

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

**Tuesday December 11
7:30 p.m.**

*Mass this day is at 8:00 am
instead of 7:30 pm*

Several priests will be pre-
sented for individual confessions

Parishioners wishing
to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation
in preparation for Christmas are reminded that
the church sets aside this season of Advent to do so

**KINDLY NOTE THAT CONFESSIONS
ARE NOT SCHEDULED ON CHRISTMAS EVE**



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 19
9:00 am - 11 am**

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

Praying for Salesians in Formation

Please keep in prayer

Br. Adam Depre

Born in Warwick, RI
24 years old
Philosophy & Post Novitiate



Br. Adam began his discernment with the Salesians in his
senior year when he received a personal hand written
letter inviting him to visit a Salesian community in NJ.
Adam is a very interesting young man, but what makes
him so interesting is that he likes to listen; he loves to
listen to people, to almost any kind of music, or to the
random noises in a crowded room. Adam finds listening
very exciting.

Vocation Seeds

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother
or sister in order to help our world of today to truly
"prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you,
contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997

vocations@vocations.ca or www.vocationstoronto.ca

REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE



The good news is that our
family has completed their
interview and medical
exam with the Canadian
Embassy, thus completing
all the stages of the
application process. Since
October, they have been
waiting for their visas.

Once their visas are issued, travel arrangements to Canada
will be made.

The bad news is that our Iraqi family is still in Syria, a country
where 2 million Iraqis fled to for refuge and that is now in
turmoil itself. Complicating the plight of the Iraqi refugees is
that the Canadian Embassy in Damascus remains shut
down. This in itself has slowed down the processing of visas
for Iraqi refugees in and around that city. More recently, the
roads leading to the airport in Damascus are blocked and so
the airport is shut down. Flights into and out of Damascus
are cancelled or not scheduled at all. This would be the exit
point for our family so even if they are issued visas, and flight
arrangement are made, air travel would not be possible.

In the midst of the thick darkness that prevails in the lives of
our refugee family and so many others, let's stand with them
in hope. Let's entrust them to Jesus who was also a refugee
and who is the Light that dispels the dark.

As we hope, the resettlement committee continues to plan for
their coming with your help. In the coming weeks, notice will
be given as to various material goods that are still needed to
prepare their home. Kindly take note when these wish lists
are made available.

*"...we are aliens and transients
before the Lord our God,
as were all our ancestors..."*

1 Chronicles 29:15

The VISITATION

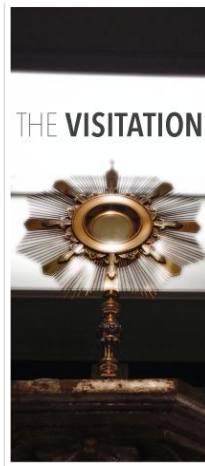


Join us for an evening
of adoration, praise and worship,
reflection, confession, live music,
snacks, refreshments
and fellowship!

Held every second Friday
of the month, our first
Visitation evening will be on

**December 14
7:00 pm in church**

For more info, visit
www.stbenedicts.ca/events.aspx
or email us:
salesianym.toronto@gmail.com



Sunday December 9th, 2012 – 2nd Sunday Advent

A GIFT OF MUSIC: 75 YEARS OF SONG

January 21, 2013 ~ 7:30 pm

Roy Thomson Hall ~ 60 Simcoe Street, Toronto

For 75 years, St. Michael's Choir School has been putting the joys, aspirations, dreams and solemnities of this city to song. The school is a pre-eminent training ground for liturgical singers, composers, conductors and organists in North America. Students and graduates enrich the liturgies of St. Michael's Cathedral and many parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

To honour, support and celebrate this tradition, the Alumni present a benefit concert *A Gift of Music: 75 Years of Song*. Headlining school alumni: Matt Dusk, Kevin Hearn, Stephen Hegedus, James McKie, Michael Colvin, Michael O'Grady, Paolo Bordignon and Michael Schade. Directed by alumnus Andrew Craig, accompanied by an orchestra, special guests and the current students of the Choir School.

Monies raised will be used to fund the school's jubilee tour to Italy and the Vatican, as well as support bursaries and scholarships for students in financial need. For more information and to buy tickets, please contact www.agiftofmusic.ca and the Roy Thomson Hall Box Office 416-872-4255.

ADVENT MASS OF COMFORT AND LIGHT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012

7:00 pm

Holy Cross Parish,

291 Cosburn Avenue, Toronto

Mass celebrated by Bishop Vincent Nguyen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2012

7:00 pm

St. Norbert's Parish,

100 Regent Road, Toronto

Mass celebrated by Rev Xavier De Pinto.

While we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, we are aware of many among us who may be struggling with the loss of a loved one through death or from a recent divorce or separation. Catholic Family Services of Toronto Foundation and the parishes of Holy Cross and St. Norbert's welcome you to the Mass of Comfort and Light. This season of Advent let us gather into the warmth and light of Christ, finding support and courage in Him, the One who loves us. For more information please contact 416-921-1163.

Our faith community welcomes

Chloe Sbrizzi, Sofia Cammalleri
& Alaina Engel

who were baptized on Sunday, December 2

May you always walk in the footsteps of the Lord.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

SUNDAY OFFERING \$8,130 AVERAGE ENVELOPE DONATION \$13.78

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, December 10

8:00am Joseph & Erminia Aquilina
by Joe & Josephine Muscat

Tuesday, December 11

8:00am Giovanni & Maria Rossi by Alberto & Maria Rossi
10:30am Mass at Kipling Acres
7:30pm Communal Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 12

8:00am Chiara Pedota by Jan Glover

Thursday, December 13

8:00am Living Int. – The Gordon family by Celia Gordon
9:00am Holy Child School Mass at the School

Friday, December 14

8:00am Americo & Maria Zavagno by D'Andrea family

Saturday, December 15

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

Sunday, December 16

8:00am Bradley Ross by Marie Ross
9:30am Angelo Di Bernardino by wife & family
9:30am For the People
11:00am Roman Szul by Beata Niznik
12:45pm Attilio Tuzi by Anna Maria & Benedetto

ATTENTION SAVIO CLUB MEMBERS

Savio Club closes for Christmas Holidays

Thursday, December 20th

& reopens

Tuesday, January 8th.

Have a safe and blessed Christmas.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

1:00pm to 3:30 pm

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 24th. Thank you for your kind co-operation.