

St. Clare of Assisi Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday December 20, 2009

"Blessed are you among women; and blessed is the fruit of your womb"

Luke 1:39-45

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Confession Times: (English & Italian)

Monday Dec 21st – 8:00pm to 9:30pm

Tuesday Dec 22nd – 8:00pm to 9:30pm

Thursday December 24th Christmas Eve/La Notte di Natale

5:00 pm - English Mass (Children's Mass)

9:00 pm - English Mass

12:00 am - Bilingual Mass (Midnight Mass)

Friday December 25th Christmas Day/Giorno Di Natale

9:00 am – Italian Mass

10:30 am – English Mass

12:00 pm – English Mass

Saturday Dec 26th/Sunday Dec 27th Feast of the Holy Family

Regular Sat/Sun mass schedule

Thursday December 31st New Year's Eve/Vigilia di Capodanno

5:00 pm Mass in English

Friday January 1st, 2010

9:00 am – Italian Mass

10:30 am – English Mass

12:00 pm – English Mass

Saturday/Sunday January 2nd & 3rd, 2010

Resume to regular Sat/Sun Mass Schedule

From a letter of St. Clare of Assisi to Blessed Agnes of Prague

If so great and good a Lord, then, on coming into the Virgin's womb, chose to appear despised, needy, and poor in this world, so that people who were in utter poverty and want and in absolute need of heavenly nourishment might become rich in Him by possessing the kingdom of heaven, then rejoice and be glad! Be filled with a remarkable happiness and a spiritual joy!





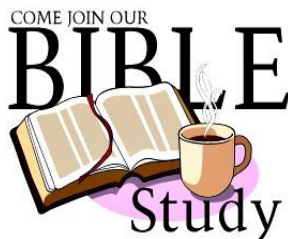
SCRIPTURE STUDY - Are you interested in joining a small group to discuss issues of Christian faith and the relevance of the scriptures to your daily life? A weekly Bible study group called "Nooma" will be meeting on Tuesdays during the month of January (Jan 5, 12, 19, 26) at the home of Sara Austin and Waseem Al Sinjakli. Each week we'll watch a short video that explores our world from the perspective of Jesus, read the Bible, and then engage in a discussion to apply the teachings to our lives. It will also be an opportunity to get to know other members of the church, and engage in prayer. For a preview of the videos, go to www.zondervan.com/rooma. To sign up for the group or to get more information, please contact Sara Austin at (905) 653-1789, slaustin@hotmail.com



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



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 its 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



Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997 email vocations@vocations.ca or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca