

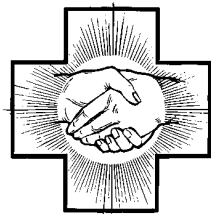
**Communal  
Reconciliation Service**  
with Individual Confession  
and Absolution

**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***

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day?

*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**



**Looking at the Text of the  
Roman Missal ~  
Lift up your hearts**

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The priest invites us to lift up our hearts as he begins the Eucharistic Prayer to draw us more deeply into the Mass in which Jesus saves us by his death and resurrection.

When we talk about our heart we mean those things which we feel most strongly and so to lift our heart means to raise our deepest hopes and longings to God. In our celebration of the Mass we bring before the Lord in prayer all the people whom we love, the experiences that give quality to our lives and the situations we worry about. We lift them up to God, bringing everything that is in our hearts to him.

In ancient times the heart didn't just mean our emotions but also our thoughts and understanding. To lift our hearts means to raise our minds. Paul tells us to 'set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth' (Colossians, Chapter 3 verse 2). This is to give us a sense of direction in life. It is not about ignoring this world but to see what is really important and where we are going. It is like going for a walk in the country. Often we have to scan the horizon and note landmarks we are making for rather than just have our eyes upon the ground.

When the prayers of the Mass were being looked at after the Second Vatican Council those with responsibility for editing the Missal made a small but important change to the Prayer after Communion for the Second Sunday in Advent. Up until then it seemed to say 'teach us to despise the things of earth'. It is a very ancient prayer and it was recognized that many might misunderstand the word 'despise'. In our day it means to treat with contempt even hatred. Originally it didn't mean that. It was about weighing things wisely, looking at things with care. For this reason they changed the words to draw out the idea behind it more clearly. Now it says, 'teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven'. This is at the centre of what it is to lift up our hearts.

Think about whether we get too caught up with the things of this world. What lifts up our hearts?

***Perhaps you might pray this special Prayer after Communion.***  
*Replenished with the food of spiritual nourishment,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that through our partaking in  
this mystery, you will teach us to judge wisely the things of  
earth and hold firm to the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.*

**WALK - IN LEGAL CLINIC**

Jean Carberry, a lawyer and member of our parish offers a free Legal Clinic for advice and help with legal issues. We are grateful to Jean for taking on this initiative as a personal response to the call to stewardship.

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14**

**9:00 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

**St. Benedict parish Youth Room**  
(enter at north side & go downstairs)

The clinic operates as "walk-in":

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

All consultations are private and confidential.

AVAILABLE SERVICES:

COMMISSIONING AND NOTARIZING DOCUMENTS

**REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE**



In recent months there remains little word on the status of the case of the Iraqi refugee family that our parish is sponsoring. No news means more waiting.

In April, our parish sponsorship application was approved by Immigration Canada and it remains in process. The ongoing and increased civil unrest in Syria, where our sponsored family currently resides, has slowed down Canadian embassy operations.

Consequently, there is a delay in the processing of the immigration case. A current update from our parish Refugee Family Committee informs us that the next step involves a letter from the Canadian Embassy in Damascus to the family for an interview. As we wait on that letter, let us join our Refugee Family in prayer, keeping them in our hearts and family prayer this Advent season.

As you plan your Christmas gift giving, please remember our refugee family. Consider offering a cash donation towards the parish fund set up for when the family arrives. *Cheques may be made payable to St. Benedict Church ~ Refugee Family.*

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS LAWN SIGNS**

**Cost: \$10.00**

The Knights of Columbus have been able to obtain a few more lawn signs. If you are interested in obtaining one, contact Ray Gallant at 416-748-3344 or Wolf Hartmann at 416-745-7983.

**ALTAR SERVERS  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

2:00 ~ 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall



**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.

**CLASS REUNION**

**Dante Alighieri Academy  
60 Playfair Avenue, North York**

We are pleased to announce that Dante Alighieri will be hosting a **CLASS REUNION** on **MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>**. We are presently searching for fellow students and teachers, who were part of the original founding faculty and student body of the Dante Alighieri Academy classes of 1974 thru 1979.

Please contact Angelo at **416-412-1100 ext 222** or Mary at **416-824-9676** for further details or email us at **mbaldwin45@hotmail.com**.

<b>LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION</b>	<b>CAPITAL FUND TARGET: \$760,000</b>
<b>SUNDAY OFFERING</b> \$8,476	<b>SECOND COLLECTION</b> \$748.00
Average Env. Donation \$13.27	<b>TOTAL</b> \$328,429.25

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 12**

8:00am Alberico Della Porta by Family  
7:30pm Memorial Mass ~ Giuseppe Capobianco

**Tuesday, December 13**

7:30pm Maria & Americo Zavagno by D'Andrea family  
9:00am Holy Child School Mass at the school

**Wednesday, December 14**

8:00am George Dolores Borg by Maria Borg

**Thursday, December 15**

8:00am Bradley Richard Ross by Marie Ross

**Friday, December 16**

8:00am Zelinda Pupulin by Family

**Saturday, December 17**

8:00am Cathy Mildazys by Victor Mildazys  
5:00pm Lou Liscio by Helen Liscio

**Sunday, December 18**

8:00am Stephen Szakacs by Eleanor & family  
9:30am Liberta Manco & family by Manco family  
9:30am For the People  
11:00am Bradley Ross by May Ross  
12:45pm Giuseppe Trevison by Diane & Children

**REGISTER NOW!**

**SARA ELIZABETH CENTRE  
7412 Kipling Ave. (South of Hwy 7)**

**Inclusive 'arts' based  
WINTER CAMP  
for Youth of all abilities**

**DECEMBER 27 ~ JANUARY 6 2012  
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Daily Fee:            \$65.00  
Weekly Fee:        \$240.00 (save \$40.00)  
Two Week Fee:    \$440.00 (save \$80.00)**

Spots are still available for our SEC Winter Camp. Together we can celebrate the Christmas season with a variety of activities, which will include music, dance, drama and recreation. The activities are very inclusive and fun for everyone, regardless of race, religion or ability.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Youth 16 years of age and older with developmental and/or physical challenges.
- Participants should be able to work independently as much as possible.
- Campers who require a personal worker will be accepted if the parent/caregivers can provide one.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Few positions available for high school students wishing to volunteer for community service hours

**CONTACT:** Cris Smith, Executive Director  
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