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# ST. ISAAC JOGUES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### **Mass Intentions & Parish Activities**

#### MONDAY 23 DECEMBER

7:30am Mass: Thanksgiving Mass – Fernandes family

3:30pm Youth Choir 7:30pm RCIA

### TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS

7:30am Mass: + Sonny & Nan McDonagh & Isa Kerr 4:00pm Mass: + James & Sheila Baptiste & Jack Smith

6:00pm Mass: Thanksgiving – Dias family 8:00pm Mass: + Christina Reventar 10:00pm Mass: + George & Kathy Downes 12:00 midnight Mass: + Dorothy Britton

#### WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER – NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:00am Mass: + Jules & Leo Salvino

11:30am Mass: Special Intentions - Michelle & Andre Duarte-

Monteiro

#### THURSDAY 26 DECEMBER – ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

10:00am Mass: + Marlene Dubeau & Margaret Massey

FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER - ST JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

7:30am Mass: + Charles Alves

#### SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER – THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

8:30am Mass: Multiple Mass Intentions 4:30pm Mass: + Clem, Jules & Maxim Faust

# SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:30am Mass: + Dolly, Selwyn, Lionel & Philomena Dias

10:00am Mass: Pro Populo

11:30am Mass: Thanksgiving – Sharon D'Souza

7:00pm Mass: + Mathew Meyers

# THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN HONOUR OF SYDNEY, CELIA, KNOPFLER & SAMANTHA DIAS

#### **VOCATIONS**

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



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.

Together with the clergy and staff,
I wish you a blessed Christmas:
may the birth of the Saviour bring
love, peace and joy
to your hearts and homes this Christmas season
and throughout the new year.

Fr Marc-André Campbell

# DURHAM CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

#### Learning and Living in Faith

#### **Kindergarten Registration**

You are invited to register your child for Kindergarten at a Durham Catholic schools across the region. Your child must be turning 4 years of age by December 31, 2020 in order to enrol. Online registration begins **January 13-17, 2020**. Visit dcdsb.ca to register. For questions, email <u>admissions@dcdsb.ca</u>

#### **Register for Grade 1 French Immersion**

You enrol your child in a French Immersion program at schools across the Durham Catholic District School Board. Online registration take place from **December 9, 2019 to January 17, 2020**. Students entering Grade 1 in September 2020 are eligible to register. Visit **dcdsb.ca** and click on the French Immersion banner to register.

#### Opening Doors to Opportunities!



The office is **closed from noon Friday**, **December 20th, 2019 through Sunday**, **January 5th, 2020**. The office will reopen on Monday, January 6th, 2020 at 9:00am. Office volunteers will return the weekend of January 11/12, 2020.

Would you like to have the current parish bulletin delivered to you via email? Would you like to be notified about funeral Masses taking place in our parish? You choose which items you wish to know about and we do the rest. Visit <a href="https://stisaacjogues.archtoronto.org/">https://stisaacjogues.archtoronto.org/</a> and open the "Contact Us" and "Sign Up" tabs.

The Sign of Peace: At this time of year, when various illnesses are more prevalent and may be more easily spread, some people may feel reluctant to give or receive the Sign of Peace by way of shaking hands. In these cases, a nod of the head together with the greeting such as "The peace of Christ be with you" would be an alternate way of expressing peace. There is no reason the sign of peace cannot be expressed in other appropriate ways people feel comfortable with. It is important that everyone is sensitive and understanding when fellow parishioners choose to express the Sign of Peace in a way other than shaking hands.



Please do not park in front of St. Isaac Jogues **School** beside the wall where it is posted "Fire Route" or "School Bus Loading Zone" otherwise you may be ticketed.

Also, the road allowance in front of the church on Finch Avenue is signed "No Parking" and must

be observed to avoid a ticket.

Kindly remember the designated accessible parking spots in front of the church are for those who are handicapped. A current valid permit must be displayed and clearly visible on the vehicle's sun visor or front dash.



The St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Women's League has had a very active fall season hosting monthly luncheons, our annual Turkey Dinner, a bake sale, and the parish picnic. We would like to once again invite the women of the Parish who wish to join a vibrant and bustling organization to help us in our

community service work. The CWL serves the needs of not only our immediate community but of those in need around the GTA and even around the world. We are also known to have some fun as well! If we have piqued your interest please give us a call at 905-839-8890.



#### **Blood Donor Clinics**

If you knew someone who needed help in order to live, would you help? Every 60 seconds, someone needs blood. When you donate, you give life. If you are in good health and at least 17 years old, visit www.blood.ca to take Canadian Blood Services' eligibility quiz to find out if you can donate. If you are eligible, you can book your appointment online with the GiveBlood app or visit a nearby blood donor.

Apostleship of the Sea, which is a Catholic Apostolate to seafarers, is in need of bibles (in various languages), rosaries, knitted hats, and good books that can be distributed to sailors from around the world (e.g. Philippines, Bulgaria, Romania, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Russia, Ukraine, etc.) who come to the ports of Oshawa and Toronto. Please contact Deacon Alvin Soares at 905-683-1403 if you wish to donate goods in support of this ministry.

#### Smile of the day:

Who is the patron saint of shopping? St. Francis de Sales.

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



"Therefore the Child to be born will be called holy, The Son of God." (Luke 1:35)

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

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

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**

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

### FEAST OF ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

Thursday 26 December 10:00am

#### ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST Friday 27 December – 7:30am

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS Saturday 28 December – 8:30am

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

Saturday 28 December 4:30pm Sunday 29 December 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am & 7:00pm

Monday 30 December 7:30am Sixth Sunday of the Octave of Christmas

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

Holy Day of Obligation ~ New Year's Eve Mass Tuesday 31 December 4:30pm New Year's Day Masses Wednesday 1 January 2020 10:00am, 11:30am & 7:00pm (no 8:30am Mass)

#### THURSDAY 2 JANUARY

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

#### FRIDAY 3 JANUARY

7:30am & 7:00pm - Christmas Weekday -The Most Holy Name of Jesus

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