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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2017



Rev. Liborio Amaral, **PASTOR** • Rev. Gustavo Campo, **ASSOCIATE PASTOR**
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Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. & by appointment

Baptisms

Please contact the Parish Office

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Please contact the parish office one year in advance

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday to Saturday 9:00 a.m.
Friday 6:00 p.m. Adoration/ 7:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Devotions

Rosary. Half an hour before weekday Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturdays after 9:00 a.m. Mass

Those interested in being Catholic

Adults who have not been baptized or wish to be received into the Catholic Church participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). If interested, please contact the parish office.

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Third Sunday of Advent

Pastors' Corner:



Last week, in my Pastor's Corner, we looked at the definition of what it means to be a "Practicing Catholic". We reviewed the Ten Commandments and how Jesus summed up these commandments into the one Great Commandment of loving of God and neighbour.

This week I would like to focus on another part of what it means to be a practicing Catholic.

As practicing Catholics we are called to adhere to the Catholic Church's teachings in regards to Faith and Morals. This adherence implies obedience to the Church, even when we might disagree with one of those teachings of faith or morals. A well-formed conscience can help us understand why the Church teaches what it does.

Let's look at some examples of how this adherence applies to Catholic Teaching in regards to "Faith".

As we enter the season of Christmas, we might remind ourselves of those "Articles of Faith" the Catholic Church teaches: it teaches that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit. She teaches that Mary did not have sexual relations with Joseph, but remained a Virgin all her life. She teaches that Jesus was born fully human and yet fully Divine. As practicing Catholics we are called to adhere to these teachings – to do otherwise is to remove ourselves from being faithful practicing Catholics.

Sadly, there are some Catholics who believe that Mary conceived Jesus in the normal way of nature, that she had other children apart from Jesus and that she had marital relations with Joseph in the same way all couples do. This is contrary to what the Church has taught from the very beginning – "Catholics are called, in obedience, to adhere to what it teaches." This statement seems hard to swallow. But this is because we now live in a world of relativism. There is no sense of "Truth". Rather there is an acceptance of different beliefs of truth and sadly this has crept into the Church as well.

Let us look to the Church for the Truth and let us humbly adhere in obedience to how that Truth is revealed in the Church.

In the New Year, I would like to look at the second part of this reflection on our Adherence to Church teaching... I propose that we look at the area of the Church's teachings in regards to "Morals"... this will probably be the most contentious topic... but that's for next year Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

Sr. Vocations, Welcome Home!



Sr. Vocations will be here during the Christmas Break visiting her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Guzman.

Please continue to keep

Sr. Vocations in your prayers.

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact :

Fr. Chris Lemieux

416-968-0997

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2018 Envelopes



The 2018 Donation Envelopes are still available for pick up. They have been **placed by the office**. If you had an envelope box last year you can look for your new box there. If you did not have a box but wish to get one please contact the office. We also ask for you to take some time to double check your information.

It's the season to be Jolly...



St. Mary's Christmas Schedule 2017-2018



Date	Feast	Mass Time
Sat. Dec. 23 rd	4 th Sunday of Advent Sunday Vigil Masses	5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Sun. Dec. 24 th	4 th Sunday of Advent	8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (No 3 p.m. Spanish Mass)
Sun. Dec. 24 th	Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. (Spanish), 12:00 midnight
Mon. Dec. 25 th <i>Office Closed</i>	Christmas Day	8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., (No 3:00 p.m. Spanish Mass)

Looking ahead...

Date	Feast	Mass Time
Sat. Dec. 30 th	Holy Family Sunday Vigil Mass	5:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Sun. Dec. 31 st	Holy Family	8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., (No 3:00 p.m. Spanish)
Sun. Dec. 31 st	Vigil of The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	5:00 p.m.
Mon. Jan. 1 st <i>Office Closed</i>	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

December 17th - 22nd 2017



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday - December 18
Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass
• Leonor & Apolinario Manuel †

Tuesday - December 19
Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass
• Mark Russell †

Wednesday- December 20
Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass
• *Special Intention for*
Florence Frencillo,
Michael Fernandez & Family
• Marlene Sampson †
• Joseph & Teresa Kieffer †
• Frank Pecoskie †
• Pacencia Ordonio †
• Rita Cini †
• Oswald George Heslop †
• Buenaventura Santiago Sr. †
• Ellen & Ben Mangabang †

Thursday - December 21
Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass
• Alexander Simpson †

Friday - December 22
Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass
• Frank Rybka †
• Mara Rybkova †
6:00 p.m. - Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. - Mass
• Diamantina &
Emanuel Viveiros †

Saturday - December 23
Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass
• *Special Intentions for*
Louisa Utah
• Downey Johnson &
Hegarty Family †
• Carlos Cabral †
• Carmen De Melo †
• Jo Poirier †
*Devotion to Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
after the morning Mass*
4:00 p.m. - Confessions
5:00 p.m. - Sunday Vigil
Mass

Thank You for your
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Regular Collection

December 10th, 2017
\$12,771.35

Christmas Decoration

This Christmas season, we are asking our parishioners to help in our Christmas decorating by offering to bring Poinsettias for the Church. If you wish to dedicate your flowers to someone who has passed away, please put the name in the pot. Please drop off your Poinsettias this week from Monday to Friday. Thank you for your generosity.



God Bless, - *The Liturgical Decoration Team*

Win Great Prizes!



It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 14 to 18 are invited to write a 500-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2018. The Theme is "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power" (cf. Exodus 15:6). Students should read the Scripture passage from Exodus 15: 1-21 and respond to the following question in the essay:

Just as the Israelites sought deliverance from enslavement, in contemporary society the dignity of all people is threatened by new enslavements to poverty, violence, injustice and addictions. In what ways can Christians of all denominations work together to stave off these assaults to human dignity? Explain.

First Prize: iPad Pro (128 GB). Second Prize: Kobo Aura H2O Edition 2. Third to Sixth Prizes: one-year subscription to *The Catholic Register* and other prizes. Winning essays will be edited and published in *The Catholic Register*. Deadline for entries is **January 8, 2018**. For entry details, please visit <http://bit.ly/studentwritingawarddetails>.

You can also E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or FAX it to 416-934-3409 (please include your full name, email address, phone number, and the name of your school on the front page of the essay). For further information you can also call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 403 or 1-855-441-4077.

Don't Miss this opportunity!

Kindergarten Registration begins January 8, 2018



Parents/Guardians can now register students online

Kindergarten registration for the 2018-19 school year will begin on January 8, 2018. Dufferin-Peel offers the full-day Kindergarten program in all 123 Catholic elementary schools in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon, Bolton and Orangeville.

This year, parents/guardians have the option to register online or in-person at their designated Catholic school. [Online registration](#) will begin on January 8, 2018 at www.dpccsb.org. The Online Registration Form should be completed prior to in-person school meetings

where documentation will be received on January 15* from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and January 17-19 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. *A snow date has been designated on January 16 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. If parents/guardians wish to register in-person, they may do so during these specified dates and times.

Dufferin-Peel Information Session to Support the Transition of Students with Differing Abilities into Kindergarten 2018




On Thursday, January 25, 2018 the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Special Education and Learning Services Department will host a Kindergarten entry planning and information session. This meeting is for families of children with differing abilities, such as vision, hearing, speech, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays in the cognitive and/or motor areas, who are entering Kindergarten in September 2018. The meeting will be held at the Catholic Education Centre from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For more information about this session, please call 905-890-0708 ext. 24021.

WHAT: Information Session to Support the Transition of Students with Differing Abilities into Kindergarten 2018

**WHEN: Thursday, January 25, 2018
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Snow Date: January 29, 2018**

**WHERE: Catholic Education Centre - Room 301 (Third Floor)
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