

Our Lady of the Airways - Preparing for Christmas

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 è 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 pasticciatori 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.**



ADVENT WEEK OF CONFESSIONS

Week of December 17th - 21st, 2018

Parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation available during the week of December 17th - 21st, 2018. Please consult the Archdiocese website for the locations and confessional times.

Confessions at Our Lady of the Airways Parish will be on Thursday, Dec. 20th:

8:30am to noon, 3:00pm to 6:00pm and 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Confessions will also be available at our neighbouring parishes as follows:

St. Benedict Parish - Wednesday, Dec 12th from 6pm to 9pm

St. Anthony of Padua Parish - Monday, Dec. 17th: 7pm to 9pm

St. Patrick Parish

Wednesday, Dec. 19th from 6pm-9pm
Saturday, Dec. 22th from 3pm-5pm

St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish - Wednesday, Dec. 19th from 9am-9pm

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

Wednesday, Dec. 19th from 10am to 2pm and 6pm to 7:30pm

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday: December 10th

8:00am - †Babu Michael

Tuesday: December 11th

7:00pm - †Damiana & Antonio Luciano;
†Carlos Cando

Wednesday: December 12th

8:00am - †Palmino & Maria Grazia Bava
7:00pm - †Ivan & Antonia Canjar;
†Filomena Fabrizio;
†Emmanuel Zammit;
†Giuseppe Greco;
†Maria Antonia Paduano;
†Carmela Borzaro

Thursday: December 13th

8:00am - Thanksgiving to the Holy Family

Friday: December 14th

8:00am - †Albertina & John Fernandes
7:00pm - †Tony Di Mascio

Saturday: December 15th

8:30am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00pm - †Jose & Maria Marques

Sunday: December 16th

9:00am - For the People of Our Parish
10:30am - †Gaetano Giordano
12:00pm - †Flavio Tabarretti



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?

Weekly Offertory



Last Week's Collection: \$ 5,202.00

Building Fund: \$ 5,519.00

Thank You For Your Generosity

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Lately I've been feeling that a lot of things are off track in the world. Despite our having enough food to feed the planet, millions are starving. Even in Canada, a land of plenty, countless families rely on food banks. We know we need to care for the Earth, our common home, but we buy too much stuff and fill our world with garbage and pollution. Despite seeing the damage conflict causes, we think peace is out of our reach.

Baruch and John the Baptist speak of the Lord making the crooked straight and the rough ways smooth; this gives me hope that we can find some balance. John the Baptist invites the people of his day, and us, to turn back to God and prepare the way of the Lord - not only during Advent, but all year long.

As followers of Christ, we are meant to live in ways that make the crooked straight. Of course, it's not always easy. It means doing things differently. We may even need to spend some time in the wilderness - disconnect from social media, the Internet, malls and TV - to adjust our attitudes and rediscover what's important. But when we do, we will truly understand that, as today's psalm tells us, "The Lord has done great things for us," and we will be "filled with joy."

(Anne Louise Mahoney, *Living with Christ*)

La seconda domenica di Avvento presenta la figura di Giovanni Battista come segno della venuta della salvezza di Dio. La storia vive qui il suo culmine: il momento più atteso e più desiderato, il momento dell'annuncio del regno di Dio che comincia: il Messia sta per arrivare. Nella tradizione dei grandi profeti dell'Antico Testamento, la parola di Dio è rivolta a Giovanni nel deserto. Giovanni - figlio di Zaccaria - diventa così profeta e precursore del Messia.

Malgrado le paure e il terrore che ispira, il deserto è, nella memoria religiosa del popolo di Israele, il luogo di riunione, dove Dio ha parlato al cuore del suo popolo, il luogo dove Dio è stato più che mai il pastore del suo gregge.

Del deserto Giovanni denuncia e ricorda l'identità religiosa più particolare del suo popolo: il Dio d'Israele è fedele al suo legame e mantiene le sue promesse di salvezza. Convoca di nuovo i suoi nel deserto, per annunciare loro l'arrivo del Messia. Ma Dio si aspetta sempre dall'uomo un minimo di collaborazione ed esigerà da lui un battesimo di conversione, la purificazione dei suoi peccati, e lo sforzo di superare gli ostacoli che gli impediscono di vedere l'alba della salvezza.



OLA Christmas For the Needy

The St. Vincent de Paul Society invites you to remember the poor through your generous gifts of non-perishable food. Donations can be dropped off in the SVDP Food Bin between now and December 15th.

Most urgent needs include: Peanut Butter and Jam, Kraft Dinner, Canned Tuna, Corned Beef, Canned Peaches or Pears, Beefaroni, Cookies and Snack Bars for School Lunches. Please, no outdated food.

Thank you and may God bless you!

"The season of Advent restores . . . a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word.

A hope which does not disappoint,
simply because the Lord never disappoints! . . .
Let us think about and feel this beauty." - Pope Francis

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.

Vocations Corner...



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 you think 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

EDGE YOUTH CORNER OLATEEN

Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?

All students in **grade 6 - 8** are welcome to our next EDGE Night on **Friday, Jan. 11th**, from 7pm - 9pm.

EDGE Registration Fee: \$25

January 2019 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.

Follow us on Instagram: ourladyairwaysyouth

OLA Young Adults

Programs and Events for ages 19 - 39.

Follow us on Twitter: @Airways_YA