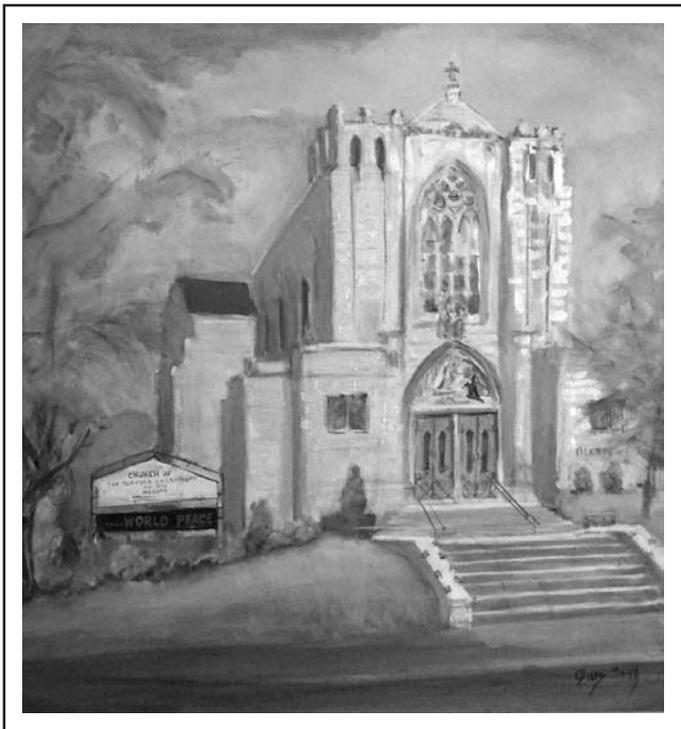


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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am
(Children's Liturgy October – May 10:00 am Mass)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am

Public Holiday Mass: 10:00 am

First Friday Adoration: 9:00 am Mass: 12 Noon

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Loretto Room)

Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Loretto Room)

Registration forms for the parish and all sacraments, as well as mass cards and religious items, are available in the Loretto Room after all weekend Masses. We also have a DVD lending library.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

All Parishioners are encouraged to register in our community. Registration forms are available in the Loretto Room on the weekends.

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Larry Marcille - Pastor

Fr. Joseph Nguyen – Associate Pastor

Paul McDonald - Deacon

Sr. Johanna D'Agostino, IBVM

Sr. Mary DiGirolamo, IBVM

Joanna Manturowicz – Youth Minister/Sacramental Prep.

Rafal Bartosinski – Seminarian Intern

PASTORAL STAFF

Julie Brett - Office Administrator

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Agnes Ahn - Bookkeeper

Lumen Fernandes - Part-Time Reception

Juliet Lobo - Part-Time Reception

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday—3:45 pm—4:25 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Request Forms are available in the Loretto Room.
Baptisms are on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Marriage Request Forms are available in the Loretto Room after Mass. The form must be completed one year in advance of the wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you need a priest to visit someone who is ill at home please call the office to notify the Parish Priests.

PARISH MINISTRIES

* Lectors

* Eucharistic Ministers

* Ministers of Hospitality

* Parish Women's Group

* Development & Peace

* Director of Music- Paul Jenkins 416-920-3341

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* Heart & Soul Choir (10am) Sarah Martin & Joan McGivney

* R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

* R.C.I.C. - Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

* Catechetical Program for Public & Private School Children

* Outreach Programs (Out of the Cold, Good Shepherd)

* Knights of Columbus (1388 Council)

* Eucharistic Marian Prayer Group - Mondays 5:30 pm

* Children's Liturgy (10 am - must register)

* Altar Servers

* Sacristans

* Marriage Preparation

* BSC Youth Group

* St. Vincent de Paul

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1st Sunday of Advent

Communion Reflection

Life is fleeting.....

The hill flowers fade,
but will bloom again next year.
But we never get back our youth.
Life is a fragile gift which we enjoy only briefly;
our life is like the warming of oneself in the sun.
We live in a flash of light; before we know it,
evening comes and night falls.
But the very fleetingness of life
makes it all the more precious.
Lord, may your gentle and sure light
guide us on the unfolding road,
so that we may walk with confidence
towards the light that never fades
and the life that never ends.



*St. Joseph Vigil Lamp
Burns for the intentions of
Grace Nabor*

*St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp
Burns for the intentions of
Steven Mruma*

Masses of Intentions

Monday – John Wilson + / Kay Shaughnessy +
Tuesday –Dr. Stephen Johnson + / Gabriella Bush +
Wednesday –Blessed Aloysius Stepinac (INT) / Sylvia Bragognolo +
Thursday – Iosif, Rozalia, Alexandra, Varvara +/Marie Jelilian +
Friday - Margot Shaughnessy + / Christina Flynn + / Michael & Elena Ivanov +
Noon: Lily D. Megarbane + / Yousif George + / George Georgie +

Please keep in your prayers the sick:

Rosemarie Chapeskie, Vince Pelletier

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH – SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday, December 18th at 7:30 pm we will celebrate Christmas in Italy at our parish. Michael Castaldo (www.michaelcastaldo.com) will be at Blessed Sacrament to perform classic Christmas carols and Advent songs. Tickets are \$30/\$25 for seniors/students and are available in the parish office, the Loretto Room on weekends or on-line at www.brownpapertickets.com

The Angel Tree—Our special tree is adorned with angels, each representing families less fortunate with a wish for Christmas. We will be supporting St. Paul's School and the Good Shepherd Refuge. You are invited to select an angel from the Tree beginning this weekend and purchase gift certificates. Please leave them in the box under the tree by **Sunday Dec 23rd** or bring to the parish office. For more information please call the parish office.



The **Out of the Cold** dinner program serving a hot dinner to those in need in our community is sponsored by Glenview Presbyterian, St. Leonard's Anglican and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The program runs every Sunday from the first Sunday in November to last Sunday in March at the Glenview Presbyterian Church at 1 Glenview Avenue. The Blessed Sacrament Church is responsible for the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month. Volunteers are needed to prepare NUT FREE desserts that are easy to carry away like muffins, cookies, brownies, squares, etc. Desserts can be dropped off at Glenview Presbyterian Church on Sundays at 4pm during this period. In addition, donations for NEW socks, mittens, gloves, and undergarments are always welcome as well. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to this year's Out of the Cold leaders. 2nd Sunday: Sandra Girard and Nina Spinosa at ootc.secondsunday@gmail.com. 3rd Sunday: Ann Marie and Bill Rosenitsch annmarieroz@gmail.com.

Rafal, our Seminarian, will give presentations on the Four Figures of Advent on Tuesday December 4, Tuesday, December 11 and Tuesday, December 18th at 2:30 pm in the Loretto Room. All are welcome, refreshments will be served.

Scripture : Jeemiah 33.14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2, Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

December 2, 2018

God is leading Israel in joy by the light of His glory, with His mercy and justice for company. (Bar 5.9)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Sacrament Dates

First Reconciliation will be on Wednesday, December 5th at 9:30 am

First Communion will be on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 2:30 pm

Confirmation will be on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm

First Reconciliation, First Communion Classes

Sunday's 11:00-12:00 pm or Tuesday's 4:30-5:30 pm. Classes are held in the Parish Hall. Sunday Class dates are: ~~Oct. 14, Nov. 4~~, Dec. 2, Jan. 13, Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7 & May 5. Tuesday Class dates are: ~~Oct. 16, Nov. 6~~, Dec. 4, Jan. 15, Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 9 & May 7.

First Reconciliation to be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 9, 2019

First Communion on Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 2:00 pm for the Sunday Class & 4:00 pm for the Tuesday Class

Confirmation Classes

Classes are Wednesday's 4:30 – 5:30 pm, Classes are held in the parish hall. Classes are: ~~Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28~~, Dec. 12, Jan. 30, Feb. 27 & Mar. 27. ~~A mandatory teaching Mass will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 11:00 am.~~

Parents, along with their child, must attend a prayer and information night on ~~Wednesday, October 17, 2018~~ at 7:00 pm in the church.

Confirmation Retreat date is Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Confirmation date is Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Students are required to attend all classes and the Confirmation Retreat.

Blessed Sacrament Card Group - Meet the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, December 6. All are welcome; there is an elevator to assist you to the parish hall.

Christmas Tree Sale! - The 56th and 93rd Toronto Scout Troops are preparing for their major annual fundraiser: selling beautiful Ontario farm grown Christmas trees. The tree sale is one of the main fundraising activities for our local troop! Another new service this year - pre-order your tree! Just email us your favorite size (we have #1 Fraser firs in 7, 8, 9 and even 10 ft this year! Or if you prefer we offer some balsam firs in 7 and 8 ft) and we will send you the price info and answer all your questions in advance! Looking forward to hear from you at treesfromscouts@gmail.com or to see you at St Leonards! Thanks for supporting our Scouts and local tree business!

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997**

email vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

A Toronto Christmas Tradition – St. Michael's Choir School at Roy Thomson Hall, Sunday, December 9th at 3:00 pm and Monday, December 10th at 7:00 pm. For tickets call Roy Thomson Hall at 416-872-4255 or www.roythomsonhall.com

THANK YOU from Peace River, AB - "May God Reward You! For all the beautiful, warm, colourful, knitted and carefully chosen socks for school children, hats with ear flaps, mitts, scarves, neck warmers & sleepers & blankets for babies. What care you took to send all this! ... I've chosen to take them to our Sunday Mass celebration and spread them on a blanket for Moms and children to pick some item they need.... I was moved by how gently they came, looked carefully and then chose one item leaving the rest for another child in need.... Our beautiful children send their thank you's and prayers."

Love in Jesus' Name,

Sister Mary Jeanne Davidson, SSND

Saturday, December 8th there will be a Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome!

Baptisms September 1 – November 25 – Bennett Addison, Mia Bragin, Thomas Cheung, Matthew Cheung, Dante De Luca, Chloe Pintwala, Lorenzo Mobilia, Cecilia Reitano, Lachlann Selano, Andrea Gabrielle, Cate Jones, Emilia Gabriele, Maria Kasko, Justin Drappel, Thomas New, William Conroy, Andrea D'Amico, Alexander Turk & Sebastian Turk.

Funerals September 1 – November 25 – William James, Michael Labinjo, Ennio Carlesimo & France John-Chuan



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