

Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,
We pray that this new year will bring us closer to You.
May we take the time to get to know You.
Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us
and use them to serve You and spread Your Word,

May we also see and love You in all the people we meet,
so that in turn, they can see You in us.

We know that all human relations take time if they are to grow
and deepen. This is also true of our relationship with You, the
Father and the Holy Spirit, which must grow over the course of
our lives. In this new year, let us realize that every action of ours
no matter how great or small enables us to be in touch with You.

Let us accept You in our lives, in the way it pleases You,
as Truth, to be spoken, as Life, to be lived,
as Light, to be lighted, as Love, to be followed,
as Joy, to be given, as Peace, to be spread about,
as Love to be shared among relatives, friends, neighbours
and all people. Amen

Please note that the office will be closed on Monday,
January 2nd.

CHRISTMAS MOVIE AFTERNOON

On Tuesday, January 3rd, we invite everyone to come and
see "The Nativity Story" at St. Clare's Parish Hall at 3:00
p.m. It's still Christmas --- come and celebrate. Bring your
friends and a dessert to share.

GATHERING OF ALL VOLUNTEERS

All PARISH VOLUNTEERS, their spouses and children, are
invited to join us for a special get together **for a VOLUNTEER
CHRISTMAS APPRECIATION on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4th
at 6:30 p.m. in the Hall at ST. NICHOLAS' PARISH.** *Please
call the parish office to let us know how many will be in
attendance.*

Holy Hour for Vocations

Holy Hour takes place in the church from 6 – 7 p.m. this 1st
Friday, January 6th following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. We will have
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditation, Confessions
and ending with Benediction. This is to pray for an increase in
Vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Please come
pray with us.

2012 Offering Envelopes

Your offering envelopes may now be picked up from the parish office
during office hours.

New Beginnings

Do you know someone who has experienced the death of a
spouse, a separation or divorce? If you or someone you know is
searching for **hope and spiritual encouragement after such a
loss**, join us for an informal gathering in the parish meeting room
on **Tuesday, January 10th**, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Journey Towards our Centenary Campaign

As you know, our Parish will be 100 years old in August of 2013, and
we're just starting our planning process for the festivities which will
also include a fundraising campaign entitled "Journey towards our
Centenary". With this campaign, we hope to cover the cost of what
has been borrowed over the past year from the Chancery Office which
have answered our **urgent need** to replace our flat roof, to make
new doors for the main entrance and upgrade all other doors, to cut
down our dangerously crippled trees around the church (new ones still
to be decided upon and planted), to upgrade our church hall, etc. All
in all, we have had to borrow a substantial amount, and coupled with
works that still need to be done (please see the details in the 2010
financial report – copies available by contacting the office), our
campaign will aim to reach the amount of \$250,000.00. Special
envelopes are available at the entrance of the church. Please make
cheques payable to **St. Clare's Parish - Journey towards our
Centenary Campaign.** We thank all those who have already made
contributions. Our total so far is just over \$10,000. Anyone wishing
to be part of the Special Anniversary Committee, or if you simply wish
to offer suggestions, please call the office and leave a message for
Father Vito. **One of our immediate projects is for families to
share stories of Christmas experienced in your families over
the past years. These will be accepted in the office up to Feb.
2, 2012. A special booklet will be published for the following
Christmas, in our final year of preparation to the Centenary.**

First Confession and Communion Candidates

If your child has been preparing for the Sacraments of Confession
and First Communion, please note that there is a **practice for
First Confession** at St. Clare's Church on Monday, January 9th
at 7:00 p.m. in the church. **First Confessions** take place on
Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the church.
**Practice for First Confession at St. Nicholas' will be on
Monday, January 16th, at 7:00 p.m. Confessions at St.
Nicholas' the following Day, Tuesday, January 17th, at 7pm**

Bingo & Refreshments

The 55+ Club will be enjoying a game of Bingo on Thursday, January
12th at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All the young at heart are invited.



SPAGHETTI LUNCH

Join us for a traditional Italian Spaghetti lunch
on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 15th at 1:00 p.m.**
Our menu includes Spaghetti, Meatballs,
sausage, salad, wine, soft drinks, fruit, panettone, espresso & more.
Tickets are \$20 per adults & \$10 children under 12, and are now
available at the office.

DONATE NOW

The Archdiocese of Toronto is pleased to announce that you can now
support your parish or favourite charity of the Archdiocese by making
a donation over the internet using your credit card. As of December
1, 2011, a new button has become accessible on the Archdiocesan
website www.archtoronto.org Clicking the button "DONATE NOW"
will take you to a page where you can make a gift using your credit
card. Some of the options will include:

- Your Parish (for offertory, building fund, or capital campaign)
- ShareLife, St. Michael's Choir School, St. Augustine's Seminary,
Tribute (In Memoriam & Living Gifts), Archdiocese of Toronto,
Sunday Television Mass & Humanitarian Relief

Thank you for supporting your church.

Happy New Year to all!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 31
5:00 p.m. – Bilingual Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Sunday, January 1
9:00 – Pro Populo
10:30 – Pro Populo
12:00 – Pro Populo

Monday, January 2
9:00 – Giacinto e Rina Montanaro
7:30 – Elizabeth Ann De Rose
(† Memorial)

Tuesday, January 3

9:00 – Antonio, Maria, Rebecca, Ester e Giuseppe Galeazzi
7:30 – Pina Marino († 1 yr. Memorial)

Wednesday, January 4

9:00 – Bruno, Carmela e Domenico Aloe e i defunti della famiglia

Thursday, January 5

9:00 – Francesco Simeone

Friday, January 6

9:00 – Urbano Carreiro († 1 yr. anniv.)
5:30 – Gervasio Griesi
6:00 – 7:00 – HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Saturday, January 7

9:00 – Francesco Gaudio
5:00 – Frank & Frances Pajk & deceased friends, relatives & benefactors of the family



Upcoming Weddings

There is a promise of Marriage between:
Danny Lopes & Savina Primi
(January 14, 2012)

INCAMMINANDOCI VERSO IL CENTENNARIO

Grandi e importantissimi lavori sono stati eseguiti in questo ultimo anno nella struttura della nostra chiesa. L'elenco completo e' stato pubblicato nel Resoconto Finanziario, presentato alla comunita' il mese scorso. Ora bisogna iniziare a pagare il debito fatto in diocesi, e anche considerare i lavori ancora da compiere prima del nostro Centenario. La nuova campagna iniziera' a gennaio con dettagli preparati e pubblicati a Natale. Nel frattempo, chi desidera gia' fare un'offerta prima del nuovo anno, e ottenere la ricevuta per le tasse del 2011, puo' trovare le buste addette all'uscita della chiesa.

Buon Anno a Tutti!

I Sacerdoti e il personale della parrocchia augura ad ognuno di voi
Un felicissimo e Santo Anno Nuovo.
Possa il Signore guidare i vostri passi
sulla via della verita' e della pace.
Le vostre speranze siano adempiute
e il nostro mondo vivi nella pace
che solo Dio puo' dare
ai nostri cuori.

Buon Anno, carissimi.
Dio vi benedica, oggi e sempre!

Un Bellissimo Film

Invitiamo a tutti di venire a gustare un delizioso pomeriggio con FILM, BUONA COMPAGNIA e SPIRITO NATALIZIO... **Martedì, 3 Gennaio, 2012, alle ore 3:00 del pomeriggio, nel Salone di SANTA CHIARA.** Invitate i vostri amici, e portate un dolce da condividere con tutti

INCONTRO DI RINGRAZIAMENTO PER TUTTI I VOLONTARI DELLA PARROCCHIA

MERCOLEDI, 4 GENNAIO, alle ore 6:30 di sera, invitiamo i vari volontari della nostra parrocchia e della parrocchia di San Nicola, con marito, moglie e figli, ad un incontro di RINGRAZIAMENTO per il loro impegno e la loro dedica nell'andamento della parrocchia. Questo incontro si terra' nella sala di San Nicola. Vi invitiamo a telefonarci in ufficio per dire quanti sarete, in modo tale da poter preparare tutto l'occorrente.

Buste delle Offerte per quest'anno

Adesso potete ritirare le vostre buste dall'ufficio in settimana.

ORA SANTA PER LE VOCAZIONI

Il 6 gennaio è il Primo Venerdì. Avremo le Messe alle 9 a.m. e alle 5:30 p.m. Dalle 6 alle 7 p.m., vi sarà un'ora di esposizione del SS. Sacramento, con meditazione, confessioni e preghiere in silenzio a favore delle Vocazioni sacerdotali e religiose. Si concluderà con la benedizione eucaristica.

Gruppo 55 e Più

Il Gruppo 55 anni e più si riunisce giovedì, 12 gennaio alle 9:30 a.m. nella Sala Parrocchiale per un gioco di Bingo. Chi fosse interessato(a), è benvenuto(a).



Spghettata

Siamo invitati domenica, 15 Gennaio all' 1:00 del pomeriggio nella nostra sala per una spghettata e per stare un po' insieme.

Gusteremo spaghetti con polpette e salciccie, insalata, bevande, frutta, caffè e dolci. Il costo è di \$20 a persona e di \$10 per bambini. Fissate questa data sul vostro calendario. Comprate i vostri biglietti appena possibile! Telefonateci, o visitateci in ufficio.