



St. Clare of Assisi Parish

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday December 13, 2009

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation

.Isaiah 12:3



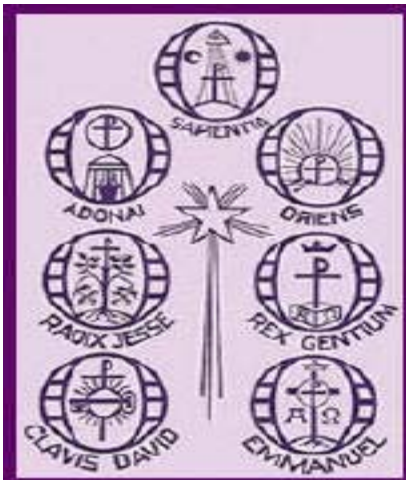
WE WELCOME INTO OUR CHRISTIAN FAMILY

- Lauren Elizabeth Flint - daughter of Christopher and Sylvia
- Jacob Andrew Gelinias - son of Michael and Blanca
- Alexa Rea Jacob - daughter of Osmond and Mary
- Victoria Alexandra Litsas - daughter of Louis and Susanna
- Juliano Carlo Marra - son of Carlo and Donna
- Isabella Maria Mascone - daughter of Paul and Marialuisa
- Vincent Daniel Monopoli - son of Leonardo and Irene
- Stefan Dionisio Mazzoli - son Tonino and Palma
- Cynthia Alyssa Rizzardo - daughter of Claudio and Pamela
- Alexander Simone - son of John and Sara
- Sofia Spagnolo - daughter of Luca and Chiara

God bless and guide these little ones through the faith and example of their Parents, Godparents and Family.

"O Antiphons" for the Week before Christmas

Most of us are familiar today from the Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." The seven verses from this classic Advent song have a long and rich history. Known as the "O Antiphons" - they have a history that stretches back to more than one thousand years. They have long been used at the very end of Advent (Dec. 17-23) in the liturgical prayer of the Church, as Antiphons for the "Magnificat" sung or recited during Vespers (the Evening Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours). Since the Second Vatican Council, they have also been adapted (slightly reworded and rearranged) for the "Alleluia Verse" of the Mass (the short scriptural text or paraphrase that immediately precedes the Gospel reading). In the final days that lead up to Christmas Eve, they sum up all our Advent longing for the Savior. O Antiphons for the coming week, taken from the Alleluia Verses:



Dec.17: O Sapiaentia, O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

Dec.18: O Adonai, O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

Dec. 19: O Radix Jesse, O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

Dec. 20: O Clavis David, O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

Dec. 21: O Oriens, O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death!

Dec. 22: O Rex Gentium, O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel, O Emmanuel, our King, and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!



The Ladies Group would like to extend their sincere thanks to all that have supported us: businesses, parishioners and other individuals, you have made our Christmas sale a big success, many thanks to all. Proceeds from our annual Christmas sale have been donated to St. Clare church, our annual sponsorship to Hogar del Nino and the Convent of the Passionist Sisters. WINNERS OF DRAWS: Large Draw: Anthony Morra, Doris Bognar, Mariangela & Daniela Tagliabue, Eugenia Caporiccio, John Meldonian, S. Mokri, George Vecchies, Ilda Johnson, Timea Bekj-Rale, Manuela DiRauso, Maria Pittari Bake & Win Draw: Doris, M.Perez, Immacolata,

Dorothy, Donna Caravaggio, Tom Johnson & M. Stiso Childrens Draw: Anna Kocvalczyk, Serena Viola, Joseph Coticone, Evelyn Rak, Lucia Perez, Nicole Nguyen, JonCarlo Santos, Nevieda Andronek, Isabella DeSatic, Anthony Curtis, Elizabeth Autisho, & Franco Falletta



The Rosary Apostolate is looking for volunteers who love Mother Mary and are willing to go into our Catholic Schools and pray the Rosary with the students. Training will be provided. Please contact Rose @ 905-856-6035



PANETONE AND TORRONE will be on sale after each mass Dec 12, & 13th

Want to learn more about the Knights and the good works of unity charity fraternity and patriotism? Contact our Membership Director Ralph Greco at ralph_greco1962@hotmail.com Be a part of the Knight of Columbus St. Clare of Assisi experience, recognized as the best Council in Ontario for 2008-09.

Bible Study Course: Becoming a Friend of the Faithful God: A Study of Abraham

When: Wednesdays 7:30—9:30 p.m.

Dates: January 13—February 17, 2010

Where: St. Clare of Assisi Church

Cost: \$30.00

"And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed because thou hast obeyed My voice." Gen 22:18

Chapters 12-25. Learn principles and truths from the life of Abraham, the friend of God, that will ground you in your faith, challenge you in your walk, and give you hope in your future. In the life of Abraham, we see God's choosing and the further unfolding of His redemptive plan. We learn more about God's character and His relationship with us in Abraham's example. Please consider joining our study of God's Word in the Book of Genesis. You will learn a methodology of Bible study that you can apply to any Scripture to learn and understand God's message and it's relevance for today.

Lesson 1: An ordinary man, an extraordinary promise and an awesome God.

Lesson 2: The introduction to the powerful and exciting truth of Covenant.

Lesson 3: Is anything too difficult for the Lord?

Lesson 4: Society says homosexuality is acceptable. What does the Lord tell his friend?

Lesson 5: Is there something holding you back from what the Lord has for you?

Lesson 6: Greater love has no man than this...A picture of God's love & sacrifice.

Please call Gillian at 905-850-2967 for registration and inquiries. Workbook pick-up and final registrations will be after 5:00 p.m. mass Jan 9th AND after 10:30/12:00 masses Jan 10th



Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious and announce the Good News to His people as John the Baptist did? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997 [email vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca) or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca