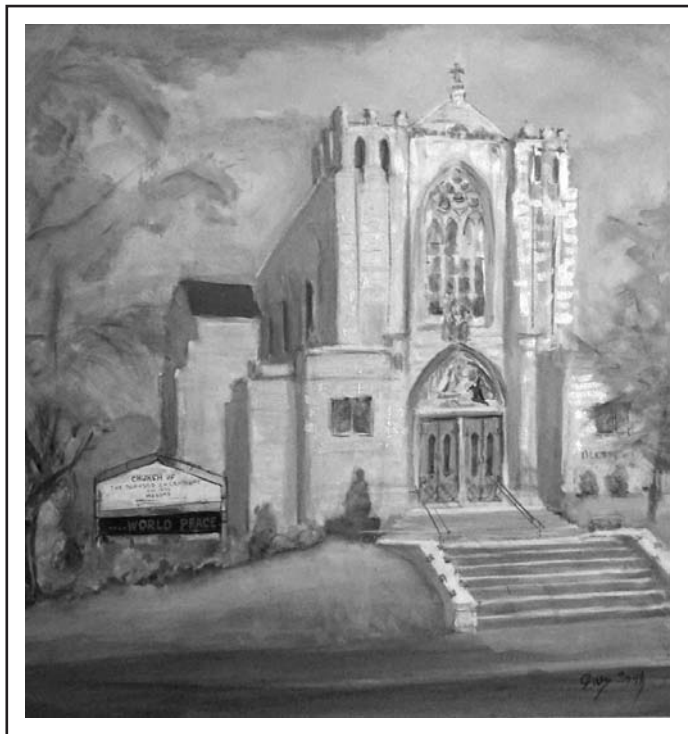


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Parish established in 1926, Church erected 1929  
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## **PASTORAL TEAM**

Fr. Larry Marcille - Pastor  
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Sr. Johanna D'Agostino, IBVM  
Sr. Mary DiGirolamo, IBVM  
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## **PASTORAL STAFF**

Julie Brett - Office Administrator  
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## **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
- \* Children's Liturgy (10 am - must register)
- \* Altar Servers
- \* Sacristans
- \* Marriage Preparation
- \* BSC Youth Group
- \* St. Vincent de Paul

## **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: 11:00 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.

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

## Communion Reflection

### Encircling prayer .....

In today's second reading, we heard St. Paul say: "Let your Armour be the Lord." Hence, we might pray as follows:

Circle me, Lord.

Keep protection near; keep danger afar.

Circle me, Lord.

Keep Hope within; keep doubt without.

Circle me, Lord.

Keep light near; keep darkness afar.

Circle me, Lord.

Keep peace within; keep strife without.

Circle me, Lord.

Keep love within; keep hate without. Amen



*St. Joseph Vigil Lamp  
Burns for the intentions of  
Lucia Ardila*

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*St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp  
burns in memory of  
Ian Bain*

## Masses of Intentions

**Monday** – Natalio Domingosil + / Shelia D'Souza +  
**Tuesday** – Jones Family (INT) / Carl Finlay +  
**Wednesday** – Private Intention? Lori Tersigni +  
**Thursday** – Paul French + / Metaxia Tserentzoulis +  
**Friday** - Adele Goldhawk + / Nicholas Jamieson + / Gail Baker + / Private Intention / Audrey Ann Picard + / Carolina Ruggero +

## Please keep in your prayers the sick:

Rosemarie Chapeskie, Michael Chiarotto, Robin Noel Ennevor,  
Evelyn Ferreira, Kathryn Horgan, Simon Jimenez,  
Vince Pelletier, Allan Smart, Maria Thomas

*Our last Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday, December 10  
We will resume on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>*

## First Reconciliation, First Communion Classes

Sundays 11:00-12:00 pm or Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 pm. Classes are held in the Parish Hall. Sunday Class dates are: Oct. 15, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 14, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 8 & May 6. Tuesday Class dates are: Oct. 17, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 16, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 10 & May 8.

First Reconciliation to be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 10, 2018  
First Communion on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 2:00 pm for the Sunday Class & 4:00 pm for the Tuesday Class

## Confirmation Classes

Classes are held on Wednesday's 4:30 – 5:30 pm in the parish hall. Classes are: Oct. 25, Nov. 29, Dec. 13, Jan. 31, Feb. 28 & Mar. 28.

➤➤➤➤ Confirmation Retreat date is Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. ◀◀◀◀

☞ Confirmation date is Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm. ☜

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

## Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Sacrament Dates

[www.blessedsacramentcs.com](http://www.blessedsacramentcs.com)

First Reconciliation will be **THIS Wednesday, December 6, 2017** at 9:30 am

First Communion will be on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 2:30 pm

Confirmation will be on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm

**2018 ENVELOPES** - Please pick up your 2018 envelopes at the back of the church. **PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF THERE IS AN ERROR WITH YOUR BOX NUMBER. Please DO NOT use any leftover envelopes from 2017 or any other year!**

**Recycle your outdated envelopes.** If you did not pick up your 2016 envelopes, your name was removed from the envelope list so please pick a new box up in the Loretto Room. If you would like to be an envelope user, please pick up a new box in the Loretto Room as well. Please write your name and address on the first few envelopes used so we can update the parish data for 2018. Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

*Also pick up your 2018 parish calendar.*

Scripture : Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8, 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13.33-37

# December 3, 2017

*I will trust in the Lord; yes, I will wait for him. (Isaiah 8.17)*

**Lectio Divina with Cardinal Thomas Collins** - One Sunday evening each month all are welcome to join Cardinal Collins for Lectio Divina at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. We begin with Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7 p.m., followed by Lectio Divina from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. Next dates are **TODAY Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** and Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

**Women's Group collection of Winter clothing for Moosonee-Hearst Diocese - UPDATE: THANK YOU!** We sent a total of 18 x 15 kg. boxes of winter coats and warm knits to the diocese of Moosonee and Hearst! Each box is approximately \$40 to send. We welcome any cash donations towards our mailing costs. Thanks this week to St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Knitting Club who have donated to our campaign!

**Blessed Sacrament Card Group** - Meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall 1.00pm – 3:30 pm. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday, December 14 we will have a little Christmas celebration – everyone is welcome. There is an elevator to assist you to the parish hall.

**OUT OF THE COLD** – has begun - 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 at anmarieroz@gmail.com.

**CROSSROADS YOUTH GROUP** – Meet every second Sunday from 4.30-6.30 pm in our parish hall. Everyone in grades 7 and up are welcome. Our next meeting is – Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Advent is a time of waiting...

During the Sundays of Advent our Presider and Ministers will take their positions 5 minutes before Mass begins, to symbolize our wait for the Lord. Also, the church moves from darkness to light during the opening hymn.

**The Angel Tree** – Our special tree is adorned with angels, each representing families less fortunate living in St. Paul's Parish with a wish for Christmas. This year they have over 600 families. You are invited to select an angel from the Tree beginning next weekend and purchase gift certificates. Please leave them in the box under the tree by **Sunday Dec 17<sup>th</sup>** or bring to the parish office. For more information please call the parish office.



**Next Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** there will be a meeting for all Altar Servers at 10:30 am – noon. Lunch will be served. Anyone wishing to be an Altar Server is also encouraged to attend.

On Monday, December 18th at 7:30 pm the **Victoria Scholars** will perform a Christmas concert here at Blessed Sacrament. Tickets will be available at the door or on-line at [www.victoriascholars.ca](http://www.victoriascholars.ca)

**GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE** – in need of Casseroles, recipes and pans are available at the bottom of the south stairs to the parish hall. Community volunteer hours will be given to grade 7 Confirmation students and high school students.

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 Director**, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



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