

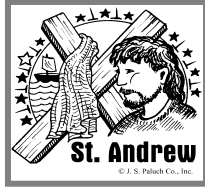
St. Clare of Assisi Parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday November 29th, 2009

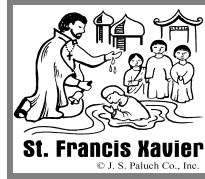
I will raise up for David a just shoot:
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

-Jeremiah 33:15

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES FOR THIS WEEK...



MONDAY



THURSDAY



St. John Of Damascus



FRIDAY/SATURDAY

MEANING OF ADVENT: The word "advent," from the Latin *adventus* (Greek *parousia*), means "coming" or "arrival." The season of Advent is focused on the "coming" of Jesus as Messiah (Christ or King). Our worship, scripture readings, and prayers not only prepare us spiritually for Christmas (his first coming), but also for his eventual second coming. This is why the Scripture readings during Advent include both Old Testament passages related to the expected Messiah, and New Testament passages concerning Jesus' second coming as judge of all people. Also, passages about John the Baptist, the precursor who prepared the way for the Messiah, are read.



1st CANDLE - (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE** or **CANDLE OF HOPE** - We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us.

2nd CANDLE - (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** - God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! "

3rd CANDLE - (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF JOY** - The angels sang a message of JOY! "...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

4th CANDLE - (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF LOVE** - The angles announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE - (white) "**CHRIST CANDLE**" - The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'" (John 1:29)



Congratulations to the following couple who were married
Saturday November 28, 2009

Darren Schueneman & Nadia Pelliccione

We offer them our best wishes and ask God to bless them and grant them happiness, peace and joy, and strength in trials, all the days of their life together.



Reachout Group Pyjamas Drive - The Reach Out Committee is proud to once again participate with our faith community in our Annual Pyjama Drive to benefit needy children. The pyjamas will go to the Sisters of Charity, St. Paul's Basilica, St. Vincent De Paul Society, Rose of Sharon and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Packages will be distributed at all the masses during the weekends of November 21st, 28th and December 5th.



PANETONE AND TORRONE will be arriving soon!!

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.



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



Dear Parishioners, In a recent open letter to all Catholics of the Archdiocese of Toronto, His Grace, Archbishop Thomas Collins shares his concerns about the quality of our Catholic Education and appeals to each of us to do what we can to ensure its continued integrity. In his call to encourage ongoing engagement, he requests that Catholics be registered as Catholic School supporters and that we be informed as we vote for our local school trustees. Moreover, for those considering candidacy for the mission of a Catholic School Trustee, he offers his spiritual/moral support and invites them to consider participating in a brief course in trusteeship being offered at

St. Augustine's Seminary in January and February of 2010. For comprehensive details, please see:

<http://www.archtoronto.org/pdf/trustees09.pdf>



CHILDREN'S LITURGY CHRISTMAS INITIATIVE: This year the 10:30 a.m. St. Clare Children's Liturgy group will be focusing their Christmas Initiative on the St. Gianna Beretta Molla Centre. St. Gianna's aims at assisting and working with young, pregnant women in crisis. The services offered include: family counseling, job assistance, transportation, life skills coaching, adoption referral, education, spiritual development, and even a place of residence. All of these services are offered in a supportive, nurturing, Catholic environment. The Children's Liturgy Group will be collecting much needed baby supplies to donate to St. Gianna's. Collections

will take place on December 6, 13 and 20. Items can be dropped off in the church hall during any of the Sunday masses. Thank you for your support!

Please feel free to bring in any of the following items:

Bottles, Bottle Brushes, Bottle Warmers Diapers & Wipes, Teething Toys, Crib Toys, Rattles, Baby Toiletries, Blankets, Sippy Cups, Soothers, Baby Clothing, Baby Toys, Baby Books, Baby Shampoo and Soap

You can also donate supplies for the young women, such as:

Shampoo & Conditioner, Bubble Bath, Body Wash, Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
Deodorant, Hair Accessories, Make up, Razors, Bath & Hand Towels



"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down; be a

follower of the Master. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997 email vocations@vocations.ca or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca