

**A**s we prepare to celebrate the Lord's 'coming' at Christmas, our Advent liturgies invite us to a fuller appreciation of the great plan of God – a plan that will reach its climax with the inauguration of God's final Kingdom, in the 'second coming' of the Saviour.



To read Fr. Thornhill's entire reflection, scan the QR code or visit his website at [www.theemmauseries.com/badvento2.html](http://www.theemmauseries.com/badvento2.html)

**O**ur Lady of Sorrows is happy to join the other 224 parishes across the archdiocese in the Family of Faith effort. In addition to addressing our own needs, we have an historic opportunity to extend our blessings in a way that will change the future of our Church for the next century and ensure that Jesus' message lives on for future generations.



Family of Faith

Specifically, the Family of Faith campaign will:

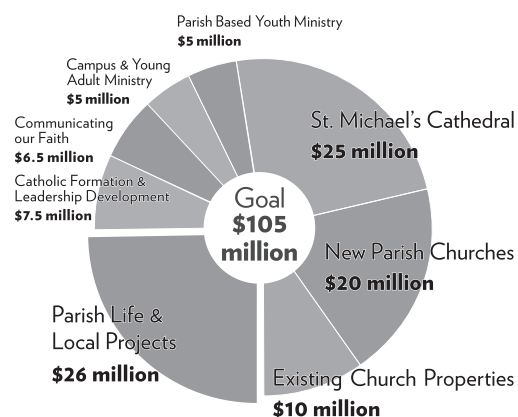
- Offer opportunity for parishes to address individual needs at the local level.
- Support Catholic education through parish and campus based ministry to keep our youth engaged in an active life of faith.
- Invest in resources that will help all of our clergy grow and be the pastoral leaders we all rely on them to be.
- Establish a new capital fund to provide financing to new churches and to support those parish communities that may be struggling with significant building issues.
- Restore and enhance the beauty of St. Michael's Cathedral as the mother church of all Catholics in our archdiocese.
- Develop strong Catholic leadership through enhancing our adult faith formation, sacramental preparation programs, and lay leadership growth.
- Ensure there is a strong Catholic voice in an increasingly secular world.

With just 30 of the 225 parishes completing their portion of effort, the faithful across the archdiocese have raised 50% of the overall goal by committing more than \$52 million. For more information about the key elements of Family of Faith, please see the website at [www.ourFamilyOfFaith.ca](http://www.ourFamilyOfFaith.ca).

Restore, Renew, Rejoice! estimated project costs	\$3,160,000
Our Lady of Sorrows Family of Faith goal	\$838,900
<b>Total Campaign Goal</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>

Parish stewardship and archdiocesan stewardship should not be either/or choices. No parish can accomplish all of its goals on its own and no diocese can succeed independent of its parishes. This collaboration allows the Catholic Church as a whole to accomplish the most it possibly can in educational, charitable, and pastoral programs and facilities from each dollar contributed.

This effort is meant to be a long-term investment in our community, both locally and throughout the archdiocese. Campaigns such as Family of Faith typically occur **once in a generation**.



**John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son.**

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocations Director, Archdiocese of Toronto  
416-968-0997 [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

Readings ~ Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11 ~ 2 Peter 3.8-14 ~ Mark 1.1-8

PARISH

**Mass Intentions This Week – December 8 to 14**

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Alexander & Concetta Patullo	The family
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Lena Badali	The family
Wednesday, 9am	✠ John McCarthy	Nicki Law
Thursday, 9am	✠ Kevin Russel Travers	Sal & Patricia Borraccia
Friday, 9am	✠ Janina Ryczko	The family
Saturday, 9am	✠ Robert Knowlton	Faye & Brendan Murphy
5:15pm	✠ Mairead O'Hanlon	The family
Sunday, 8am	✠ Fr. Stan Moszowicz	Norman Narozenski
9:30am	✠ Anthony & Josephine Morrell	J. & L. Sheppard
11am	✠ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ✠	
12:30pm	✠ Anna Pennate	The family

**Priest, Prophet, King Mondays, 7:30–8:30pm, until Dec. 22, parish hall**

This video presentation is a great way to prepare for Christmas! **In HD on the 'big screen'**. Visit Fr. Barron's new website – [www.adventreflections.com](http://www.adventreflections.com) – for free daily Advent reflections emailed directly to you. Join 167,000 Catholics (and counting) on this journey!

**Reminder: Grade 2 Children – Church Tour – Dec. 7, 2pm or Dec. 10, 7pm**

► **Today (Sunday) or Wednesday Kids, bring your parents!** Fr. Nino will help you explore the sacred spaces & liturgical furnishings & vessels that all Catholic churches have in common. You will learn about the beautiful works of art that help us focus on God, Mary, & the saints, including mosaics, paintings & sculptures. You'll all enjoy this tour of the beautiful space in which we worship God!

**Under the Stars – Annual Parish Christmas Concert – Tues., Dec. 9, 7:30pm**

Presented by the OLS Chorale and the Toronto Ecumenical Chorale, directed by Gordon Mansell with guest trumpeter, Michael Barth. A freewill offering will be taken up in support of the parish's Restore, Renew, Rejoice! campaign. **Your support is appreciated.**

**Archdiocesan Day of Confessions Wed., Dec. 10, 9:30–10:30am @OLS**

For more, including new smartphone apps designed to help both adults and children with their personal examination of conscience, visit [www.archtoronto.org/confession](http://www.archtoronto.org/confession)

**Holy Spirit Atrium Open House – Sun., Dec. 14, 1:30–3:30pm, parish hall**

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd & the Holy Spirit Atrium are greatly valued by Fr. Nino and the OLS community. However, the need for more meeting space for parish programs means that the space reserved for the Atrium needs to be made available for general use in our upcoming renovation. From this reality, a new initiative was born! Fr. John Bertão has facilitated the permanent transplant of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd & the contents of our Holy Spirit Atrium to his parish of St. Gregory's (122 Rathburn Rd., at Kipling). The Atrium will be prepared & continue to serve families at OLS & St. Gregory's, beginning to welcome children in January, 2015. In thanksgiving for 20+ years of service to our youngest parishioners, everyone who has been connected in any way to the program is invited to join us for some closing moments of fellowship & refreshments.



**Advent All Day Confessions Saturday, Dec. 20, 9:30am–5pm @OLS**

**Prepare the way of the Lord!** This cherished parish tradition continues, with two priests available all day to help you prepare for Jesus' birth via the sacrament of reconciliation.

"Called to the Collar" – "Why are so many men in this Michigan town drawn to the priesthood?" [www.youtu.be/v-cyXAwrOIw](http://www.youtu.be/v-cyXAwrOIw)

COMMUNITY

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Solemn Latin Mass – Dec. 8, 7pm**

This Mass according to the older use of the Roman Rite takes place at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 72 Mansfield Ave., and is part of the parish's 100th Anniversary celebrations. The principal celebrant will be Fr. Steven Szakaczki, Chaplain for the Usus Antiquior/Extraordinary Form. For more information, visit [www.stfrancis.ca](http://www.stfrancis.ca) or call 416-536-8195.

**Evening at the Oratory Music, Talk, Compline – December 10, 8pm**

Featuring J.S. Bach's Cantata No. 36, Schwingt Freudig Euch Empor, with Baroque orchestra and soloists along with his Prelude & Fugue in D major. The evening includes sung Compline (evening prayers). Takes place at Holy Family Church, 1372 King Street W. For info, call 416-532-2879, send an email to [mail@oratory-toronto.org](mailto:mail@oratory-toronto.org) or visit [www.oratory-toronto.org](http://www.oratory-toronto.org)

**National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples**

This day of prayer is celebrated on Dec. 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. This year and next, in the context of the pastoral challenges for the family and its needs and role in evangelization, the members of the Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council wish to honour elders who helped them develop their own faith. To read the full text from the CCCB, scan the QR code or visit [www.goo.gl/lfhH20](http://www.goo.gl/lfhH20)



**Bake & Floral Sale St. Leo's Parish – Dec. 13, 10am–6 pm, Dec. 14, 9am–1pm**

Featuring baked goods, Filipino spring rolls, floral arrangements, baskets, honey, raffle, treats and more. 277 Royal York Rd., in the parish hall – please enter from Stanley Ave.

**Salt + Light Media – Television worth watching!**



SALT + LIGHT TELEVISION

► **Reel Faith: Do you love movies?** Tune in to Salt + Light for Reel Faith, where we offer a Catholic perspective on the latest Hollywood releases. Watch the latest episode Tuesdays at 8:30pm. Check the schedule for additional times: [saltandlighttv.org/schedule](http://saltandlighttv.org/schedule)  
► **Salt + Light: Words Made Flesh – Scripture Reflections for Year B** – Words Made Flesh is an excellent resource for bishops, priests and deacons who prepare homilies and for those who bring Holy Communion to the sick. But more importantly it nourishes the faith of all those who go to Mass, as well as for those who are homebound. Fr. Thomas Rosica, distinguished biblical scholar and teacher, offers reflections for every Sunday of Year B using insights from the Holy Father and the saints of the Catholic Church. For more information, please visit [www.saltandlighttv.org](http://www.saltandlighttv.org)

**A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols December 16, 7:30pm**

This special celebration tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus and follows the tradition established by King's College, Cambridge. Sacred stories will be read and classic songs performed by 175 vocal students of Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts. St. Gabriel's Parish Church, 670 Sheppard Ave. East.

**Solemn Eucharistic Adoration with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins**

The Office of Catholic Youth invite all to join the young adults of the archdiocese for solemn eucharistic adoration at St. Basil's Parish, 50 St. Joseph St., on Dec. 18, beginning at 7pm. A professional choir will offer chant for a portion of adoration and Cardinal Collins will provide a brief reflection. The sacrament of reconciliation will also be made available. A social for young adults will follow in the parish hall from 8:30–10pm. For more information, contact the OCY at 416-599-7676, [youth@ocytoronto.org](mailto:youth@ocytoronto.org) or visit [www.ocytoronto.org](http://www.ocytoronto.org)