



## The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Toronto

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 December 2010

## CALENDAR

6 - 12 December 2010

6	Monday	6.00 pm	Mass	Nicholas, Bp., c. 342
7	Tuesday	7.15 am	Mass	Ambrose, Bp., 397
8	Wednesday	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Mass Procession and Solemn Mass <i>(followed by Pot Luck Supper)</i>	Conception of the B.V.M.
9	Thursday	7.15 am 10.00 am	Mass La Messa	Prophets of the Old Testament
10	Friday	6.00 pm	Mass	Clement of Alexandria, P., c. 210
11	Saturday	10.00 am	Mass	Feria
12	Sunday	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 4.30 pm	Said Mass Sung Mass Solemn Mass Solemn Evensong, Advent Carols & Benediction	Advent III
<b>Advent III Readings</b> <b>Isaiah 35: 1-10, James 5: 7-10, Matthew 11: 2-11</b>				

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 **THIS Wednesday, December 8th** with said mass at 10.00 am and **Procession & Solemn Mass** at 6.00 pm followed by a pot-luck supper.
- **The Children's Messiah: Saturday December 11, 4.00 – 5.00 pm:** Children admitted free, adults 'pay what you can' at the door. All ages welcome. Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, or any children you know.
- **Solemn Evensong, Advent Carols, and Benediction: NEXT Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at 4.30 pm.
- **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 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. *Fr David*

## OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

- **The Hospitality Team needs more people** to 'set up' and 'clean up' refreshments **for the 11:00 a.m. 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. If you have questions, **speak to Margot Linken or Jo-Ann Dawson**.
- **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 **TODAY 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).

## LITURGY

- **Advent** – this season of watching and waiting – seems a particularly appropriate time to introduce a **small liturgical change at each mass where there is a homily**. I would like us to have a **brief time for silent reflection before proceeding with the profession of faith**. At the **11.00 mass**, this means asking people to **remain seated until the preacher has returned to the sanctuary and to stand when those in the sanctuary stand**. At the **8.00 and 9.30 masses**, we will have a **brief period for silent reflection before the celebrant begins the creed**. *DJH†*
- A few weeks ago I asked for input on a number of other liturgical changes at the **9.30 mass on Sundays**. Almost all of the input I've received is favourable, so we will 'test them out' for the season of Advent. In particular, **the congregation is asked to remain standing in the 'circle' until everyone has received communion**.

We will also be using a loaf of bread at the 9.30 mass throughout Advent. *DJH†*

## 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 NEXT 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](mailto:b.clarke@utoronto.ca).
- **SMM Lenten Retreat - Friday, 18 March** (4.00pm) until Sunday, 20 March (1.00pm). **Only THREE 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.)