

7 PM a magyar politikai élet megtisztulásáért Thursday (18)

7:30 the conversion of non believers

For the Rosary Apostolate growth (and Sr. Marilina) For the healing of Gene Sazon

Friday (19)

Masses in English: Monday - Saturday at 7:30 AM

Among you stands one whom you do not know.

7:30 our benefactors (the Jesuits) For the Rosary Apostolate growth (and Sr. Marilina) For the healing of Fr Bela Somfai Saturday (20) 7:30 world peace Etelka and Pál For the Rosary Apostolate growth (and Sr. Marilina) For the healing of Gene Sazon

The Holy Father's December prayer intentions **Universal:** That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will. Missionary: That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

> Baptism: Ágoston-Assang Ádám Funeral: Kis Sándor (89)

PARISH EVENTS

14. Sausage sale of the Married Couples Club; to order call 416-225-9024 (Varga Emma) * Skating trip of the Altar Servers to the City Hall; lunch after the 11 AM Mass in St. Stephen's room, followed by departure by TTC 17. Christmas Party of the Senior's Club at 12 PM 20. Christmas Evening of Pax Romana in the Hall at 8 PM 21. Bake sale of the Youth Club 24. Early Midnight Mass at 9 PM Christmas Carols at 11:15 PM, Scouts' Nativity play, followed by Midnight Mass 25. Christmas (Sunday Mass Schedule) 26. Saint Stephen's Day; Mass at 11 AM and 3 PM (No English morning Mass at 7:30 AM!) * Senior's Christmas in the Hall at 3 PM; please bring with you some sweet baked donations if you can 31. Thanksgiving Mass at 6 PM New Year Eve's Party at 7 PM; please call the office for tickets (\$70) **2015 January 1.** there is only one Mass on this day at 11 AM (in Hungarian) 10. Hungarian School, Scouts, First Communion and Confirmation classes 11. Sausage and meat lunch of the Catholic Men's League (\$15).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Gift of Christmas on December 18, 7:30 PM at St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St., Toronto. A concert featuring Angelica Ganea, soprano, Charles Di Raimondo, tenor and Grenville Pinto, Violinist. Suggested donation at the door, \$20. All proceeds in support of St. Paul's Basilica.

Kolbe Eucharistic Mini-Retreat on January 10, 2-4:30 PM, at St. Brigid's Church. 300 Wolverleigh Blvd. Join us for Eucharistic adoration, prayer, praise and worship. Fr. Bobby V. Cena will give an inspiring talk on "The Nine Invitations of Pope Francis: The Joy of the Gospel, Part One." See www.kolbeapostolate.com for more information

 Faith and Reason Lecture Series: Theology of the Family with Fr. Thomas M. Rosica, on Wednesday, January 28, from 7-8:30 PM at the Newman Centre, 89 St. George St. More information: sonal.castelino@newmantoronto.com.

> During the Christmas Holidays, the church office will be closed on December 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1.

EVANGELIZATION INTENTION

That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

The Christian family, as the "domestic Church", makes up a natural and fundamental school for formation in the faith: father and mother receive from the Sacrament of Matrimony the grace and the ministry of the Christian education of their children, before whom they bear witness and to whom they transmit both human and religious values.

While learning their first words, children learn also the praise of God, whom they feel is near them as a loving and providential Father; while learning the first acts of love, children also learn to open themselves to others, and through the gift of self, receive the sense of living as a human being.

The daily life itself of a truly Christian family makes up the first "experience of Church", intended to find confirmation and development in an active and responsible process of the children's introduction into the wider ecclesial community and civil society.

The more that Christian spouses and parents grow in the awareness that their "domestic church" participates in the life and mission of the universal Church, so much the more will their sons and daughters be able to be formed in a "sense of the Church" and will perceive all the beauty of dedicating their energies to the service of the Kingdom of God.

(JOHN PAUL II, APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION "CHRISTIFIDELES LAICI", 30 December 1988).

PASTORAL COMMENT

This is my small testimony as an evangelizer in my home: married in 1993 in the Sacred Heart Church in Kinshasa, my husband and I have the grace of remaining true to our faith and especially to our commitment to bring up the children God has entrusted to us in the Catholic faith, as promised on our weddingday 21 years ago.

Our four daughters, aged 20, 17, 15 and 14, were all baptised before they were a year old. Apart from the youngest, they have all received first communion and confirmation. I have been taking them to all the parish activities since they were little, and they are used to that environment and have made friends among the other children (they like it!). They sing in the choir and the 17-year-old runs the choir for children between 5-15 years old.

In the family we pray together every evening in the style of the charismatic renewal: adoration and praise, invocation of the Holy Spirit, prayer for forgiveness, reading and sharing on the day's Scripture-texts, then intercessions and thanksgiving. This takes 30 - 45 minutes. We have done this since 1997 and never let anything prevent it. All those who come to our house know that. The fruit of this is that the children are familiar with the Scriptures, and refer to them in their conversation among themselves, and in other situations. They cannot go to bed without having prayed; they have developed a thirst for God's word. They don't hesitate to buy a Bible for themselves, or a prayer-book or rosary.

We are not a family of saints, there can be grumpy moments, but the evening prayer always manages to bring us together because we offer the Lord all our unpleasantness and ask forgiveness, we offer our anxieties and needs. The next day we make a fresh start, and we are never without what is essential. We are attentive to the Lord's calls, and we never turn our backs to the needs of the poor. So, that means that in the neighbourhood we are often sent beggars, who are always well-fed, even in my absence. The sick, the old and orphans, or children who are not easy, receive particular attention from us; the girls are full of compassion and are sometimes even too generous in giving. Honour, praise and glory to the Redeemer, the Son of Mary, who accompanies us in this beautiful adventure (Solange AISSI KAPANDILA, mother, and member of AP, aged 45, Democratic Republic of Congo)

Thoughts of St. Ignatius of Loyola

* Truth always shines with its own light, while a lie is hidden in darkness: but the mere presence of the reality is enough to dispel that darkness.

* Attend as much as you can to this, that you regard one another kindly, so that there may be natural love between you.