BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Larry Marcille - Pastor Deacon Bill Nalepka Sr. Mary DiGirolamo, IBVM Joanna Manturowicz –Youth Minister/Sacramental Prep. Jesus (Hey-Sous) Fidal Añon - Seminarian Intern Fr. Constantin Siarapis - Priest in Residence



Oh Come Let us Adore Him

Chrístmas Day

Communion Reflection

A fire has been lit...



In our times Christmas has become very Commercialized and very pagan. Many people are lured into overspending and excessive eating and Drinking. However, these abuses must not blind us to the true meaning of Christmas. When thick smoke rises up, catches in your throat, and brings tears to your eyes, it is because a fire has beer lit. Ever since the coming of Christ a bright fire has been burning on our earth, a fire that will never die. At this fire we experience the warmth of God's love, and the glow of human fellowship. Let us not be afraid to come in out of the cold and warm ourselves at this fire So Happy Christmas, everyone! St. Joseph Vigil Lamp Burns in memory of Gloria Hurst *************

> St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp Burns in memory of Olga Furac

Mass Intentions - December 26-January 1

Monday – Anne Marie Applin + / Gerry O'Neill + Tuesday – Deacon Paul McDonald + / John Paul Costabile + Wednesday – Joseph O'Toole + / Janet Wrazen + Thursday – Marcus Gibbons + Bruce Grantier (INT) Friday - Olga Furac + / Irene Fleming + / David Butler + / Barbara Lecuyer + / Sylvia Braganolo + / Theresa Lecuyer + Saturday- New Years Eve Sunday – New Years Day

Please keep in your prayers the sick:

Rosemarie Chapeski, Guiditta (Judy) Carolli, Sandi Clark, Margaret Coulter, Alan Crimi, Kenneth Field Please call the parish office to have a name added (or removed) to the sick list.

Catechism 2022/2023

Joanna Manturowicz is our Youth Minister/Sacramental Preparation Coordinator <u>bsccyouthministry@gmail.com</u>

Communion Classes – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm – Dec. 6 & 20, Jan. 10 & 24, Feb. 7 & 21, Mar. 7 & 21, Apr. 4 & 18, May 9

First Reconciliation Date: Saturday, June 3 at 10:00 am / First Communion Date: Sunday, June 4 – 2:00 pm

Confirmation Classes – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm – Dec. 7 & 21, Jan. 11 & 25, Feb. 8 & 22, Mar. 8 & 22, Apr. 5 & 19, May 10

Retreat Date – Saturday, May 27 – time TBD / Confirmation Date: Sunday, May 28 2:00 pm

The 11:30 am Solemn High Mass on Sunday morning is live streamed each week. The Friday morning Mass is also live streamed each week. God's Blessings on our Homebound Parishioners.

We post Mass each weekend to our YouTube channel. You can view our YouTube channel and subscribe to it. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9WJE6kleV-_eY7-8j-Qbag

Parking on weekends and over the holidays: We understand the challenge of finding parking on the weekends and during the holidays. Please do not block our neighbours' driveways, it is illegal and hazardous. Please make sure when parking on the streets around the church that there is room for emergency vehicles to get by. Toronto Police reminded us that cars blocking or too close to corners can be ticketed and/or towed. They also remind everyone that additional parking is available on Duplex Avenue, streets west of Duplex, Yonge Street and streets east of Yonge. We appreciate your cooperation and remind you to obey all stated parking laws and to be mindful of those living adjacent to the church. Thank you!

Scripture : Isaiah 52.7-10 , Hebrews 1.1-6, John 1.1-18

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. (Luke 2.10)

We are still awaiting the new statue we have commissioned, "Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament". Envelopes are available at all our doors for your convenience.

KNIT for the NORTH - A great big THANK YOU to all parishioners who donated to our project this year. We were delighted by the response to our appeal for warm winter clothing for communities in the Moosonee-Hearst diocese. Thank you to the many unknown knitters among you, who gave of your time and talents to make such beautiful items and supplement those made by our knitting group. And thank you to those who made financial donations to cover the mailing costs. Together, we were able to ship approximately 400 lb. of clothing. Fr. Paul Awowole expressed his thanks to the community of Blessed Sacrament: "Our whole community is grateful. May the good Lord bless and reward all of you"

Don't carry cash or even own cheques? Want to collect miles or points on your credit card? A single or monthly donation through your credit card is a great option. Tax receipts are issued immediately for a single donation and at the end of the year for a recurring gift. Select the Donation button at lessedsacrament.archtoronto.org or scan the QR code. Please ensure that "Blessed Sacrament" is selected from the Parish drop down menu when signing up.



For the 2023 calendar year we are renumbering your offertory envelopes. Over the past several years we found that not as many parishioners are using envelopes and there was a lot of waste. <u>Please</u> pick up your box of envelopes and our parish calendar. An alphabetical name list with your corresponding envelope number is available.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24th 5:00 pm Family Mass , 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm & 12 Midnight

> Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25th 8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am

5:00 pm, 12 Midnight & 11:30 am will be live-streamed

Mon., Dec. 26th & Tues., Dec. 27th - 10:00 am

New Year's Eve - Saturday, December 31st 4:30 pm

New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary - Sunday, January 1st 8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am only will be live-streamed

Monday, January 2nd - 10:00 am

Parish Office Hours

Closed Mon., Dec. 26th & Tues., Dec. 27th

Wednesday, December 28th & Thursday, December 29th 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Closed Friday, December 30th & Monday, January 2nd

Tuesday, January 3rd we return to normal hours Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

