

1st December 2013

A few thoughts from the Pastor:

Any work or activity engages us in vigilance. We are summoned to keep watch over the task we are called to perform. If you are parents of young children, it is a constant duty to care for your children. Caregivers, teachers, health professionals, police, soldiers and crossing guards all vigilantly protect and care for those they are responsible to serve.

The Advent season is a time of keeping watch by waiting upon the Lord's coming and living the responsibilities God entrusts us to uphold. Our responsibilities to serve help us be aware that the trust God gives us is a gift for us because each of our charges are gifts of God; that belong to God. Peace on earth begins with peace in our homes and workplaces and in our community as we prayerfully keep watch.

GIVING TREE

St. Anthony's Parish has a great tradition of reaching out to families in need at Christmas through our "Giving Tree" which is now set up in Our Lady's Chapel.

This year again, families are asking for some very basic items such as hats/mittens, pajamas, socks and underwear. These are identified by the coloured tags on the tree. The beige tags in the baskets are requests for specific gifts such as toys, clothes, and various household items. The green tags which are also in a basket are requests for gift cards. We ask each of you to take a tag or two and bring your unwrapped gift back in a gift bag with tissue and the tag no later than **December 8th**. For clothes, boots, etc., we ask that you attach a **gift receipt to the tag**. If you are unable to take a tag but would like to make a donation, please mark "Giving Tree" on your envelope. Thank you for your kind generosity at this very special time of year.



SEMINAR OF HOPE - FREE SEMINAR

Have your loved ones stopped practicing their faith?
Do you feel guilty in how you raised your children because they have left the church?
Do you wonder why God is not answering your prayers for your children/grandchildren?
How can you pray effectively for them and for yourself?

Friday, Dec.6th – 7:30PM to 9:30PM & Saturday, Dec.7th – 10:00AM to 4:30PM
ST. ANNE'S CHURCH 115 Vodden St. Brampton 905-453-1303
Pre-register to receive your FREE participant manual
vernon@seminarofhope.org Info: www.seminarofhope.org

The Knights of Columbus will be selling **Keep Christ In Christmas** wrist bands after every Mass next weekend, **December 7/8**. The cost of \$1.00 or any donation given, will help cover the cost for the Christmas Baskets given out to the needy Families at Christmas. We thank you for your continuous support.

FUNDSCRIP IS BACK IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!

Please support the youth group by buying all your gift card purchases through us.
Over 150 stores to choose from.

Order dates: after all Masses this weekend (Nov30-Dec1) & next weekend Dec 7-8.

Pickup dates: after all Masses on Dec 14-15 weekend.



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 2, 2013

Ferial

7:00p.m.

Intentions:

✠Vic Villapanalo
✠Boni & Linda Ebron
Norah Mount
Eriberto & Aurora Alenton
Lil Helen Alenton

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

St. Francis Xavier

9:00a.m.

Intention:

✠Caterina & Eugenio Moscon

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

St. John Damascene

9:00a.m.

Intention:

✠Rolando Manrique

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Ferial

9:00a.m.

Intention:

✠Anthony Liau

First Friday, December 6, 2013

St. Nicholas

9:00a.m.

Intention:

✠Virginia DeRose

7:00p.m.

John & Joanne

Thanksgiving

✠Caterina & Eugenio Moscon

✠Agatha Christian Thomas

✠Leonila Aguirre

Saturday, December 7, 2013

St. Ambrose

9:00a.m.

Intention:

✠ Thanksgiving – Menezes Family

Pray for the sick....



Darcie Camilleri

Samantha Hearn

Fareeda Mongru

Norah Mount

Roy Tower

Rodrigo Ticar

Varlen Brailsford

Baby Katrina

Mary Hamilton

Georgeann Thompson

Arnel Manabat

Lumbertus Gomes

Lenus Samson

Gary Arsenault

Rheta Jobes

Elizabeth Velasco

Anita Aquilina

baby Danyal Juman

UNPACKING THE CREED... "I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT THE LORD THE GIVER OF LIFE"

Each part of the creed deals with a different person of the blessed trinity. The third and final part deals with the most difficult person, the Holy Spirit. Logically, the Father makes sense, he is the originator. Experientially the son makes sense, he lived among us. But what do we make of the third person? In the early history of the church many advocated leaving him out, based on the reasoning that he was not really a distinct person but a reflection of the other two. Kind of like your shadow, it does not really exist on its own.

But there is no doubt that in the New Testament the third Person is regarded as fully divine and equal to the Father and the Son. Scripture calls him the "Spirit", "the Spirit of God", "the Spirit of Jesus", "The Holy Spirit", the "gift" of God, the "advocate." He is represented by certain mysterious symbols such as a dove (Matt. 3.6), or wind, fire and prophesy (Acts 2).

He is referred to as Lord, a term derived from the Hebrew expression Yahweh that indicates divinity, because he equal to the Father and the son. We also profess that the Holy Spirit is the "giver of life". For the ancients, breath in the body (which is what "spirit" literally means) was the sign of life. Then it came to mean the source or principle of life. God's Spirit was involved in the production of all life in the world as we read in Genesis (1:2): "the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters." It is the Spirit that gives life, both physical and spiritual. In order to have eternal life a man must be born "of water and the Spirit" (Jn 3:5). So the creed testifies to our belief that indeed this third Person of the trinity is truly God and deserves equal honor and respect.



CHRISTMAS HELP

We are accepting names of individuals or families who require help this **Christmas**. Please call the church at 905-793-8030, ext. 116. This is the **Outreach line** which will be picked up every day at around 5:00 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's Church.**

New Beginnings: For those who have lost a loved one through Death, Separation or Divorce.

Come and join us for an informative evening:

Our Facilitator is **Father Fred Scinto C. R.,**

Topic: "I am in Grief: How do I face the Christmas Holidays"

Date: December 3, 2013, **Time:** 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Archdiocese of Toronto Pastoral Centre - 1155 Yonge St., 4th Floor, Toronto, ON. (It is on the North East corner of Yonge and Shaftebury - Free underground parking off Shaftebury and we are beside the Summerhill subway station.) Pre registration is NOT required. Enquiries: Deacon James Shaughnessy, MSW., RSW., Psyn.D. 416-921-1163 ext 2227 or email jshaughn@cfstoronto.com

Day of Confessions

December 11, 2013

To return to the Lord with integrity, we benefit greatly from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year, we will provide the opportunity for all Catholics to avail themselves of this sacrament. On Wednesday the 11th of December 2013, we will be celebrating a Day of Confessions throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness.

Confessions at St. Anthony of Padua will be available from
9:30am – 12 noon and 1:00pm – 9:00pm

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The Secular Franciscans will be selling calendars again on the weekend of Dec 7/8.

The cost will be \$5.00 each.

First Sunday of Advent – December 1, 2013

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to ministerial service, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@vocations.ca
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 15th
7:00pm

St. Anthony of Padua Church

All welcome

Brampton Civic Hospital

Effective immediately, when being admitted to hospital you will **not** be asked your religion. You **may** be asked if you wish a visit from your faith community. If you, your family or friends, when being admitted to the hospital wish a visit and/or Holy Communion from the church, please ensure you tell the admitting clerk and also contact the church office at 905-793-8030 at ext. 4.

GRAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Featuring:
The Choirs of
St. Anthony of Padua Parish
This Sunday, 1st December 2013
at 3 p.m.

Join us as we enjoy beautiful Christmas music and a tableaux.

Refreshments on sale - proceeds to St. Anthony of Padua Parish