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## LITURGICAL LIFE

Altar Servers	Deacon Rudy Ovcjak	647-970-4495
Children's Liturgy	Doris Sweeney	905-837-2944
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Teresa D'Amelio	647-200-9315
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Organist:	Andrew Weleschuk	
Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation	Ext. 505	
Youth Choir:	Vanessa Lowing	
Parish Choir:	Anna Hughes	
Gregorian Choir	Michelle Cuyugan	647-292-1422

**YOUTH MINISTRY** Shelly Coish Ext. 223

EDGE Programme: Grade 6, 7 & 8

Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month

Lifeteen Programme: Highschool Students

Please join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month

## OTHER APOSTOLATES

Bereavement	Please call the parish office	
Legion of Mary	Fran Baduel	Ext. 504
Rosary Apostolate	Camille Jacques-Carr	905-509-8500
St Vincent de Paul	Ben Jardine	Ext. 502

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Women's League	Marie James	905-839-8890
Knights of Columbus	Dennis Lacey	905-839-7001
Children's Play Group	Ramona Kelland	905-831-5772
Parish Finance Council	Bart Calderone	905-839-9116
Bldg/Maint. Council	Paul Bertrand	905-622-5910
Refugee Committee	Joe Przybylo	905-839-8233

## PARISH SCHOOLS

### PRINCIPAL

St. Elizabeth Seton	Sharon Bird	905-839-0005
St. Isaac Jogues	Jim Raper	905-839-1844
St. Wilfrid	Mike Young	905-427-6225
Notre Dame Secondary	Joe D'Amico	905-686-4300
St. Mary Secondary	Michael O'Brien	905-420-7166

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm
Sunday	8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am, 7:00pm

(Rosary 15 minutes before each Mass)

## DAILY MASSES

Monday to Friday	7:30am
Wednesday	7:00pm
Saturday	8:30am
First Friday	7:30pm
First Saturday:	11:00am Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (Latin)

(Mass will be offered at 10:00am on Public Holidays)

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday	9:00 to 9:30am, 3:45 to 4:15pm.
Sunday:	15 minutes prior to each Holy Mass

(Any time by appointment)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday between the morning and evening Masses  
First Fridays after morning Mass until 6:30pm Holy Hour

## DEVOTIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Every Wednesday at 7:00pm  
First Friday: Holy Hour at 6:30pm

## BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated at least once per month. Parents are to be registered parishioners. To register your child for baptism, pick-up a baptism package in the parish office.

## MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married contact the parish office at least one year in advance. No wedding date is to be set before consultation with the Priests/Deacons. At least one of the parties must be a registered parishioner.

## RITE OF INITIATION OF ADULTS INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact the office.

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE ILL OR HOMEBOUND

Requests for the Sacrament of the Sick, prayers or visitations, please call the parish office.

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

To be a registered member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to the Catholic Church locally. Please introduce yourself to the Priests or Deacons and register in the office.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Mass Intentions & Parish Activities

#### MONDAY 18 DECEMBER

7:30am Mass: + Esther Nava

#### TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER

7:30am Mass: + Robin Grochmal & Susan Moran

#### WEDNESDAY 20

7:30am Mass: Thanksgiving

7:00pm Multiple Mass Intentions

#### THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER -- ST PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST & DOCTOR

7:30am Mass: Thanksgiving – Sam Agu

9:00am to 12 noon Children's Play Group

7:00pm Legion of Mary meeting

#### FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER

7:30am Mass: + Robert Stephen, Damian & Leila Pancham

#### SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER - ST JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST

8:30am Mass: Multiple Mass Intentions

4:30pm Mass: + Fr Dominic Almeida & Thanksgiving.

#### SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER: ADVENT IV

8:30am Mass: + Mike Kielly

10:00am Mass: Pro Populo

11:30am Mass: Thanksgiving – Dias family

4:00pm Mass: James & Sheila Baptiste

6:00pm Mass: Eugene Cote & Marie-Paul Vaillancour

8:00pm Mass: Special Intentions

10:00pm Mass: George & Cathy Downes

Midnight Mass: Mat Obal

**THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN HONOUR OF JULIE BOISSELLE.**

### FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

#### REJOICE IN THE LORD!

In the Gospel John the Baptist continues to give witness to Christ by telling those sent to him by the Chief Priests that though he is not himself the Messiah (the "Christ" or the "Anointed One"), the Messiah does already stand in their midst, "unknown to them". John has prepared the way for the Messiah both by his preaching and his baptising. He tells the messengers from Jerusalem that the true Messiah will baptise not merely with water, but with the Holy Spirit. St. Paul, in the second reading (which is taken from the first Epistle to the Thessalonians), encourages us to "be joyful at all times". This is not the same as the call: "Don't worry; be happy!" The call to Christian joyfulness is made in the Entrance Antiphon whose first word "Gaudete!" (rejoice!) has given this Sunday its name. It is a spiritual gift and quality and is not incompatible with some difficulties in life and even pain and sorrow. This is clear from Our Lord's teaching in the Beatitudes: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted", and "Blessed are you when men revile you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account—rejoice and be glad...!" True Christian rejoicing means a profound, and not a superficial joy. It's not that God doesn't want us to enjoy Christmas, rather that He wants us to enjoy His Son's coming, for which we can only prepare by keeping this Advent as a time of prayer, sacramental practice and opportunities to grow in love of God and neighbour.

### BIBLE STUDY

St. Bernadette's Parish, 21 Bayly St E Ajax, will be hosting *James: Pearls for Wise Living* Bible study beginning **Wednesday January 3rd** at 9:30 am to 11:30 or **Friday January 5th** at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and continuing every Wednesday or Friday until Wednesday, March 14 or Friday March 23, 2017. *James* is one of the most practical books of the Bible. For more information or to register for the study, call Renate at 905-686-0745 or Michelle at 905-686-3259 or [susangkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:susangkennedy@gmail.com)



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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, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto** 416-968-0997 email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) website: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

All requests for reference letters, Sacraments, teaching, etc., will only be provided to those who are registered members of the parish and active in parish life. Please think ahead and get involved.



Children's Liturgy is for those in Junior Kindergarten up to and including grade 3 (ages 4 to 8 years). **Children under the age of 4 years are welcome, but MUST be accompanied by an adult.** Both adult and youth volunteers are needed to assist at the 10:00am Mass. High school students are welcome and can use the hours toward the required community service.

Please Notice This



The office will be **closed from noon Friday, December 22nd through Sunday, January 7th.** The office will reopen on Monday, January 8th, 2018 at 9:00am.

### Smile of the Day:

What does a deep sea fisherman send to his friends in December?

*Christmas Cods.*



### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Don't forget to make a good confession in preparation for Christmas, having your soul made ready like the stable in Bethlehem, to receive the Lord. Our regular parish schedule for the Sacrament of Forgiveness is: Saturday 9:00 to 9:30am, 3:45 to 4:15pm.

Sunday: 15 minutes prior to each Holy Mass.  
(Any time by appointment)

### OUR PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

St. Isaac Jogues Parish is accepting 2018 Mass Intentions for parish weekday Masses (Monday-Friday) and weekend Masses. Offering: For single announced date \$20.00 per Mass and for multiple announced date \$10.00 per Mass. An unannounced date \$10.00 per Mass, may be sent to priests outside the parish to be celebrated in the near future.

Due to the large number of requests for Masses, the parish was given permission to celebrate Mass with multiple intentions *every Wednesday at the 7:00pm Mass and every Saturday at the 8:30am Mass*. As this is something which requires special permission from the Bishop, the parish cannot accept multiple intentions on other days.

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** the lamp hanging in the sanctuary, when lit, indicates the Real Presence of Christ, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, reserved in the Tabernacle (the veil of the Tabernacle indicates the same reality). The flickering light is also a sign of the prayers of the faithful which remain after they have left the parish church. This is the whole purpose of votive lights, which we have before images of the Sacred Heart, Our Lady, St Joseph, etc. The suggested offering is \$20.00.

### PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN (PAG)

PAG allows parishioners to make their **regular Sunday offering, Renovation fund** and if they wish their **ShareLife offering** using the direct debit system. PAG is an option, not a requirement. It is widely used in the Toronto Archdiocese and we want to make PAG available to all parishioners who would like to take advantage of it.

When you participate in pre-authorized giving, your offering is withdrawn from your account once a month on or about the 20th day of each month and deposited into the parish account.

If you are enrolled in our PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) you will still be getting a box of envelopes for next year. Please continue to drop your offertory envelope in the basket – just write PAG across it before placing it in the basket. This way we encourage each other to support our parish and continue to teach our children the value of Christian stewardship. Also, the colored envelopes in your boxed sets for special collections are not included in PAG. Continue to use your special collections envelopes at their designated dates. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish needs!

If you are interested in PAG or want additional details, please visit our website at <http://stisaacjogueschurch.com> and look under “Forms & Information” for the **Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) brochure**.



#### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Sunday 24 December  
4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm  
& 12 Midnight

#### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday 25 December  
10:00am & 11:30am  
**NO 8:30am OR EVENING MASS**

#### FEAST OF ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

Tuesday 26 December 10:00am

#### ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

Wednesday 27 December – 7:30am & 12 noon  
Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
between the Masses

#### THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Thursday 28 December – 7:30am

#### MEMORIAL OF ST THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP & MARTYR

Friday 29 December 7:30am  
*Fifth Day of the Octave of Christmas*

#### Saturday 30 December 8:30am

*Sixth Sunday of the Octave of Christmas*

#### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Saturday 30 December 4:30pm  
Sunday 31 December 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am

#### THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

*Holy Day of Obligation ~ New Year's Eve Mass*  
Sunday 31 December 4:30pm  
*New Year's Day Masses*  
Monday 1 January  
10:00am, 11:30am & 7:00pm (no 8:30am Mass)

#### TUESDAY 2 JANUARY

10:00am - *St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors*

#### WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY

7:30am & 7:00pm – *Christmas Weekday –  
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