



The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Toronto

ANNOUNCEMENTS

28 November 2010

CALENDAR

29 November – 5 December 2010

29	Monday	6.00 pm	Mass	Feria
30	Tuesday	7.15 am	Mass	S. Andrew, Ap.
1	Wednesday	10.00 am	Mass	Feria
2	Thursday	7.15 am 10.00 am	Mass La Messa	Feria
3	Friday	6.00 pm	Mass	Francis Xavier, Mis., 1552
4	Saturday	10.00 am	Mass	Nicholas Ferrar, Dn., 1637
5	Sunday	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Said Mass Sung Mass Solemn Mass	Advent II
Advent II Readings Isaiah 11: 1-10, Romans 15: 4-13, Matthew 3: 1-12				

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

- The **Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** will be celebrated on **Wednesday, December 8th** with said mass at 10.00 am and **Procession & Solemn Mass** at 6.00 pm followed by a **pot-luck supper**.
- **Solemn Evensong, Benediction with Carols for Advent: Sunday, December 12th** at 4.30 pm.
- **SMM Annual Christmas Bazaar:** Mark the date in your calendar for SMM's **Annual Christmas Bazaar - Saturday, 4 December, 2010 - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Crafts, baked good, preserves, and a tea room (luncheon - \$10.00). Proceeds in aid of SMM 2nd Century Fund.
- **Confessions:** Although we do not have a regularly scheduled time for confessions, the **Season of Advent is a particularly appropriate time to consider availing ourselves of this sacrament.** Clergy are always prepared to hear **confessions by appointment.** In addition, **I will be available to hear confessions in the church Wednesday,**

December 22nd and Thursday, December 23rd, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. *Fr David*

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

- **The Hospitality Ministry at SMM needs your help to continue the work of our parish community:** we need volunteers to provide refreshments **after the 9:30 am and 11 am Sunday masses**. Volunteers are needed to set up coffee before each mass and to clean up after (don't worry--we have a dishwasher!). Training and support will be provided. There are **sign-up sheets on the door of the kitchen**. This work is great for getting to know your fellow parishioners. **Remember: the best parties take place in the kitchen!**
- **Centre For Christian Spirituality:** An open meeting for anyone interested in the prospect of the foundation of a "Centre For Christian Spirituality" (CFCS) will be held on **Sunday December 5, 2010 at 1:00pm after the High Mass**. ALL are welcome. The venue will depend on the numbers ie. the lounge or the St. Joseph Chapel. For further information speak to **Fr. John Whittall**.
- **One Christmas Night:** We are planning a **parish Christmas pageant** to celebrate Christmas involving children and adults to be held at **7.00 pm. Tuesday, 21 December**. If you are interested, please speak to **Viola Lang** (416-536-3579) or **Kim Kendrick** (416-539-8702).

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, 14 December**. For more information, speak with **Fr David** or **Fr Cruse**.

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 story-telling, art and crafts.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH and EXPLORATION for ADULTS

- **Parkdale Deanery Program:** The seven parishes of Parkdale Deanery are cooperating on the creation of a **Lenten Meditation Booklet**, to be written and produced by our own people and put

into circulation this Lent for personal devotions or even as a possible worship "starter" for a Lenten Study Group. We need seven people from each of our congregations to write a brief meditation on a passage of scripture. Meditations should be no more than 60 to 100 words maximum. We will be assigning the scripture references in early November and writers will then have about a month and a half to think about it and complete their task. Meditations will be collected and sent in to the editors before Christmas. If you are interested in writing a reflection, please speak to Brian Clarke or email him at b.clarke@utoronto.ca.

- **SMM Lenten Retreat - Friday, 18 March** (4.00pm) until Sunday, 20 March (1.00pm). 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**. Space is limited to ten participants. (If the fee presents a difficulty for you, please speak with Fr. David. Assistance is available.)