



7 December 2014

... *Peace*

A few thoughts from the Pastor:

During Lent we go into the desert with Christ our Lord; during the Advent season we go with John the Baptist into the wilderness. Preparing "the way of the Lord" involves our awareness of sin. Repentance can bring reconciliation and peace not only to our troubled hearts, but to a restless, fractured world.

This is the wilderness that will receive the revelation of Christ the Lord at Christmas. The new Heavens and new earth where "the wolf will live with the lamb" and God "will gather the lambs in His arms, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep".

The gift of Christ's peace is the Christmas gift that we all can share with our families and the world.



"NEW" GIVING TREE

Our "New" Giving Tree is now up in Our Lady's Chapel. You'll notice that this year's tree is sporting a "new look" with requests for **gift cards only**.

We have chosen Walmart exclusively since this store provides the variety of items which recipients have requested in past years. **PLEASE BRING ALL GIFT CARDS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE** as soon as you can, during office hours. For cash donations, please make your cheque payable to St. Anthony's Parish. Upon request, tax receipts will be issued for all cash donations or for gift cards of \$25 or above. Your generosity in helping families in need this Christmas is greatly appreciated.



EVERY 2ND AND 4TH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH (EXCLUDING LONG WEEKENDS) AT ST. ANTHONY'S. T-SHIRT IS \$10. FOR GRADES 6-8. REGISTRATION IS FREE.

NEXT: CHRISTMAS SOCIAL ON DECEMBER 13TH. STARTS WITH 5:00PM MASS.

Steubenville Toronto youth conference is coming Aug 7-9, 2015 for high school students.

There will be a parents information session and registration in the church on Saturday, Dec.13 after the 5pm Mass. Youth that are in Grade 8-12 now are eligible. Deposit is \$50 per youth.



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 8, 2014

Immaculate Conception of the Bl. Virgin
7:00p.m. Intention:
†Lino & Beatrice Grech
†Caterina & Eugenio Moscon
†Norah Mount
†Aldina Xavier Pacheco
Thanksgiving for Robinson family

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
9:00a.m. Intention:
†Sebastian Lobo

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

Ferial (Archdiocesan Day of Confessions)
9:00a.m. Intention:
†Oliveira family

Thursday, December 11, 2014

St. Damasus I
9:00a.m. Intention:
†Caterina & Eugenio Moscon

Friday, December 12, 2014

Our Lady of Guadalupe
9:00a.m. Intention:
†Paul McLean

Saturday, December 13, 2014

St. Lucy
9:00a.m. Intention:
†Joseph Prospero

Pray for the sick...



Giuseppina Lanese	Edwina Fraser
Anna Maria Casiello	Leona King
Fareeda Mongrue	Doug Winter
Darcie Camilleri	Joseph Digby
Shannon Grant	Brad Faltash



**A Very Warm Welcome to our Newest Refugee Family:
Rani, George and Gabriel**

Well the excitement never ends! On Monday night, members of our Refugee Committee welcomed our second Syrian family at Pearson Airport.

Rani, George and Gabriel are the three Syrian brothers that we have been expecting for a while. God was certainly looking after them because Lufthansa Air went on strike the very next day.

Knowing the various challenges this family has faced, especially with the recent death of their father, it was extremely touching to finally be able to welcome them to Canada. They arrived very tired having been up for over 40 hours but were pleased with the small reception prepared in their honour.

It is always so powerful to hear “newcomers” say: “God is good. He has brought us safely to Canada. Here, there are no bombs...there are no killings. It is a land of peace.”

Again, through hard work and many “acts of love”, a two bedroom apartment was transformed into a beautiful and welcoming “home”. A big thank you to the Refugee Committee for all their hard work and many thanks to the parishioners who generously contributed items or gift cards.

CHRISTMAS HELP



St. Anthony of Padua Parish is accepting names of individuals or families requiring help this **Christmas**. Please call the Outreach Line at 905-793-8030, ext. 116. Messages will be picked up daily at around 5 p.m. A screened caregiver will then contact you for further confidential information.

You must be a parishioner or living in the boundaries of St. Anthony Parish.



Knights’ Annual Christmas Food Drive is on this weekend -- Saturday and Sunday December 6/7. Donations of non-perishable items and monetary gifts will be accepted. All items collected will be used to assist families this Christmas.

“Keep Christ in Christmas” wrist bands will also be available for a donation of \$1.00 or more, along with window stickers for \$12.00.

Also. . . .the Knights of Columbus are selling "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" lawn signs \$15.00 each. To reserve or make a purchase please contact Barry Giles 905 793 3870.



Offertory Envelopes 2014/15

Please pick up your numbered envelopes as soon as possible in order that we may clean up the foyer in time for Christmas.

Be sure and double check that your name and address are correct.

A convenient way of donating is also through our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan. For more information please pick up a green brochure in the foyer or speak with the office staff.

New: Papal Blessing Certificates to mark a milestone wedding anniversary, an ordination, or sacrament, can now be ordered online at www.vatican.va under the Roman Curia tab, then the Office of Papal Charities.

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2014

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca



On Wednesday, December 10, parishes across the Archdiocese will take part in the Day of Confessions.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish will participate during the hours of:

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
and
1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.