



Come and see . . . the Lord is inviting you to new beginnings here and now – so do not concern yourself with the past or worry about the future for this can only conceal the Lord's desire for you. Instead, notice the Lord's call to you now – in this particular moment of your life.

2012 Offering Envelopes

If you have not yet picked up your 2012 offering envelopes, they are still available at the parish office during office hours. Please, do not use remaining envelopes from last year. Begin using the new ones for 2012. Thank you.

Dates for First Confession and Communion Candidates

If your child has been preparing for the Sacraments of Confession and First Communion, and **they missed First Confession last week**, please be sure to attend the *practice for First Confession* at **St. Nicholas' Parish on Monday, January 16th, at 7:00 p.m. with Confessions also taking place at St. Nicholas' the following Day, Tuesday, January 17th, at 7pm.**

On Monday, January 30th, all First Communion Candidates and their parents are asked to attend a meeting at St. Clare's church at 7:00 p.m. to go over the **FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM**.

Meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Anyone interested in finding out about the good works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society or to become a member is asked to attend their next meeting on Monday, January 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the parish meeting room.

Journey Towards our Centenary Campaign

As we reach the conclusion of this year's Christmas Season, we are reminded of the beautiful 100 year old NATIVITY SCENE that has enriched our church décor this Christmas. Soon our parish will celebrate 100 years of worship, since its foundation on August 11, 1913. One of the activities in preparing for this celebration will be the publication of a booklet sharing Christmas experiences of the past. We invite families and parishioners to send us a story of "your Christmas past"... events, memoirs, photographs, etc., that speaks of the ways in which you and your families have celebrated Christmas in years past, either here at St. Clare's or elsewhere. Please send or bring them to the office before FEBRUARY 2. This publication will be one among various activities, events, celebrations, etc., that will mark our anniversary.

Toronto Catholic Schools Welcome Kindergarten Students

The Toronto Catholic District School Board welcomes families with kindergarten-aged children to register for the September 2012 school year. Your local Catholic school will be offering extended registration hours during the evening of January 19th, 2012. The Board is proud to provide a wide range of programs and services to students in 201 publicly-funded Catholic schools from junior kindergarten to Grade 12. For registration information, please call 416-222-8282, ext. 5314.

POPE BENEDICT XVI ELEVATES ARCHBISHOP THOMAS COLLINS TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS

On Friday, January 6th, following Mass at the Vatican, the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, announced that His Grace, Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will be elevated to the College of Cardinals, an international group of principal advisors to the Pontiff. Let us pray for our Archbishop and for his ministry shepherding God's holy people in the Archdiocese of Toronto.



Church & Sacristy Cleanup

If you can, please come and give us a hand to clean up our Church & Sacristy. We will be gathering at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 21st, and lunch will be provided! We appreciate your help!

Prayer & Reflection

Why not join us for an hour of prayer and reflection on Monday, January 23rd. We will be gathering in the parish meeting room at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Parish Council Meeting

Our Parish Council meeting has been re scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th at 8 p.m. in our Parish Meeting Room.



Ecumenical Prayer Service

To mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the local Christian churches will be joining for a prayer service on Wednesday, January 25th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas of Bari Church. We hope that you make every effort to join in this important gathering!

Monthly Parish Memorial Mass

On Friday, January 27th at 7:30 p.m. we celebrate a Memorial Mass in honour of our loved ones. If you have a friend or family member whose birthday, anniversary or anniversary of death took place during this month, please call the office before Friday with the name you wish to have mentioned.

Our neighbourhood **Out of the Cold Program** is held at St. Matthews United Church on Thursdays and provides dinner and emergency shelter to people who are homeless. They need more volunteers in a number of areas and these include: reception desk from 6:30-8pm, after-dinner meals for late-comers, social activities, late kitchen work (10 pm to 12 am) and security to monitor at the door. Even serving for a few weeks or every other week would help. Interested in volunteering? You can either drop in on Thursday at St. Matthew's - 729 St. Clair Street West (just west of Christie Street) or email barbaraharris@bell.net.

DONATE NOW

Christian giving is not based on need, it is based on Christian character. One way you can enrich your faith and show that the Church is important to you is to make a financial gift to your parish or share your blessings with people in need by supporting your favourite Archdiocesan charity. The Archdiocese of Toronto is pleased to announce that as of December 1, 2011, you can do this by making a gift over the internet using your credit card. One way you can live your faith and give hope to people in need is by making an online gift. Go to www.archtoronto.org and click on the "DONATE NOW" to learn more.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 14

5:00 – Virginia Ricci, Giuseppina & Piero Brusatin

Sunday, January 15

9:00 – Pro Populo

10:30 – Biagio Tucci, Raffaella Cardinale, Luigi e Luisa D'Angela, Angela, Luigi e Sam Pepe e Vincenzo, Maria e Michele Ferraro, Vittoria Santaguida, Giuseppe e Anna Vetrò, Caterina Maria De Francesco e defunti della famiglia Garisto, Caterina Vono e Teresa Faga e Annarosa Azzoli

12:00 – Patrick & Verena Hanley

Monday, January 16

9:00 – Vincenzo Bertucci

Tuesday, January 17

9:00 – Maria Pitaro

Wednesday, January 18

9:00 – Giovannina Mastrangelo

7:00 – Domenico Macri († 1 mo. Memorial)

Thursday, January 19

9:00 – Angela Bertucci

7:00 – Michele Turco († died in Italy)

Friday, January 20

9:00 – Rina Montanaro

7:00 – Umile Molino († died in Italy)

Saturday, January 21

9:00 – In thanksgiving

5:00 – Luigi Brusatin

INCAMMINANDOCI VERSO IL CENTENARIO

Il presepe allestito in parrocchia quest'anno, risale a 100 anni fa. Preparandoci al centenario della nostra parrocchia, invitiamo i parrocchiani a partecipare in una di tante attività che illumineranno il nostro cammino verso l'undici agosto 2013, data dell'anniversario. Vi chiediamo di inviarci racconti natalizi delle vostre famiglie degli scorsi anni. Questi verranno pubblicati in un libricino per l'anno prossimo – anno di preparazione al centenario. Vi chiediamo di inviarci i vostri scritti, se desiderate, con fotografie, ecc., entro il 2 febbraio prossimo. Sarà una bellissima iniziativa. Partecipate.

2^a Domenica dell'Anno

In ogni rapporto profondo e sincero c'è sempre un momento privilegiato in cui si cerca di dare alla persona che si ama un nome segreto ed esclusivo. La tenerezza eterna del Cristo riserva a ciascuno di noi un nome che riceveremo nel regno, scritto su un sassolino bianco.

IL PAPA BENEDETTO XVI HA ELEVATO IL NOSTRO ARCIVESCOVO THOMAS COLLINS AL COLLEGIO CARDINALIZIO

Venerdì, 6 gennaio, dopo la Messa in Vaticano, il Papa Benedetto XVI ha annunciato che l'arcivescovo dell'Arcidiocesi di Toronto, Thomas Collins, sarà elevato al Collegio Cardinalizio nel mese di febbraio. A Sua Eccellenza, Mons. Collins, i nostri auguri e le nostre preghiere per un fecondo apostolato.



Buste delle Offerte

Se non l'avete già fatto, ritirate le vostre buste dall'ufficio appena possibile. Vi chiediamo di non usare le buste avanzate dell'anno scorso. Grazie.

Pulizia Generale della Chiesa e Sagrestia

La prossima pulizia generale della chiesa e sagrestia avrà luogo sabato, 21 gennaio. Venite a darci una mano se potete. Ci riuniamo in chiesa per le 9:30 a.m. e dopo le pulizie gusteremo un po' di pizza. Grazie!

Consiglio Parrocchiale

La riunione del Consiglio Parrocchiale è stata rimandata per martedì, 24 gennaio alle 8:00 p.m. nella Saletta delle Adunanze.



Servizio di Preghiera per l'Unità dei Cristiani

Nel occasione della Settimana di Preghiera per l'Unità dei Cristiani, vogliamo riunirci in preghiera alla chiesa di S. Nicola in collaborazione con le varie chiese locale Cristiane. Venite numerosi mercoledì, 25 gennaio alle 7:30 p.m. per pregare insieme.

Messa Mensile in Memoria dei nostri cari defunti

Venerdì, 27 gennaio alle 7:30 p.m. e ogni ultimo venerdì del mese allo stesso orario, celebriamo la Santa Messa in memoria dei nostri cari defunti. Chiamate l'ufficio appena possibile per lasciare i nomi dei vostri cari.