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*"Give me hands and I will give you peace. The more you honour me,
the more I will bless you and shall never be in want"*



Pastor

Fr. Lorenzo Salandanan

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Fr. Michael Holmes

Permanent Deacons

Rev. Deacon Eustace Beausoleil

Rev. Deacon Terence Rebello

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00pm
 Sunday 8:30am; 10:00am;
 11:30am & 1:00pm

WEEKEDAY MASSES

Mon., Tues., Fri. 9:15am
 Tues., Wed., Thurs. 7:00pm
 Saturday & Holidays 9:00am
 First Friday 7:00pm

Followed by **HOLY HOUR**

DEVOTIONS

(Before each Mass)

Recitation of the Holy Rosary
 Infant Jesus of Prague (Tuesday)
 Our Mother of Perpetual Help
 (Wednesday)
 Holy Spirit (Thursday)
 Divine Mercy (Friday)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00pm - 4:45pm
 Or by appointment

BAPTISM

Contact Parish Office 1 month in advance of anticipated baptismal date.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. Preparation course is a prerequisite.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If one of your loved ones would like to receive this Sacrament, please call the Parish Office.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation are also available. Please notify the parish office.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Prince of Peace 416-393-5416
 Our Lady of Grace 416-393-5372
 St. Marguerite Bourgeoys 416-393-5381
 St. Rene Goupil 416-393-5408
 The Divine Infant 416-393-5414
 St. Vincent de Paul (Markham)
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 Francis Liberman Catholic High
 416-393-5524
 Fr. Michael McGivney Academy
 905-472-4961

CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Christ the King 905-471-0121

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

9:00am - 12:00noon

1:00pm - 4:00pm

6:00pm - 9:00pm

SATURDAY: 10:00am - 6:00pm

SUNDAY: 8:30am - 2:30pm

PARISH MINISTRIES / GROUPS

Adult Legion of Mary
 Altar Servers
 Altar Society
 Bible Study
 Children's Liturgy
 Counter's Ministry
 Eucharistic Minister to the Sick
 Finance Committee
 Knights of Columbus
 Junior Legion of Mary
 Intercessory Prayers
 Liturgical Committee
 Marriage Preparation
 Ministry of Lectors
 Ministers of the Eucharist
 Ministry of Hospitality
 Men's Group
 Parish Music Ministry
 Prayer Groups
 R.C.I.A.
 Sacramental Preparation
 Screening Committee
 Youth Group
 St. Vincent de Paul Society
647-234-0265

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 18 - 24, 2017

Monday, December 18

9:15 am + Teresa Manero

Tuesday, December 19

9:15 am + Kathleen McGinn
7:00 pm—Thanksgiving for blessings received from Chan family

Wednesday, December 20

7:00 pm - Healing for Janet Ledra

Thursday, December 21

7:00 pm + Antonio & Noniluna Becerral

Friday, December 22

9:15 am + Loving memory of our parents & their siblings

Saturday, December 23

9:00 am - Thanksgiving Mass
5:00 pm + Julie Fernandes

Sunday, December 24

8:30 am - Community of Prince of Peace
10:00 am + Mr. & Mrs. Josephine & Stanley Gorecki
11:30 am + Delfin de Dios
6:00 pm + Janet Ledra
9:00 pm - Thanksgiving Mass
12:00 midnight - Thanksgiving Mass

GAUDETE SUNDAY

This Sunday’s Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John’s Gospel with a report about John the Baptist.

As in Mark’s Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John’s Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the “prologue.” This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus’ existence with God since the beginning of time. In John’s Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming



into the world’s darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John’s Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John’s denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John’s response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus’ presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete*, a Latin word which means “rejoice,” is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday’s Mass. This theme is echoed in today’s second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Last Sunday Collection: \$ 9697.25
Building Fund: \$3449.35

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE



Sunday, December 17th at 7:00pm
There will be 9 priests available for Confession.

2018 SUNDAY ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK UP

Please pick up your 2018 envelope as soon as possible in the Parish Hall.



Please verify that your Name & Address on the label are correct. IF NOT, notify the Parish Office as soon as possible as we need to keep our computer records up to date.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

* **4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT/**
December 23rd/24th
 Saturday: 5:00pm
 Sunday: 8:30am;10:00am;11:30am;
 (No 1:00pm Mass)

* **CHRISTMAS EVE/ December 24th**
 6:00 pm; 9:00 pm & 12 midnight

* **CHRISTMAS DAY**
December 25th
 9:00 am ; 10:30 am ; 12:00 noon ;
 (No 1:00pm Mass)

* **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**
December 30th/31st

Saturday: 5:00pm
 Sunday: 8:30am;10:00am;11:30am;
 (No 1:00pm Mass)

NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

* **NEW YEAR'S EVE/ Dec. 31st**
 6:00 pm & 10:30 pm
*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 from 7 pm - 10:15 pm*

* **NEW YEAR'S DAY/ Jan. 1st, 2018**
 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 noon;
 (No 1:00pm Mass)
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*No Confessions on Christmas Eve.
 Carols 1/2 hour before all Masses*

*The Parish Office will be closed
 December 25- 26, 2017*

*The Church will be closed
 after the morning Mass on
 Tuesday, December 26, 2017,
 (no evening Mass)*



ST. AUGUSTINE'S LAY SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM

Presents Monsignor A. Robert Nusca "The Faces of Christ" in the Book of Revelation on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm (includes Mass in the seminary chapel).

Cost \$50.00 (lunch included)

Register online: www.staugustines.on.ca
 Phone: 416-261-7207, ext. 235
 Email: ioft@sastoronto.org

SOCKS CAMPAIGN

The weekend of Decemer 23 & 24 is the last weekends we will have a "Sock Box" in our Lobby. The socks will be donated to the Good Shepherd Refuge. The homeless men who visit the Refuge are given socks when they come for a meal and seek a bed for the night.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of Christmas decors in our Sanctuary. You may dedicate your offering for your loved ones or in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings you have received. Envelopes are available in your pews, at the foyer or at the parish office. Dedications will be accepted until Friday December 22nd 2017. God Bless!

VOCATIONS CORNER.....

"There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priesr, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997**
Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca



THE VOTIVE LAMPS ARE OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF

1. In loving memory of Yole Loreto Baldassini, Parents La Posta family, Parents Baldassini family, Parents Cianfarani family. Offered by Concetta Baldassini.
2. Carol Chung (December 17/59 - December 21/2007). Lovingly remembered by mother Shirley Young-You, sister Elaine Chong and children Adrian and Camille Chung.
3. In loving memory of Ms. Hanny Aulia. Offered with love by Magda & Steve Taniredjo & family.

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