

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year "A" Isa 35.1-6a, 10; Jam 5.7-10;

Matthew 11.2-11

Entrance Antiphon (Philippians 4.4-5)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 12th

Feast Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 a.m. Intentions Donna Miller

Tuesday, December 13th

Memorial St. Lucy

8:30 a.m. Unannounced Intentions

Wednesday, December 14th

Memorial St. John of the Cross

7:30 p.m. † Barbara Fernandez

Thursday, December 15th

8:30 a.m. † Unannounced

Friday, December 16th

8:30 a.m. † Unannounced

Saturday, December 17th

5:00 p.m. † Albert Webb

Sunday, December 18th

9:00 a.m. † Alberto Silva

11:00 a.m. Mass Pro Populo

5:00 p.m. † Doreen Dorsey

Papal Intentions for December

Universal: *End to Child-Soldiers* ~ That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization: *Europe* ~ That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

For The Recently Departed

We Pray for **McLean St. Juste** and **Elizabeth D'Souza**. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Holy Redeemer Youth Ministry

Holy Redeemer Youth Ministry would like to thank all the Parishioners who have kindly supported our Calendar Drive Fundraiser. If you missed out on purchasing a Calendar after masses please contact Bianca Hutchinson. Holy Redeemer Youth Ministry is looking for Volunteers for our Life Teen Program that is beginning January 21st, 2017! If you are interested in assisting with this program, please contact our Youth Minister Bianca Hutchinson at 905-839-9774 ext. 26 or email youthhrp@gmail.com

Bulletin Board

Monday, December 12th

7:00 p.m. Advent Reflection

Tuesday, December 13th

2:30 p.m. Blood Donor Clinic

6:00 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

7:00 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 14th

7:00 p.m. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

7:15 p.m. Confirmation Classes

Thursday, December 15th

7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary

Friday, December 16th

7:00 p.m. Edge Youth Ministry

All-Day Advent Confession

To help us prepare spiritually for the birth of the Messiah.

Wednesday December 14th

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

All are invited. For other days, please call the office to schedule.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th (Christmas Eve Masses)

5:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. & 12:00 Midnight

Sunday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Monday, December 26th (St. Stephen's Day)

9:00 a.m.

New Year Mass Times

Saturday, December 31st

(Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st

(Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)

9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 2nd

9:00 a.m.

Holy Redeemer Blood Donor Clinic

The next Blood Donor Clinic in Holy Redeemer parish Hall is Tuesday December 13th 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary but if you wish to book an appointment please call 1-888-2donate (1-888-236-6283) or go to www.blood.ca



Canadian Blood Services
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Euthanasia/Assisted Did You Know?

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object to helping to kill their patients see a direct referral as being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. 8 other provinces in Canada have adopted protocols to protect doctors and institutions. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and to write directly to the Ontario government.

Heart to Heart Gala

Save the date! **Saturday, February 25, 2017** Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility, Ajax 12th Annual Heart to Heart Gala for Catholic Family Services of Durham. Tickets are just \$125 each, and are available for purchase online, or in person at our Oshawa office. Visit www.cfsdurhm.com for more details.

merry christmas!



Annual Campaign Life Fruit Cake Sale

Campaign Life Coalition is once again raising funds through Christmas cake sales. Once again the suppliers are the Cistercian monks. The 600g cakes sell for \$15 each while the 1kg cakes sell for \$25 each. This year, for the 1st time, the Cistercian Abbey will also supply us with gift baskets containing a mini fruitcake, chocolates, and maple spread all selling for \$25 per basket. These products will be on sale after each weekend mass Dec 3rd/4th, Dec 10th/11th, Dec 17th/18th, while supplies last.

French Immersion Registration

We welcome all students into our French Immersion program at schools across the Durham Catholic District School Board. You are invited to enrol your child through our online registration process at dcdsb.ca from **December 12, 2016 to January 20, 2017**. Students must be entering Grade 1 in September 2017 to register.

For more information about our Board's French Immersion Program

<http://www.dcdsb.ca/en/programs-services/French-Immersion-Questions-and-Answers.aspx>

Win Great Prizes!

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. 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 18-15, 2017. The Theme for this coming year is "*Reconciliation – The love of Christ compels us*" (cf. *2 Corinthians 5:14-20*). Students should read the above Scripture passage and respond to the following statement in the essay:



As the Christian world reflects on the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation (1517-2017) and after reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-20, discuss the main obstacles to Christian reconciliation and ways to overcome them based on your own experiences.

First prize is an **iPad Air2 (64 GB)**, second prize is a **Kobo Aura H2O**, and third to sixth prizes are a **one-year subscription to The Catholic Register** and other prizes. Essays will be edited and published in The Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is **January 13, 2017**. E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org FAX it to 416-934-3409 (please include your full name, email address, phone number, and the name of your school on the front page of the essay). For further information call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 403 or 1-855-441-4077.

Don't miss this opportunity!



Knights Korner Council 11729

This weekend, as the Knights of Columbus present their annual Christmas concert, we want to wish everyone "All the best" for the Christmas season.

We are grateful to Jamie Ketrick and our Senior Choir, the support of our three schools: St. Monica, Father Fénelon and St. Mary. Also, for the first time, we will have our Saturday night choir.

The readings will tell the story of Advent and the birth of Jesus. This combination of both our singing and our readings offer all of us both good reflection and spiritual preparation that we need for the Christmas season. A big thank you to all our participants.

Walter Heeney
Grand Knight