



Dear friends in Christ

With deep joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas. During this Advent Season, it has been my prayer that each of you would find opportunities to reflect on your own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Whatever it is that our hearts and souls desire, whether we realize it or not, our ultimate desire is Jesus Himself, for this reason, we are filled with joy and consolation at Christmas to know that all that we hoped for has been fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child. In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns, the love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!" We recognize that true peace on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives. Christmas has a way of bringing to Church individuals and families who, for various reasons, have not been to Mass or the Sacraments for months or years. What a wonderful and grace-filled opportunity to put aside past differences and old habits and begin anew that prayerful relationship with the Lord and His Church community. I extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome. Together, may we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate together God's presence in our lives and His dominion over all things of this world. I take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your support and encouragement. I also thank all those who are supporting the Church financially. God can make everything possible through many generous hearts.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our beloved parish always.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fr. George Parayil



**December 18<sup>th</sup> - December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Monday	9:30 am	Johana & Tone Jakovac Anica & Fred Jakovac
Tuesday	9:30 am	Frank & Rose Unterfranz
Wednesday	9:30 am	Stanislawa, Maria, Frank, & Zbigniew Bryk
	7:30 pm	Manuel & Jardelina Umbelina Stanley & Julie Patrao Idammanne St. Padre Pio Special Blessing for Lily Mancuso (L) Special Blessing for Fr. Kelly (L) Special Blessing for Fr. Jojo (L) Special Blessing for Diane Provenzano & Family (L) For thanksgiving from Elieth Adrien (L) Special Blessing for Ivan Granic & family (L) Special Intention Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	9:30am	Anton Jakovac
Friday	9:30 am	Gina & John Mazza
Saturday	9:30 am	Robert & Amelie Lee Chong Tony Picchiello Mathew Dishart
Sunday	5:30 pm	
	7:45 am	
	9:00 am	
	10:30 am	Parishioners of Transfiguration
	12:00 pm	
	7:00 pm	

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**Please remember the following  
people in your prayers:**

Ramon Olegario, Neda Metkovic,  
Theresa Burns, Pat G., Susan Gonzales,  
Jara Menjivon, Noemy Pereira,  
Clint Viegas, Samuel Cordeiro,  
Arthur Ruston, Nelly Morrow  
Rolliffe D'Souza

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. - Family with children  
7:30 p.m.  
12 Midnight

**DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. Italian  
10:30 a.m.  
12 Noon

**NO EVENING 7:00 p.m. MASS**

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**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>**

5:30 p.m.

**JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:45 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. Italian  
10:30 a.m.  
12 Noon

**NO EVENING MASS**

**CHAPEL CLOSING**

Our chapel will close at 4:00 p.m. on  
Christmas Eve, December 24th  
and will re-open on December 27<sup>th</sup>.

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**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The parish office will close at 3:00 p.m. on  
December 24<sup>th</sup> and will re-open on  
December 27<sup>th</sup>.

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**PARISH ENVELOPES**

Envelopes for the year 2018 will be  
available in the vestibule this Sunday.  
They will be displayed **numerically** so  
please make sure you know your number  
when you come into the hall.  
Please **DO NOT** start using your envelopes  
until the New Year and at that time throw  
away any remaining 2017 envelopes.

**FUNDRAISING FOR WASHROOMS**

As a fundraiser for the washrooms we are  
raffling off a Nativity Set valued at \$4,000.  
We are also raffling off an icon from the  
Holy Land of Jesus and Mary. Tickets are  
\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 and are available  
in the parish office.

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**RACCOLTA FONDI PER  
RISTRUTTURARE**

Per rinnovare i bagni stiamo sorteggiando  
un presepe del valore di \$4000.00  
C'è anche una bellissima Icona, dalla Terra  
Santa, di Gesù e Maria. I biglietti sono  
\$5.00 ciascuno o 5 per \$20.00 e sono  
disponibili nell'ufficio parrocchiale.

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**CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED**

Transfiguration is looking to expand its  
music ministry. We are calling on  
parishioners of all ages to enhance the  
liturgical experience by filling our church  
with song every weekend.

Saturday 5:30 pm Mass  
is led by our adult choir,  
Sunday 10:30 am by our children's choir  
and 12 o'clock by our youth choir.

We welcome anyone who is interested  
in joining to speak with Dustin,  
our organist after any Mass.

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**CASSEROLE PROGRAM**

Just a friendly reminder to the members of  
the Good Shepherd Casserole Program that  
this weekend, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
is a Casserole Weekend

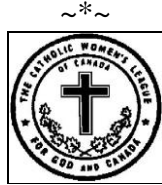
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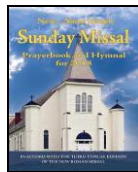
**ST. AUGUSTINE SEMINARY  
PRESENTATION**

We cordially invite you to Transfiguration Parish to attend a presentation entitled “Sharing St. Augustine’s”. This hour long event, which includes a beautiful video, is not a fundraiser, but rather it is an awareness campaign that focuses on bringing visibility to St. Augustine’s Seminary and offering insight to our Catholic community. We will also detail what St. Augustine’s has to offer to lay formation groups and to the young and not-so-young parishioners.

Please join us Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 @10:30 a.m., in the parish hall. Light refreshments will be served by the Catholic Women’s League of Transfiguration. All parishioners are welcome.



Saturday, January 13, 2018 is the CWL Annual Morning of Reflection beginning with Mass at 9:30 am. Watch the bulletin for more information.



The 2018 Sunday Missals are available in the parish office for \$5.00 each.



If you are interested in joining any ministries of Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish, please contact Fr. George Parayil.

