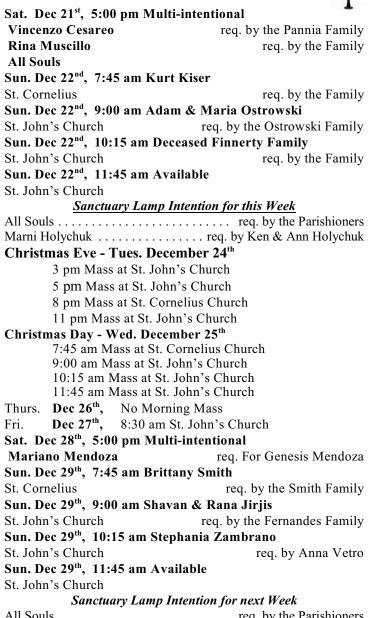


# **Mass Intentions**

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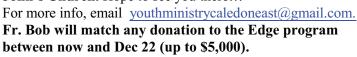
All Souls ..... req. by the Parishioners - The Sanctuary Lamps next to the Tabernacle at St. John's Church may be sponsored as a memorial or intention. The Suggested offering is \$20.00. Please call the office.



Vocations... Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org /www.vocationstoronto.ca

EDGE is a catholic ministry for Gr.'s 5, 6, 7 AND 8. Join us Jan 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at St. John's Church. Hope to see you there!!!





**Please Pray** for those who died this past week and especially those who rest in our cemeteries.

### Please Pray for Our Sick:

Justin Di Nino - Hannah Carlton - Shannon Frediani - Rose Daniels - Ellena Sperini - Bradley Gualtieri - Filomena Chivaro - Chris Phillips - Balentina Pono - Maggie - Gennie Prophero - Livana Schwartz - Ellen & Jim Atwater -Armanda Rodrigues - Mary Muir - Patricia Militello - Ashley Alvarez - Beata Krzecko-Symbor - Marti West - Fabiano Busca - Master Sergeant Denise Ryan - Ronny Smith - Luigi Facchini - Natasha Minnella - Anthony Ranallo -Matt Gerrits - Bernice Theurer - Emily Ribout - Carmelita Petierre - Robert Calleja - Marie Brown - Anderson Reyes - Iva McDonell - Philip Weeden -Logan Filice - Frank & Mary Vite - Liana Francey - Ken & Ann Holychuk -Christian Pileggi - David Wilson - Jessie Neals - Josephine Liau - Nidia Contente - Adrian Grice - Brenda Shard - Nazzareno Petrini - Margaret McConnel - Laurence Lussier - Kate Kirvan - Frank & Mary Mansley - Joe Clenbri - Mallory Boutiller - Linda Dixon - John Hawton - Vincezo Amtiello -Craig Ionson - Linda Fraser - Jeff Kotarski - Emma Harper - Sheila Smith -Britney Smith - Jules Bergeret - Marlene & David Hall - Rosa Santos - Teresa Wolinski - Maria De Sousa - Giuseppe Giannini - Larry Fawcett - Kiana Tran -Paul Centis - Winifred Gray - Georgina Busuttil - Carmela Valvano - Winifred Yaw Gray - Christina Granzotto - Peter Cicero - Alfonso Marignani - Trevor Rouncville - Vince Trama - Thomas Gray - Ornella Vitale - Brenda Matthews -Beverly & Paul Stacey - Nina Colomba - Tina Iaboni - Olga Kostihova - Harold Smith - Albertina de Sousa - Filomena Filipe - Anne & Bob Weeden - Nancy Lister - Julijana Sterpin - Tina Michelucci - Joe Caradonna - Sylwia Mrowca Migiel - Malgorzata Krol - Aurora Alonzi - Catarina Lourenco - Maria Mazza -Aintzane Mio - Gina Bonetti - Vanessa - David Gibbins - Julie Dunoo - Lidia Chojnacka - LucyAnn Field - Dave Duncan - Derrick Philpott - Rebecca -Camilla Coffey - Odilia Carreiro - Isabella Bonetti - Adrian DiCarlantonio -Laurie Weber - Gino Michelucci - Enzo Cimini - Franca Brutto - Ivana Lucic -Bob Semple - Barbara Vrbos - Luca Iannarella - Dragica Farkas - Fr. John Lessard - Rosa lannantuoni - Raffaela Santaguida - Al S - Katelyn Marchese -Billy Grima

## Communion Reflection... As Christmas

approaches, people's hopes soar. However, the substance of these hopes is often dictated by commercial interests. Little wonder, then, that when the sun goes down on Christmas Day, many feel disappointed. Those who pin their hopes on what the merchants promise will always be disappointed, not because they promise too little, but too much - of the wrong thing. What our hearts long for is a taste of what the angels announced to the shepherds: 'Behold, I bring news of great joy; today a saviour has been born to you.' This joy is the real hope for Christmas. Let us open our hearts to receive it.

# <u>A Christmas Message</u>

When you're lonely, we wish you LOVE. When you're down, we wish you JOY. When you're troubled, we wish you PEACE. When things get complicated, we wish you simple BEAUTY. When things are chaotic, we wish you inner SILENCE. When things look empty, we wish you HOPE. And for all the times and the seasons of the heart, we wish you BLESSINGS of this Christmas. *From the Staff and Volunteers here at* 

St. John's and St. Cornelius.



**Young and Restless** *Social* ~ *Spiritual* ~ *Service* The young adult ministry (18-35) meets twice a month to spend time in discussion and fellowship through fun socials, movies, pub nights, hikes and more! For more info follow us on Instagram @youngandrestless\_st.johns or contact youngadultscaledon@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus **Christmas Food Drive** in support of The Exchange at Caledon Community Services, **Dec 14-25.** Donations can be dropped off at the Church before Mass, or at office through the week.





A special **THANK YOU** to the Knight's of Columbus for Sponsoring the Christmas Trees this year. There is nothing cozier than Christmas trees all lit up.

**Confirmation Sponsor Meeting** Wednesday January 8 at 7:00 pm at St. John's Church



### First Communion Parent Meeting Wednesday January 15 at 7:00 pm at St. John's Church

#### 12 Days of Christmas Carol

\* The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

\* Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

\* Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

\* The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

\* The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

\* The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

\* Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

\* The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

\* Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

\* The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.

\* The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

\* The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

#### The Joy of Giving

Thank you for the gifts you share at Christmastime and all through the year. We are grateful for your generosity. St. John the Evangelist & St. Cornelius Parish is totally self-funded. We do not receive funding from the Archdiocese and rely on the generosity of our parishioners, visitors and friends to support our mission and ministries including our liturgies and ministry, faith formation programs and sacramental preparation, and service ministries caring for those in need. Thank you for your generous heart.

Finance Committee gathering quotes for church carpet Does anyone have a good carpet company to recommendations **Provide A Meal...** The last weekend of the month is our Chili Collection for The Good Shepherd. Pans and recipes are available on the porch of the house at St. John's Church.



Currently, the Good Shepherd is serving upward of 950 meals each day. Your generosity is giving suffering people the gift of presence – a place where their voices can be heard, where their human dignity is acknowledged. Thank you for giving the joy of renewed life to those in need.



We live in a world in which people increasingly distrust or even fear people in power. There are simply too may examples every day for many of us to ignore. Even though God makes temporal power possible for some people, it is meant to be used for building up of communities and the building

up of the kingdom of heaven. Because of human selfishness, however, power often ends up serving darkness rather than light. Christ reveals to us the true meaning of power and invites us to reflect on it. The world may be in the grip of the powers of darkness, but the true power of the universe arrives in secret, in the form of a tiny baby. This baby becomes the model for all of us: by letting go of our desire for power and control, we receive God's mercy.

ADVENT is a time of waiting. During the Sundays of Advent our presiders and ministers take their positions five minutes early to symbolize our wait for the Lord and



the church moves from darkness to light during the readings. During each Mass one family will be invited to come up in procession to light the wreath.

Before you speak, **listen.** 

Before you write, **think.** 

Before you spend, earn. Before you invest, investigate. Before you criticize, wait. Before you pray, forgive. Before you quit, try. Before you retire, save. Before you die, give. BEST Advent

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Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve 3:00 pm at St. John's Church 5:00 pm at St. John's Church 8:00 pm at St. Cornelius Church 11:00 pm at St. John's Church Dec. 25 ~ Christmas Day 7:45 am at St. Cornelius Church 9:00 am at St. John's Church 10:15 am at St. John's Church 11:45 am at St. John's Church Dec. 31 ~ Feast of the Holy Family 5:00 pm at St. John's Church Jan. 1 ~ Mary, Mother of God 7:45 am at St. Cornelius Church 9:00 am at St. John's Church 10:15 am at St. John's Church 11:45 am at St. John's Church

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