



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 04 DECEMBER 2005

**“I have baptized you with water;
but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”**

(Today's Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-15; Mark 1: 1-8)

Announced mass intentions...

- Sat., Dec. 03 5:00PM Mass – Gerta Patry+
- Sun., Dec. 04 **Second Sunday of Advent**
8:00AM Mass – Ted Jackson+
9:30AM Mass – Georgette Danis+
Pauline Forgues+
11:15AM Mass
7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
- Mon., Dec. 05 12:15PM **NO** Mass
- Tues., Dec. 06 9:00AM Advent Mass for Holy Family
School – held in school gym
12:15PM Mass – Mrs. Berta Lipski+
- Wed., Dec. 07 12:15PM Mass
- Thurs., Dec. 08 10:00AM Mass at Landmark Court
12:15PM Mass – Mary Baicer+
- Fri., Dec. 09 12:15PM Mass
- Sat., Dec. 10 5:00PM Mass – Thérèse Boucher+
- Sun., Dec. 11 **Third Sunday of Advent**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Rita & Richard Lemieux+
Rigden & Frenette Families+
Pauline Forgues+
11:15AM Mass – Lucille Cayer+
7:30PM Mass

Events Calendar

- Sat., Dec. 03 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
10:00AM Choir Practice – Church
4:30PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Dec. 04 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
10:30AM Children's Choir practice – Rm. A
Christmas Craft/Bake Sale after all morning Masses – Hall
- Mon., Dec. 05 6:30PM Alpha program – Hall
7:30PM K of C Executive Meeting
- Tues., Dec. 06 7:00PM RCIA – Rm. A
7:30PM MPD – Rm. B
7:30PM Rosary – Church
8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Wed., Dec. 07 7:00PM Pastoral Care – Library
7:00PM Liturgy – Rm. A
7:30PM Choir (7:30) practice – Church
- Thurs., Dec. 08 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A
7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Fri., Dec. 09 1:00PM African Angels – Rm. A
- Sat., Dec. 10 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
10:00AM Choir Practice – Church
4:30PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Dec. 11 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
10:30AM Children's Choir practice – Rm. A

K of C will be selling Car Raffle tickets at all the Masses

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Morris Anderson (husband of Joyce), Allan Brooks (husband of Gloria), Helen Charbonneau, Emile Chartrand, Clare Desjardins (husband of Alicia), Suzanne Desjardins (daughter of Leo), Ron Dexter (husband of Diane), Margaret FitzGerald, Marie Claire Grandbois, Gertrude Kennedy, Alice Haughton (wife of Bob), Frank Laturus (husband of Edwina), Sr. Anne Leonard gsic, Reg MacDonald (husband of Joan), Yolanda Miron (mother of Mina), Mary O'Connor (wife of Al), Grace & Bill Reid, Barbara Riggins, Margaret Ross, Ray Valin (husband of Betty), John Whelly

-relatives- Andy Besserer (son of Colin & Eileen Besserer), Barbara Burke (mother of Margie Kennedy), Richard Calagoure (brother-in-law of Barbara Riggins), Patricia Esmond (mother of Liz), Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarcevich), Anastasia Gorecki (sister of Theresa Sarcevich), Betty Holmes (sister of Edwina Laturus), Vivian Hunt (brother of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Jerry Lorbetskie (brother of Dorothy Daub), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Louise MacAdam (daughter-in-law of Helen Castle), Jonathan Seepersad (nephew of Robert Lee), Eleanor Spafford (mother of Barb Goski), Paul Sowinski (brother of Theresa Sarcevich)

-the deceased- Veronica Cromwell+ (mother of Patricia Joseph), Pauline Forgues+ (mother of Fernande Patton)

COLLECTION REPORT

~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~

November 27 – \$4,689.15 (env.) / \$ 454.60 (loose)

Pastor's column...

AN ADVENT STORY

'As unhappy as the man that has not seen the Advent Images.' This was an old Yorkshire saying. In the North of England it was the custom during Advent to dress two dolls, one to represent the Saviour, another the Virgin Mary. These images were paraded around the houses and a halfpenny was asked for from the people who saw them. This became known as the 'Vessel Cup', and was associated with the goodwill song:

God bless the master of this house,
The mistress also,
And all the little children
That round the table go.

These dolls were surrounded by evergreen leaves, and everyone to whom the 'Advent Image' was shown was allowed to take a leaf. This was carefully kept as it was believed to be a remedy for toothache.

Parish and Community Life...

The 14th **Annual Alta Vista Ecumenical Choir Concert and Carol Sing**, which our Holy Cross choir participates in will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1758 Alta Vista Dr., on Sunday, 04 December at 3 p.m. All are welcome.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF MINISTERS FOR **Saturday, December 24 at the 6 p.m. Mass (Announcer) as well as at the 10 p.m. Mass (Coordinator and Announcer) and on Sunday, December 25 at 11:15 a.m. (Coordinator and Announcer)**. If you are able to assist **please sign your name** on the sheet found on the desk by the bookrack.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS in memory of a deceased loved one. Special donation envelopes will be available at the entrances of the Church **until December 12**. The names of the deceased will be printed on a special insert in the Christmas bulletin.

2006 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available for pick up on table at the back of the church during the month of November and the first two weeks of December.

Listen, My People, Your Hopes are Answered. This Advent hymn brings up God's overwhelming gift of our redemption. The second week of Advent can be the time and place to listen to the Lord by joining us at Christian Meditation, **at a new time, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Room A, followed by Evening Prayer at 7:15 p.m.** For more information call George Brown at 731-2453.

BEREAVEMENT

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank all those who participated in last Saturday's *"In Support of Life Workshop"*. The many questions and lengthy discussion regarding the issues of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide made the event a success. Thanks also to Fathers James and Lukose who supported us.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Raffle Tickets for the Annual Ontario Automobile Charity Raffle after all Masses on December 10 & 11.

PASTORAL CARE

PASTORAL CARE MEETING: Wednesday, December 07 at 7 p.m. held in the library.

THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM IS COMMITTED to serving you our Parishioners. All you need to do is ask. Please contact Betty Dillon at 521-2887 or the Parish Office at 731 7834.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

In addition to the Sisters who work in El Recreo, Nicaragua, we keep in touch with Rob Bell of Fair Opportunities Group (FOG) a small Canadian organization that does education work there. Rob writes, *"In Nicaragua, politically and economically things remain difficult but the people keep hopeful that things will get better."* The main focus of FOG is to provide scholarships for young Nicaraguan students, especially in El Recreo where our sister community is located. This year they are funding four university students and one high school student from El Recreo. Parishioners who wish to support our sister community may make cheques

payable to The Congregation of Our Lady of Sion with a notation 'for Nicaragua'. Donations should be mailed to Sisters of Sion, Square One, 100 City Centre, Box 2263, Mississauga ON, L5B 3C8. They will issue tax receipts for donations over \$10.

MPD meets Tuesday, December 06 at 7:30 in room B. You are always welcome.

Other items of interest...

Please see **FRIDAY FAX** posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church for further information.

CUSILLO GRAND ULTREYA will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish on Wednesday, December 14 at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome.

COME AND SEE: Have you ever thought of becoming a priest? Our "Come and See" group meets each month for fellowship, prayer and discussion. The next meeting is on Friday, December 16 at 1247 Kilborn Place. For more information call Msgr. Len Lunney at 738-5025.

HOMELANDS MASS: Archbishop Marcel Gervais is pleased to invite everyone to the annual Homelands Mass, on Sunday, January 15, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral. The Homelands Mass celebrates our cultural diversity both here in Canada and in the Church and it recognizes the many contributions of all those among us who have come here from foreign lands. Please plan to attend!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart." (Psalm 90:12)

O Lord, You know how busy I get every day; often I lose sight of what is really important. Help me spend the day according to Your plan. Amen.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Parish Reconciliation Service – Thursday, December 15

7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Mass

8:00 p.m. Mass

10:00 p.m. Mass

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25

11:15 a.m. Mass

NO 7:30 p.m. Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31

5:00 p.m. Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, January 01

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

NO 7:30 p.m. Mass

Note: The office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, December 26.

PLEASE NOTE: The office will be closed for the afternoon on Tuesday, December 06.