

Vocation Seeds

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. Hansoo 416-968-0997 vocations@vocations.ca or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca



Looking at the Text of the Roman Missal ~ Procession with the Gifts

The Procession with the Gifts

How long does the Procession with the Bread and Wine take in your church?

Usually, it is over in a moment. It may take place in the tiniest chapel or in the grandest cathedral; children hanging on to parents may bring the gifts or it might be princes, politicians or power-brokers, but the dignity is the same. Yet this simple procession is full of meaning.

One of the great changes introduced after the Second Vatican Council was to bring back the Procession with the Gifts. We miss the point if we see it as merely something practical - fetching some bread and wine to continue with the next part. There is great meaning in the idea that we make a procession with them.

In this simple walking down the aisle we see humans process and human progress; both are needed to obtain bread and wine. It is a journey that begins with the wonder of creation and God's command that it should be fruitful and multiply. It continues as a pilgrimage from field and vineyard, to baker and vintner. The Procession with the Gifts starts with the stumblings of our first parents to the measured pace of the human race, past, present and future. In a way, our Procession with the Gifts has taken thousands of years.

When we bring forward the Gifts we should think of how they came about and how they are signs of our stewardship of the world. They must be an inspiration and a prod to our conscience. So much good has been done. Husbanding the earth and providing for the needs of others is a mark of goodness in humanity and yet there are so many who have their daily bread denied them because of selfishness, muddle and mismanagement. As we see the bread and wine come forward we should sit up, count our blessings and reckon up our responsibilities.

Some feel that the money of the collection is an intrusion into the beauty of these simple signs. But if we look closely a deeper lesson can be drawn. Reality breaks in with hard currency and our daydreams are dispelled. This hard-earned money reminds us that offering the service of our lives is more than an idea. Time is money and God wants our time, for all time belongs to him. Including the collection in the procession reminds me that this is not just about the fruits of the earth which all can enjoy and the work of everyone else but it concerns the garden of my soul, the fruits of justice and the work of my hands.

HOLY LAND & JORDAN PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Monday, April 16 - Thursday, April 26, 2012

Tour Guide: Ms Terry DiCredico

Spiritual Guide: Fr. Michael Pace S.D.B.

Israel: Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Cana, Jordan River, Tiberias, Mount of the Beatitudes, Banias, Mount Tabor, Jordan Valley, Jericho, Dead Sea, Mount of Olives, The Way of the Cross, Emmaus, Bethany, Mount Nebo. **Jordan:** Petra & Amman.

Price per person: Min. 30 passengers, Double occupancy \$2,909.00 + \$ 440.00 airport taxes. Single supplement \$510.00

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Come Down, O Love Divine

Advent Parish Mission
at St. Benedict Church

Three evenings of inspiring reflections by
Fr. Thomas Rosica, CEO, Salt & Light Television

Monday November 28

Theme: John the Baptist

7:30 pm~Vespers, Song
& Fellowship

Tuesday November 29

Theme: The Annunciation

7:00 pm~International Rosary

7:30 pm~Mass

with His Excellency William McGrattan



Wednesday November 30

Theme: The Visitation

7:30 pm~Praise & Worship, Youth Testimonials
& Eucharistic Adoration

This mission will be broadcast on Salt & Light
during the 4th week of Advent

About Fr. Tom Rosica, C.S.B.

Fr. Thomas Rosica, is a Basilian Father. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Canada's Catholic Salt + Light Television network. Ordained in 1986, Father Rosica is a Scripture scholar who holds advanced degrees in theology and Sacred Scripture from Regis College at the University of Toronto, the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and the École Biblique et Archéologique Française de Jérusalem. He served as Executive Director and Pastor of the Newman Centre Catholic Mission at the University of Toronto and lectured in Scripture at universities in Toronto, London and Windsor, before becoming the National Director and Chief Executive Officer for World Youth Day 2002.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

To show that Christ is truly present in our parish, especially during these difficult times, the Knights of Columbus, will be collecting donations on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to support our Christmas basket program. This will take place after all masses this weekend. ****Free for the taking for any parishioner that would like another button or a magnet to help remind everyone that **Christ is the reason for the season.** ****We also have a few lawn signs saying Keep Christ in Christmas available for \$10 each. ****Don't forget to request the Christmas Nativity stamps from the post office to mail your Christmas cards. ****The Knights will also be distributing their annual calendar at this time **free** for the taking; one per family please.

FOURTH ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL

Saturday, December 10

6:15 pm, Parish Hall

Next weekend the Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for their Annual Turkey Roll. Pizza, salad, coffee tea and dessert. Cost \$7.00. Cash bar and rolls for 16 Turkeys and 16 Hams. Tickets available after each of the masses or call Wolf Hartmann at 416-745-7983.

Together with Catholic Family Services of Toronto Foundation, Most Reverend Vincent Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners to a special **MASS OF COMFORT AND LIGHT.**

DECEMBER 4

Holy Rosary Church

254 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto

5:00 pm

The Mass of Comfort and Light is a celebration of hope and community, held especially for those struggling. At a time of year when we might be reminded of our loneliness, this invitation is to gather those into the warmth and light of Christ, taking solace in Him with members of our faith family.

St. Dominic Savio Squire Meeting and Investiture Parish Hall



Executive Meeting ~ 5:45pm

Circle & Investiture ~ 6:30pm
(Please note the time change)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION CAPITAL FUND TARGET: \$760,000

SUNDAY OFFERING	\$9,329	SECOND COLLECTION	\$684.50
Average Env. Donation	\$14.02	TOTAL	\$323,430.25
SHEPHERDS' TRUST	\$5,562.75		

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 28

8:00am Antoinetta Rossi & Carmela Durante
by Alberto & Maria Rossi

Tuesday, November 29

7:30pm Living Intention ~ Sam and Joyce Ruberto
40th Wedding Anniversary
by Joyce Ruberto

Wednesday, November 30

8:00am Dec members of the Durante family
by Alberto & Maria Rossi

Thursday, December 1

8:00am Dec members of the Rossi & Fragasse family
by Alberto & Maria Rossi

9:30am St. Stephen School Mass ~ School

Friday, December 2

8:00am In honour of Our Lady of Lourdes
by Anna Maria & Benedetto Tuzi

Saturday, December 3

8:00am Grant Morgan by Filomena Morgan
5:00pm Clarence Halge by Jeff Halge

Sunday, December 4

8:00am Gaetano & Maria Bucci by Cascioli family

9:30am Paolino Sassi by Rosa Sassi
by Ida & family

9:30am For the People

11:00am Bradley Ross by Pat & Doug Tarsay

12:45pm Living Intention ~ Benedetto Tuzi (60th Birthday)
by wife and daughter



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD, ESPECIALLY:
DOROTHY HOLMES**

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Friday, December 2nd, 6:45 p.m. Rosary,
7:00–7:30 p.m. Songs of Praise and Worship
and 7:30 p.m. Mass.

PROTECT MARTYRS' SHRINE & SAINTE-MARIE AMONG THE HURONS FROM THE DUMP

An outdoor industrial waste transfer and recycling facility is being planned to face the sacred sites of Sainte-Marie among the Hurons and Martyrs' Shrine, across the Wye River. The facility threatens to spoil the natural tranquility and peaceful surroundings of these Canadian heritage and religious sites. While the Jesuits support the work of recycling and the ecological benefits it brings, concern has been raised over the location of the noisy industrial activity.

If you would like to express your concerns over the proposed facility, you are invited to visit: www.jesuits.ca to find background information, resources and letter templates to assist with this effort. On November 30, organizers are planning on bringing all the signed letters in a pilgrimage to the Midland Town Council to show opposition to building this outdoor recycling facility next to Martyrs' Shrine and Sainte-Marie.