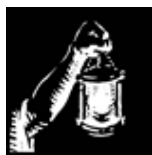


**In the midst of pre-holiday hyperactivity, we are offered this quiet season of reflection on Christ's coming among us, especially in unexpected moments. As with our ancestors in faith, his final return is unknown to us, so we probably don't think about it very much. But how aware are we of his presence to us now? Have we thought about what our response might be whenever or however he makes himself known to us? Advent is our time to do this.**



*"What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"*  
 ----Mark 13:37

**First Reading:** Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  
 A sinful people await God's presence  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
 God's gifts prepare the Corinthians for Christ's return  
**Gospel:** Mark 13:33-37  
 Be alert for the coming of the Lord

**Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 2, 2017</b>
5:00 PM	LUCIA VALERIO (RIP)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 3, 2017</b>
9:30 AM	FOR ALL OF THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH COMMUNITY
11:15 AM	VERONICA FERNANDES (RIP)
1:00 PM	BERT KRAMER (RIP)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 5, 2017</b>
8:30 AM	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 6, 2017</b>
8:30 AM	RON CADAWAS (RIP)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 7, 2017</b>
8:30 AM	100 <sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY BLESSING FOR ANNA PAES
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 8, 2017</b>
8:30 AM	CRISPINA CEPNIO (RIP)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 9, 2017</b>
9:00 AM	BLESSING FOR JOYCE POSADA BELINDA UY LUI (RIP)

**SUNDAY FOOD DONATION SCHEDULE**

**December 9-10**  
 Last name starting with W, X, Y, Z  
**December 16-17**  
 Last name starting with A



(Ages 18-39)  
 UPCOMING EVENTS:

**December 6, 2017 @ 7:00 PM**  
 Our Lady Queen of Poland (625 Middlefield Rd, Scarbo.)  
SPIRITAS VIA: Christo Café. Enjoy an evening of prayer, fellowship, the arts and refreshments. [Wear your favourite ugly Christmas sweater!]  
**December 11, 2017 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**  
 Boston Pizza (400 Progress Ave., Scarborough)  
CATHOLIC DATING 2.0: PRACTICAL LANGUAGE  
 Enjoy a fun evening with good conversation and fellowship, (munchies provided).  
**Special Guests:** Llorane & Renard Romero, Leanna Capiello, and Leslie Gyulay.

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**FOR MORE YOUNG ADULT EVENTS GO TO:**  
[www.faithconnections.ca/event](http://www.faithconnections.ca/event)



**BUNDLE UP COLLECTION**  
 DECEMBER 2-3, 2017

\*\*The truck will be parked in the back of the south parking lot  
 DO NOT DROP OFF ITEMS BEFORE OR AFTER THE WEEKEND DRIVE. WE HAVE NO SPACE TO STORE THEM!



**RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS**

\$8 for a pack of 10 cards  
 Call Brenda Bourne to purchase your cards!  
 416-279-1418



**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Friday, December 8, 2017  
 Join Us for Readings and The Rosary  
 from 12 noon to 1:00 pm



**Pre-Pilipino Christmas Mass Dates**  
 at St. Bartholomew Parish  
 December 15-17-18-20-22  
 8:00 pm

\*\*Other dates are posted on North Lobby Bulletin Board

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Calling all children from Kindergarten and up! Christmas is getting closer and closer. We need children to sign-up for parts in the Christmas Pageant which will be presented

Sunday, December 24 @ The 5:00 pm, Christmas Eve Mass.

We have speaking and non-speaking parts. **Please come out and join. Practices are every Saturday afternoon at 3:00pm.**



Do you have securities that have gone up in value? You can now make your Parish Offertory and special collections gifts using securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds). You will not have to pay any capital gains on your securities gift and you will get a tax receipt for the full amount. It's very easy to do! For more information: Development Office of the Toronto Archdiocese 416-934-3411 [archtoronto.org/development](http://archtoronto.org/development)



**ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Saturday, December 9, 2017**

**12:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

**"Children Helping Children"**

**Come and Enjoy Snacks, Fun Games, Crafts and Activities Celebrating Our Lord's Birthday.**

**Tickets sold in the Narthex after Mass - \$1**



**NOVEMBER 25-26**

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

**\$4964.00 (302 ENVELOPES)**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**First Sunday of Advent-December 3, 2017**

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact:

Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Dir.,  
Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997  
[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**MATURING ADULTS**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017 @ 1:00 pm**

**COME AND BE JOYFUL**

**Enjoy an Afternoon of Fellowship and Worship.**



**Join Us for a Service of Lessons and Carols for the Advent Christmas Season!**



**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**  
Ontario Regional Council

**AGINCOURT FAMILY SERVICES,**

**ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF ADULT WINTER WEAR (COATS, HATS, MITTS...), AND PERSONAL TOILETRIES (TOOTHBRUSHES, SOAP, DEODORANT...).**

**ALL DONATIONS ARE TO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SHEPPARD AVE. OFFICE LOCATED: 4155 SHEPPARD AVE. E., UNIT#100 416-321-6912 x221**

**MON – FRI 9:30AM – 3:00PM**

***"What you did unto the least of these you did unto me."***



*Catholic Women's League*

Please donate **NEW BABY ITEMS AND TOILETRIES** for the Mothers and infants of Rosalie Hall.

Donations will be collected in the Narthex on December 2-3 & 9-10.



**SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Mass**

Sat, Dec 23 5:00 pm

Sun, Dec 24 9:30 am/11:15 am/1:00 pm **NO MASS**

**Christmas Eve Mass**

Sun, Dec 24 5:00 pm (Children's Pageant)  
8:00 pm / 11:00 pm

**Christmas Day Mass**

Mon, Dec 25 9:30 am/11:15 am/1:00 pm **NO MASS**  
Dec 26 – 27 **NO MASS**

**Sunday Mass**

Sat, Dec 30 5:00 pm

Sun, Dec 31 9:30 am/11:15 am/1:00 pm **NO MASS**

**New Year's Eve Mass**

Sun, Dec 31 5:00 pm

**New Year's Day Mass**

Mon, Jan 1 9:30 am/11:15 am/1:00 pm **NO MASS**  
Jan 2 – 3 **NO MASS**

**\*\*Please make note of the times when NO MASS is listed**