o dolci di vostra preferenza. La vendita incomincia Sabato, 15 Dicembre dopo la messa delle 5:00pm e continua Domenica, 16 Dicembre dopo ogni messa. **I dolci possono essere portati in Chiesa a partire dalle 10:00am Sabato, 15 Dicembre.**



Sponsor a Christmas Poinsettia

Parishioners are invited to sponsor poinsettias for our Christmas decorations. You may make your donations by using the "Christmas Flower" envelopes which can be found in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

Please place your envelopes in the weekend offertory collection. Thank You!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday: December 3rd

8:00am - For the Living Members of the Capogna & Cervini Families

Tuesday: December 4th

7:00pm - †Venerando, Felicia and Giuseppe Trovato;
†Giuseppina Luciano

Wednesday: December 5th

8:00am - †Giuseppe Francesco Bava
7:00pm - For the Intentions of the Living Members of the Farhat Family

Thursday: December 6th

8:00am - †Mary Manuepillai

Friday: December 7th

8:00am - †Luis Miguel and Maria Pinto
7:00pm - †For the Deceased Members of the Thuraisingham Family

Saturday: December 8th

8:30am - †Francis Pegado Fernandes;
†Roy Thuraisingham
5:00pm - For the People of Our Parish

Sunday: December 8th

9:00am - †Winifred Mitchell
10:30am - †Serafina Gianchegorio
12:00pm - †Mario Buosi and Family



Let us pray!

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

Eucharistic Adoration



Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Friday from 8:30am to 7pm. Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?

Waiting in Hope

Advent Retreat - Saturday, Dec. 15th
St. Augustine's Seminary



Dr. Josephine Lombardi will lead a reflection on the theological virtues: faith, hope and charity, with special attention given to the virtue of hope. She will examine the obstacles to being people of hope and how we can "wait on" the Lord during the season of Advent and throughout the year. The retreat will include Mass in the seminary chapel.

Time: 9:30am to 3:00pm **Fee:** \$50.00 includes lunch
To register or for more information, please call 416-261-7207
or visit: <http://www.staugustines.on.ca/>

Weekly Offertory



Last Week's Collection: \$ 4,927.00

Christmas Flowers: \$ 2,492.00

Thank You For Your Generosity



Today we begin the new liturgical year. We will spend the year, like every liturgical year, following the life of Jesus from the time of John the Baptist's preaching to the great salvific events of Jesus' Passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension and giving of the Holy Spirit. Each liturgical season

helps us meditate upon and pray over the life of Jesus, whom we strive to imitate as disciples.

Today's Gospel paints a frightening picture of huge natural calamities heralding the end. We pray not to have to live through such events. Similarly, as Advent progresses we will hear the call of John the Baptist to repent and amend our ways. Being honest with our sinfulness in the face of such preaching can be depressing.

But do not stop at the frightening side of these modes of preparing ourselves. Realize that we are being called to look beyond them to see the light, the beauty of God's promise. "Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Our Redeemer is coming; indeed, he is in our midst. Regardless of what we must go through, whether it be disaster or the slavery of sin, our merciful and loving God is waiting to wrap warm and tender arms around us, the in-God's-only-Son Beloved.

(Fr. Mark Miller, CSsR, Living with Christ)

Il Vangelo di Luca è indirizzato ai cristiani della sua epoca ma anche a quelli di tutti i tempi, che devono vivere nella fede del Signore in mezzo al mondo. Sono parole di consolazione e di speranza, di fronte alle tribolazioni e alle tristezze della vita.

Gli stessi avvenimenti che disorientano gli uomini saranno per i cristiani il segno che l'ora della salvezza si avvicina. Dietro tutte le peripezie, per quanto dolorose possano essere, essi potranno scoprire il Signore che annuncia la sua venuta, la sua redenzione, e l'inizio di una nuova era. La venuta del Signore non è considerata come una cosa vicina nel tempo. I cristiani devono pensare che la storia duri a lungo, fino alla creazione definitiva del Regno di Dio. È necessario dunque che essi abbiano un'attitudine paziente di fronte alle avversità, e perseverante nel cammino che li conduce alla vita piena.

Così, il vangelo mette in guardia contro il pericolo di rilassarsi nel quotidiano. Bisogna restare vigili, in preghiera, e chiedere forza, perché ogni affanno terreno smussa i cuori, distrae il pensiero e impedisce di vivere, senza angoscia né sorpresa, l'attesa gioiosa del Signore che è misericordia e vita nuova.

Vocations Corner...

*"To love Him with all the heart
and with all the understanding,
and with all the strength" and*

"to love one's neighbour as oneself"

are the greatest commandments. If you feel that God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, religious or deacon, please call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,**

Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Web: www.vocationstoronto.ca



Offering Envelopes



2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK-UP!

Parishioners are asked to pick up their 2019 Offertory Envelopes in the chapel. It is important that you discard all previous envelopes when the New Year commences. Please enter your full name and address on the first few 2019 envelopes so that we may allocate donations correctly for income tax purposes.

If you do not have offertory envelopes and would like a box, please fill out a request form found in the church foyer or in the parish office.



"The Depth of God's Grace" Young Adults Ages 19 - 35



Spiritus Vitae is inviting all Young Adults between the ages of 19 - 35 to a talk titled,

"The Depth of God's Grace: The Greatest Gift You'll Ever Receive."

The speaker, Ms. Susan Goncz, a former Ryerson Campus Minister and now Spiritual Director, will speak extensively on God's Grace - how to see it, make sense of it within one's life, and how to act upon it.

Where: Our Lady of the Airways Parish

When: Wed., Dec. 5th at 7:00pm

Stay and meet other young adults!!

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.



EDGE YOUTH CORNER



Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?

All students in **grade 6 - 8** are welcome to our next **EDGE Night on Friday, Dec. 7th**, from 7pm - 9pm.

EDGE Registration Fee: \$35 (EDGE t-shirt included)

September 2018 to June 2019 Session

Registration forms available in the church foyer.

For registration info, please contact 905-677-4615 or email: OLAyouthministry@hotmail.com

Calling all **"OLA Teens"** in grades 9 - 12!

Are you looking for service hour opportunities?

Please join us for our next
LIFE TEEN - Bake Sale & Community Service
on **December 15th/16th, 2018**
after all weekend Masses.

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OLA Young Adults

Programs and Events for ages 19 - 39.

Follow us on Twitter: [@Airways_YA](https://twitter.com/Airways_YA)