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Saint Anne-pray for us

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Saturday – 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday and Friday – 7:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY

One hr. after the 9:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.

Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. & 4:15 p.m. Other times upon request.

BAPTISMS

By appointment only. At least two month advance notice.

Attendance at a pre-baptism class is required for parents.

You may wish to attend this class before your child is born.

CARE of the SICK

Visitation and/or communion for the sick upon request.

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact a priest one year in advance. A Marriage Course is required. If either party has been previously married, the Bishop's Office must be consulted before a date may be set.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Mr. Cyril Moraes

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Operated by the Archdiocese of Toronto, each Catholic cemetery is a visible sign of our belief in the resurrection which offers a comforting atmosphere in which our Catholic Faith is celebrated and our love for family and friends is remembered. Burial services include ground burial, mausoleum crypt entombment, cremation as well as monuments and markers.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Rejoice Always and Be Blessed

Sunday, December 17

8:00 AM For intentions of St. Anne's Community

10:00 AM Special Intentions (Maikel & Iskandara Michriky)

12:00 PM † Antonio Maia

Monday, December 18

9:15 AM † Tadgh McSweeney

Tuesday, December 19

9:15 AM † Nick, Adriano, Francesco & Chiarina D'Agostino

Wednesday, December 20

9:15 AM † Domenico Biviera

7:00 PM † Winnie May Tang

- † Dulcicinia Marques Lino

- † Philomena Pinto

- † Eileen Marley, Patricia & Patrick Boyle

- Ashton & Teresa – In thanksgiving and in petition

Thursday, December 21

9:15 AM Special Intentions (Maikel & Iskandara Michriky)

Friday, December 22

9:15 AM † Bertha & Daphne Pereira

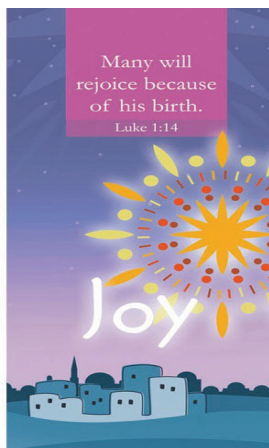
7:00 PM † Maria Teves &

Antonio Corsino

Saturday, December 23

9:15 AM † Elmiro Brasil

5:00 PM † Humberto Bandiera



Today third Sunday of the advent is often referred to as "Gaudete Sunday". Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. If we closely noticed color of the vestments are changed to rose. Rose candle will be lit. Entrance Antiphon starts with Rejoice. Why all these mood change? It is real expression of Joy and jubilation. Because Jesus is about to visit our hearts.

Is that real you might ask. We should remember Joy should be the basic mood of Catholic. I don't mean throwing a party every day. It is a BIG NO. That is artificial Joy. Then what is this Joy and Happiness (most accurately we can call it a Blessings) and how can we obtain it? We can find the start to

find the answer by looking at the Call to Abraham in the Bible (answer from Bible. (You can read Genesis 12:1-2). God said to Abraham that he will make him a great nation, will make his name great, and bless him etc. But there were conditions. Condition was "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you". May be many of us are willing to leave our spouses if God ask us to do. But that is not the point here. **Obedience.** Abraham was obedient to God and he was blessed.

Now most of us who are immigrants in Canada will say we left our country, relations and came to Canada what about us. Question is we came here for our call not for God's call. We were obedient to ourselves not to God. Now the question is how Abraham was able to obedient to God? It is worth to understand so we can be obedient and be blessed too. Answer is again in the Bible. Simply it is the Faith of Abraham helps him to obey God. We all know the story of the sacrifice of the Isaac. If I were placed in Abraham's place I am not sure I would do it. It is worth to read following and find what a faith Abraham had on God for obedience.

By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death. "(Hebrew 11: 17-19)

See the faith of Abraham? From where did he get this faith? Honestly I don't know. But I know one thing. People in the Old Testament who has the faith are very strong characters. Most important thing is Jesus change things and gave a chance to each and every one like you and me (feeble characters) to have faith. How? It is again from bible.

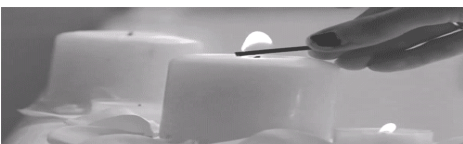
Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. (John 15:4)

Isn't this a wonderful promise? Question is we have to initiate it. We have to remain first. Then he fulfills it. What is finally coming down to? **Relationship with Jesus.** Isn't it?

Now if we step backwards our blessings are guaranteed when we start with Relationship with Jesus. It will give us faith. When we have faith it will leads us to obedience. When we obey blessings are on our way.

This is the guaranteed way to happiness. Not from who is writing but from Jesus.

Rejoice Always.



Lamp Intentions

SANCTUARY LAMP 1:

In Thanksgiving

SANCTUARY LAMP 2:

In Thanksgiving

SACRED HEART LAMP:

Special Intention

ST. ANNE LAMP:

Special Intention

DIVINE MERCY:

Special Intention

PADRE PIO:

Special Intention

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 18

7:00 PM Legion of Mary (F/R)

Tuesday, December 19

10:00 AM Legion of Mary (F/R)
 7:00 PM RCIA Christmas Potluck (P/R)
 7:00 PM Youth Band & Choir practice (C)
 7:30 PM Faith Sharing (F/R)
 8:00 PM 8AM choir practice (C)

Wednesday, December 20

10:00 AM Food Assistance (F/R)
 10:00 AM Screening Comm (Faith Form Off)
6:30 PM Confessions (C)
 8:00 PM Knights general mtg (P/R)
 8:00 PM Knights Christmas dinner (S/R)

Thursday, December 21

9:30 AM Centering Pray (F/R)
 7:30 PM 10AM choir practice (C)

Friday, December 22

9:30 AM Over 55 (S/R)

No Youth Ministry

Saturday, December 23

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

December 3, 2017

Regular Collection = **\$6,240.65**
 Building Repair Fund = **\$2,361.80**



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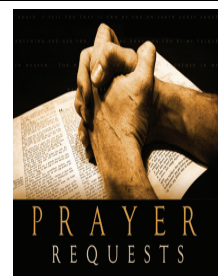
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 2018** are now available in
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 from the parish office for
 \$6.00 each.

For the Sick:

Rita Veles
 Hermano Teves
 Kathryn Burgess
 Manuel Rodrigues

For the Deceased:

Renato Ferrari
 Olga Castillo



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Dec. 24	8:00 am	
	10:00 am	
	12:00 noon	
	5:00 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
	8:00 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
	Midnight	Midnight Mass
Mon. Dec. 25	10:00 am	Christmas Mass
	12:00 noon	Christmas Mass
NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE		
Sun. Dec. 31st	8:00 am	
	10:00 am	
	12:00 noon	
	10:30 pm	Adoration
	11:30 pm	New Year's Eve Mass
Mon. Jan. 1st	10:00 am	New Year's Day Mass
	12:00 pm	New Year's Day Mass

THE CHRISTMAS MASS ON TV

For those who cannot make it to church, please join the Catholic Community this Christmas. Watch the Daily TV Mass:

Christmas Eve on VisionTV at 9:00 pm ET yesTV at 10:00 pm ET

Christmas Day at 8:00 am and 12:00 pm ET on VisionTV 11:00 pm ET on Salt + Light. 1:00 pm on yesTV. You can also watch on the web at www.dailytvmass.com

BIBLE STUDY – THE PASSION NARRATIVES

During Lent, St. Anne's will be hosting 6 sessions of Bible Study by Rev. Dr. Joseph Lazar on the Passion Narratives. It will take place every Thursday from Feb. 15 to March 22, 2018 at 7 PM in the Stephenson room. In order to prepare, we are asking those interested to please sign up at the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Thank you to all who supported Pro-Life by purchasing
 Christmas cards & cakes**



MARRIAGE SUNDAY

On the Saturday, February 10 at the 5PM Mass, there will be a special blessing at St. Anne's for those couples who will be celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries and are interested in attending, kindly leave your contact information at the parish office.

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