



The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Toronto

ANNOUNCEMENTS

26 December 2010

CALENDAR			
27 December 2010 – 2 January 2011			
27 Monday	6.00 pm	Mass	S. John, Ap., and Ev.
28 Tuesday	7.15 am	Mass	Holy Innocents
29 Wednesday	10.00 am	Mass	Thomas Becket, Abp. and M., 1170
30 Thursday	7.15 am 10.00 am	Mass La Messa	S. Stephen, M.
31 Friday	10.00 am	Mass	John West, Mis., 1845
1 Saturday	10.00 am	Mass	Holy Name
2 Sunday	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Said Mass Sung Mass Solemn Mass	Christmas II
Christmas II Readings Jeremiah 31: 7-14, Ephesians 1: 3-14, John 1: 1-18			

Confessions are heard by appointment

The Altar Guild respectfully requests that, if you wear lipstick to church, you remove it completely before receiving the Eucharist.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Visitors are invited to sign one of the guest books in the narthex. Full music hymn books or large print hymn books are available from the sidespersons. The **BLUE BOOK**, which you have, lists hymns and Mass music by number. The text of the liturgies is by page number at the back of the book.*

*All who are baptised with water in the name of the Holy Trinity are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Anglican Church. At the time of Communion you may receive bread and wine OR bread only. However, **intinction (dipping bread into the wine) is no longer allowed.** You may kneel or stand to receive communion.*

*Washrooms are in the basement which can be reached from the door beside the font. There is a **wheelchair-accessible lift and washroom** in the office area. Please speak to one of the sidespersons. **Hand sanitizers** for your use are available on both sides of the church near the centre door.*

EVENTS

- Please note that the mass this coming **Friday (December 31st)** will be said at **10.00 am**, not the customary 6.00 pm.
- **The Feast of the Epiphany (Thursday, January 6th):** Said mass at 7.15 am, mass in Italian at 10.00 am and Procession and Solemn Mass at 6.00 pm.
- **Solemn Evensong and Benediction: Sunday, January 16 at 4.30 pm.**

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

- **The Rector will be away from January 1 to 9, inclusive.** Father Whittall will be on call for pastoral emergencies. As always, in the event of a pastoral emergency, please call the office and listen for the phone number of the priest on call.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY (continued)

- **SMM 2011 Calendar:** Copies of the 2011 SMM calendar, which includes all of the times of liturgies for the year, are available during coffee on Sundays, or from the Church office. The cost is \$5.00.
- The **Hospitality Team needs more people** to 'set up' and 'clean up' refreshments **for the 11.00 am mass on Sundays**. The present volunteers are tired. We encourage everyone to do their part, even if it is just once every few months. **There's a roster on the wall outside the kitchen.** Please sign up there when you go downstairs after mass. Come with a friend or spouse to make the work more enjoyable, or partner up with a new acquaintance to get to know someone new. We really need everyone's help.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH for CHILDREN and YOUNG PEOPLE

- **Sunday School:** At the 9.30 mass, children age 2 - 6 meet in the Sunday School room for about 30 minutes for a program of storytelling, art and crafts.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH and EXPLORATION for ADULTS

- **SMM Lenten Retreat - Friday, 18 March** (4.00 pm) until Sunday, 20 March (1.00 pm). **Only TWO spaces left!** This is an invitation to participate in a parish retreat **at St. John's Convent in Toronto**. We will take part in a retreat led by Sr. Anitra entitled God Delights in You. The cost is \$180 per person, which includes two nights' accommodation, six meals and snacks. If you are interested, or to book your space, **please speak with Fr David**. (If the fee presents a difficulty for you, please speak with Fr David. Assistance is available.)

OUTREACH

- Our **Ministry at the O'Neill Centre Nursing Home** will continue on the **second Tuesday every month at 2.30 pm**. Please consider joining this ministry of sacrament and presence. Our **next date is Tuesday, 11 January**. For more information, speak with **Fr David** or **Fr Cruse**.

OUTREACH (continued)

- Our next **Out of the Cold** dinner will be **Friday, January 7th** at St. Thomas's Church on Huron Street. Please note we will be filling in for the Trinity College team on (and giving respite to St. Thomas' team) serving hot meals, buffet style, and **need both volunteers and donations of food**. Our model is the parish potluck dish with an emphasis on protein and rich carbs (think scalloped potatoes). We can heat up dishes on site. When possible, precooked dishes are a big help. We will also need fresh fruit (especially mandarins and bananas) so we can send people home with something else to eat. Donations of reading matter (including current newspapers), small toiletries and winter clothing would be much appreciated. Dinner starts promptly at **6.00 pm**, and volunteers are needed to serve meals, meet and greet people, clean up etc. We'll be back to our usual third Friday of the month schedule in February (**February 18th**). Please direct any questions to Brian Clarke at b.clarke@utoronto.ca.
- **Our conversation and planning for SMM's Outreach and Social Justice ministries continues.** Following on our very successful and well-attended brainstorming session in November, you are invited to a follow-up meeting to be held on **Saturday, January 15th from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm**. The focus of this meeting will be to (1) review the ideas brainstormed in November; (2) identify two or three priorities for new outreach and social justice initiatives at SMM; (3) identify leaders within the parish willing to provide leadership in moving these initiatives forward. Please join us!