

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE & POTLUCK DINNER

The Catholic Women's League will be selling their annual Christmas Raffle Tickets after all masses on **TODAY!** Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. All proceeds will benefit local charities. Please visit our display for a complete list of prizes to be won. Draw date is Tuesday, December 6 at the annual CWL Christmas Pot Luck Dinner.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 5th - 10th, 2016

Mon Dec 5 th	8am +Maria Finamore
Tues. Dec 6 th	8am +Catherine Hao
Wed. Dec 7 th	8am +Paciencia Santos 7pm Holy Spirit CES
Thurs. Dec 8 th	8am +Natalie Agius 9am Our Lady of Grace School 7pm Our Parish Feast Day Immaculate Conception
Fri. Dec 9 th	8am +Diniz Melo 9:15am St. Joseph CES
Sat. Dec 10 th	9am Carmela Forgione

FIRST COMMUNION

We continue to receive returns from families wishing to have children in grade two or above receive their first communion after Easter in 2017. If you have a child for communion, please pick up the form before or after mass from one of the priests or Sandra and return in a timely fashion to another Sunday mass.

CONFIRMATION

We are forming the classes for confirmation in late May and early June. The forms are available before or after mass on Saturday or Sunday. We encourage families to return these forms in a timely fashion so that they are not scheduled for confirmation at a later date than the other students.

DECEMBER SCHOOL VISITS

During the month of December, the children in our schools will be visited by members of our pastoral team. The parable for this month will be the Gospel according to Matthew 13:31-32, The Mustard Seed.

CALENDARS

Calendars will be available next weekend after the masses. We thank Thompson Funeral Home for their participation in this annual project

ALTAR SERVER AND HOSPITALITY sign-up sheets are in the sacristy and ushers room for Christmas and New Years.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** is once again planning our Christmas Hamper Program for families in need in our community. Last year, in partnership with Welcoming Arms, we were able to provide 125 Christmas hamper packages, assisting a total of 174 adults and 112 children.

This year we will be continuing with our tradition of providing Christmas gift packages made up of gift cards and a few Christmas treats. Providing gift cards (instead of gifts), allows our neighbours in need to purchase what they truly need, or to treat themselves to something they would not normally be able to afford.

You may deposit your donation in the St. Vincent de Paul boxes or drop it off at the parish office. There are special "St. Vincent de Paul" envelopes available at the back of the church. Tax receipts will be issued for cash or cheque donations over \$20, as long as a name and address is provided. Cheques should be made payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

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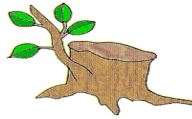
The Catholic Women's League 21st Annual Christmas Fair and Silent Auction was a great success! We would like to thank everyone in the parish that donated items to the silent auction, all-day draw, bake table, tacky treasures and to those people who attended our event on Saturday, November 19. With your very generous support, we were able to raise over **\$5,000** which will be donated to local charities in our community. Please continue to support our fundraising endeavors by purchasing our raffle tickets.

PARISH FEAST DAY- TUESDAY DECEMBER 8

Please join us for either the 8 a.m. or 7 p.m. Mass on Thursday, December 8, **The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, and our **Parish Feast Day**. At this Mass we pray for the continued intercession of **Our Lady of Grace** upon our parish and each of our families.

JESSE TREE TAGS

Please take your tags off the Jesse Tree. If you can have gift back by December 10th and 11th that would be helpful.



Let's continue to make this Advent effort the great success that it has been in other years.

"THE NATIVITY STORY"

Calling all angels, shepherds and wisemen. Please join us for our annual children's dramatization of "The Nativity Story" at the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve. We have costumes and there are no speaking parts just join in the fun of the season. If your child is interested in participating please complete the following three steps:

1. Email Jane Casey at jane.casey@rogers.com and outline the role your child is interested in playing. We will distribute all leading parts before the rehearsal (Mary, Joseph, star, wisemen, Gabriel and Herod).
2. Attend the 45 minute rehearsal on Saturday December 17th at 930 am in the Church.
3. Come to the Church Christmas Eve at 3pm ready to perform! **See you there!**

TORONTO WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR

with guest artist John Clements, presents
A Welcome Table Benefit
Concert at 7:30pm
Saturday, December 10, 2016
Afterglow... the music continues
immediately after the Concert, with pub fare
and a cash bar on the lower level
\$25 Concert Tickets \$10 Afterglow Tickets
Tickets available at twmvc.com and at
OLG parish office.

CRECHE RAFFLE

The manger scene at the back will be raffled off on December 18th Please buy your ticket before or on your date. All proceeds to St. Vincent DePaul.

THE PERSONAL INTENTIONS BOX

The box will be out by St. Joseph during the week and at the back of the church on Saturday and Sunday for you to put your intentions. Thank you to Pat Mulroy for craftsmanship in creating the box.

2017 ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the coming year will be available next weekend for pickup. As in previous years you take any box, the number does not matter. When you use the first couple you write your name on the envelopes. That will be your number for 2017.

Why do we not give you the same envelope number every year? Personal Security. Your household is away for an extended holiday. Your box of envelopes sits at the back is like an advertisement that there is no one home at your address for an extended period. Security can also relate to vulnerable parishioners who are often elders. We are once again advertising that at a certain address there is probably an elderly person in residence, especially if their box of envelopes says something like, "Mrs. John Brown."

The purpose of the number is strictly for proper accounting procedures. It has nothing else to do with who you are in the parish other than, that you are a generous parishioner.

PARISH RECONCILIATION FOR ADVENT

We will be having reconciliation with visiting priests on Wednesday, December 14th at 7 pm. We encourage as many as possible to make this the time for reconciliation leading up to Christmas. There will be some confessions on Christmas Eve in the morning.

RECONCILIATION IN THE SCHOOLS

We will not be having reconciliation at the schools in Advent. The cost of bringing enough priests to do the work effectively and the demands of time are both problematic. We encourage parents to bring their children to confession at the church on the 14th.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Last year we invited the parish to create the decorations for the parish Christmas tree. The tree this year will be up by the pulpit, but once again if parishioners, especially children could create the decorations that would be greatly appreciation. The tree will be up by December 17th and 18th for you to put the decorations on.

MARK THE DATE - SKATING PARTY

Monday January 2nd (a national holiday)
from 2PM-4PM Aurora Family Leisure
Complex on Industrial Parkway. Hot dogs
& hot chocolate at the church 4PM on.

