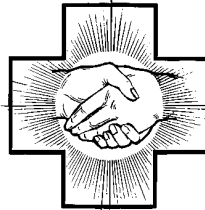


**Communal  
Reconciliation Service**  
with Individual Confession  
and Absolution



**Tuesday December 13  
7:30 pm**

**Mass this day at 8:00 am instead of 7:30 pm**  
Several priests will be present for individual confessions

***Vocation Seeds***

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son.

*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 ~  
Preparation of the Gifts**

**The Preparation of the Gifts**

The custom of mixing water with wine is a very ancient one and seems to reflect a regular practice in the time of Jesus and of the early Church.

A meaning has become attached to the mixing that is worth pondering. The silent prayer expresses it most clearly 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity'. If we take the wine to represent God, then the drop of water can stand for us. The mixing of the water and wine is such that they will be henceforth always joined together and so the chalice represents the unbreakable bond between God and humankind.

As we witness the drop of water going in to the chalice we should think about the most important things on our minds, our deepest prayers and our very selves are being placed into the chalice. We ask that the Lord may transform our stumbling words, our weak and flawed lives and unite them with his great act of intercession in the offering of his Sacrifice. The contents of the chalice shall be changed into Christ himself and we pray that we shall be changed too and become like him and one with him.

In the new translation of one of our responses we say 'May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church'. Inserting the word 'holy' makes it closer to the Latin original and reminds us of who we are and of our call to be holy. Jesus unites us to himself in his Body, the Church, the family of God – it is holy because it is his Body, his Church, his family.

This is not to pretend that as members of the Church we do not make mistakes or commit sins. As members of this Church we recognize that we must try to be good, to follow the Lord's commandment to love God and our neighbour. We must not become complacent and just assume that we are good. That is why it is so important to examine our consciences and be aware of our need to change.

There is also a promise behind this description of the Church as holy. To be a member of the Body of Christ also means that he undertakes to work on us and bring us to perfection in heaven with all those who have gone before us. We are to be united with all those who are holy, the saints.

**Feast Day Mass  
Immaculate Conception**

**Thursday December 8**

7:00 pm ~ Concert, St. Benedict School  
7:30 pm ~ Feast Day Mass

***Celebrating Salesian Saints...***

**Blessed Philip Rinaldi**

May 28, 1856 – December 5, 1931

Philip Rinaldi met Don Bosco at age 5, and apparently instinctively understood the importance of the future saint. Though he felt a call to a religious vocation, Philip was torn, and was seriously considering marriage when he decided to become a disciple of Don Bosco at age 22.



Though he had no intention to become a priest, his superiors, who saw his potential better than he did, encouraged him to study and take the tests, and he was ordained on December 23, 1882.

In 1901, as Vicar-General of the Salesians, Rinaldi founded centres to minister to the daily and spiritual needs of young women. He helped found the World Federations of Past-Pupils. With the Zelatrici di Maria Ausiliatrice he helped found the group that would evolve into the Volunteers of Don Bosco.

Declared the Major of the Salesians on May 24, 1922, Rinaldi became the third successor to Don Bosco, and the last one to have been personally trained by him.

From that position he worked to bring Don Bosco's vision to the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and the 20<sup>th</sup> century to the vision, doing all he could to spread Salesian spirituality and trust in God. He sent many young Salesians to learn foreign languages and customs so they would become more effective missionaries, and he asked Pope Pius XI to grant the "indulgence for sanctified work". He travelled extensively, preaching, encouraging vocations and the spiritual life of the laity.

*December 5 marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
Bl. Philip Rinaldi's birth into heaven.*

# Sunday, December 4, 2011 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### CHRISTMAS TURKEY & HAM ROLL

Tickets on sale at the entrance of the Church after all Masses this weekend

Join us in the Church Hall on  
**Saturday, December 10, 2011**  
Doors Open 6:15 p.m. - Tickets \$7.00 each  
**(no children please)**

#### Thank You For Your Support

With the near \$700 collected last Sunday, the Knights of Columbus will be able to provide St. Vincent de Paul with \$1500 for their Christmas basket program and other needs during this Christmas Season.

Thank you again!

## BLESSINGS ON YOUR MARRIAGE

*Michael Smith & July Ann Choo Shee Nam*

who were married on November 26, 2011

*Frank Pallotta & Lisa-Ann Gabrielli*

who will be married on December 4, 2011



### “Shine For You”

#### The St. Benedict Adult, & Youth Unite in Song

This special combined choir Christmas concert will take place on  
**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** in the church.

No tickets to purchase – no admission costs!

Just come and find a seat!

#### Salt & Light to record event

A “love offering” will be taken up during the concert.

Your support for this music ministry will help offset their yearly expenses.

A **reception** will follow in the parish hall – join us for goodies, refreshments and community spirit! Please use the front entrance to the church on concert night.

Doors will open at 6:30pm.

**We look forward to singing you into the Christmas spirit!**

## POINSETTIAS

During the season of Advent, we ask everyone please do not bring poinsettias to the Church until Christmas. Poinsettias symbolize the joy of Christmas and are premature during Advent, a time of spiritual preparation for Christmas. If you would like to bring poinsettias to the Church, (deep red or white only) during the last week of Advent, we will gratefully store them and bring them out for the celebration beginning on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your kind co-operation.



The faith community of St. Benedict welcomes these new members  
Christian Giordano, Luca Samanica, Marie Elize Maglasang, Leah  
Ribeiro & Obosa Osakue.

Congratulations!

May you always walk in the footsteps of the Lord

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

**SUNDAY OFFERING** \$8792.50 **TOTAL** \$326,935.25  
Average Env. Donation \$13.74

**Thank you for your ongoing generous support!**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 5

8:00 am Maurice, Gretta & Jim Fay  
by Mary Fay

7:30 pm Memorial Mass – Margit Bllemer

### Tuesday, December 6

7:30 pm Daughters of Mary both living & deceased  
members & CWL

Elisabetta & Leonardo Mancini

by Mancini family

Maria Isopo by daughter Clara & family

Dino Ciarletti by Gianna

Living Intention - Naida Takaoka

by Magificat Friends

Deceased Members of Magnificat by  
Magnificat

Rosa Guida by Rocco Guida & family

Deceased Members of Borg & Farrugia  
families by Mary Borg

Vincente Eguia by Eguia family

### Wednesday, December 7

8:00am Fred Callaghan by Bernice

10:00am Msgr. Johnson School Mass

### Thursday, December 8

8:00am Bridget Savage by Inez Savage

10:00am Msgr. Johnson School Mass

7:30 pm Solemn Mass – Immaculate Conception

### Friday, December 9

8:00am Tony D'Agostino by Calabria family

### Saturday, December 10

8:00am Carlo DeMonte by wife & family

5:00pm Lawrence Ramnauth

by Leonard & Natalia & family

### Sunday, December 11

8:00am Mladen Goles by Natalia & family

9:30am Michele Quaglietta by Quaglietta family

9:30am For the People

11:00am Maria, Hubert & Elizabeth Szymanska  
by Bzoma family

12:45pm Carmela Ponzo by Ponzo family



## SQUIRES INVESTITURE

St. Domenic Savio Squire Meeting  
& Investiture scheduled for this  
Sunday, December 4.

The Executive meeting will commence at 5:45 pm.  
Circle & Investiture at 6:30 pm in the parish hall.

## WIN GREAT PRIZES!

Students aged 14 – 18 are invited to write a  
five hundred-word essay on the theme for the  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity celebrated  
January 18-25, 2012. The Theme for this  
coming year is “We Will All Be Changed.”  
(cf. 1 Corinthians 15:51-58)

First prize is an iPad 2 (16 GB), second prize is  
an Amazon Kindle Fire and third to sixth  
prizes are a one-year subscription to The  
Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will  
be published in the Catholic Register.

Deadline for entries is January 9, 2012. E-mail  
your essay to [editor@catholicregister.org](mailto:editor@catholicregister.org)  
or FAX it to 416-934-3409. For information  
call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or 416-934-3410,  
ext. 404.