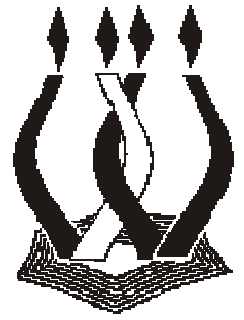




**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT –
CHRISTMAS – HOLY FAMILY – EPIPHANY 2007**

**“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb...
Let us go to Bethlehem...they went with haste and found
Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.”**



Announced Mass Intentions...

Sat., Dec., 20 5:00PM Mass – Emmond Bell+
Bill O’Neill+
Diogo F. Lobo+

Sun., Dec. 21 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Fern Plante+
Gerta Patry+
Costanza Family (lvg)
11:15AM Mass – Stan & Catherine Curtis+
Agnes & William Nugent+
7:30PM Mass

Wed., Dec. 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
4:00PM Mass – Kelly Family (lvg)
6:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
8:00PM Mass – Godwin Lee+
Gerta Patry+
Tony Costanza+
11:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Thurs., Dec. 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
9:30AM Mass
11:15AM Mass

Sat., Dec. 27 5:00PM Mass – Dennis Prendergast+
Diogo F. Lobo+

Sun., Dec. 28 **HOLY FAMILY**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Ashley Hibbard+
Bill Long+
11:15AM Mass
7:30PM Mass

Tues., Dec. 30 9:30AM Mass
NEW YEAR’S EVE – SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Wed., Dec. 31 7:00PM **SILENT ADORATION**
7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
New Year’s Day – BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Thur., Jan. 01 9:30AM Mass
11:15AM Mass – Lynn Rumsey+

Fri., Jan. 02 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon
12:15PM Mass – Lynn Rumsey+

Sat., Jan. 03 5:00PM Mass – Diogo F. Lobo+

Sun., Jan. 04 **EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**
8:00AM Mass – Georgette Danis+
Gail O’Brien+
9:30AM Mass – William (Bill) Long+
11:15AM Mass
7:30PM Mass

Tues., Jan. 06 9:30AM Mass – Lorbetskie Family+

Wed., Jan. 07 12:15PM Mass – Michael Fitzgerald+

Thurs., Jan. 08 9:00AM Communion Service held at
Billings Lodge
10:00AM Mass at Landmark Court
12:15PM Mass – Molly Belanger+

Fri., Jan. 09 12:15PM Mass – Gerta Patry+

Sat., Jan. 10 5:00PM Mass – Ralph Gardner+

Sun., Jan. 11 **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**
8:00AM Mass
9:30AM Mass
11:15AM Mass
7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Events Calendar

Daily Mass **NO** Mass on Monday’s
9:30AM Tuesday’s
12:15PM Wednesday thru to Friday

A.A. 8:00PM Hall – Tuesdays

Prayer Group 9:30AM Rm. A – Saturdays

Rosary 4:30PM Church – Saturdays

Sun., Dec., 21 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
10:30AM Children’s Pageant practice – Rm. A

Mon., Jan. 05 7:00PM K of C Executive meeting

Wed., Jan. 07 7:00PM Liturgy – Rm. A
7:30PM Music (7:30) practice – Church

Thurs., Jan. 08 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church

Sun., Jan. 11 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
Coffee Sunday – after morning Masses

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Brian Beahen, Colleen Bonnah, Vivian Braganza, Francis & Barbara Cullinan, David Doherty, Betty Hubbard, Betty Hurst, Patricia Joseph, Robert Kelly (husband of Mary), Reg MacDonald, Romeo Maione, Raulyn Mathews, Mabel McFarlane, Deacon Bruce McLeod, Yolanda Miron, Margaret Ross, Lizzy Ann Spencer, Claude Thibault (husband of Geneva), Ray & Betty Valin

-relatives- Tillie Andruchow (mother of Jean Ryan), Arlene Belot (sister of Jay Lukenbill), Keith Esmond (father of Liz), Estelle Freed (daughter of Helen Dick), Sylvian, Renee and Justin Forgues (family of Fernande Patton), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Ayin Lee (mother of Robert), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Albert Ozorio (father of Rui), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Stephen Power (brother of Doug), Kyra Reed (granddaughter of Mike and Barb Lowe), Shawn Ryan (son of Monica), Ted Vullings (father of Gerry)

Pastor's Column...

CHRISTMAS 2008, NEW YEAR 2009

"Today our Savior is born". These words of St. Leo the Great ring out with great joy in churches across the world this Christmas day. Today, He is born. We do not celebrate this day as the anniversary of the Lord's birth, but rather as the Solemn Commemoration of His presence with us this very day. Remember the words of the angel to the shepherds, "Today a Savior has been born to you in David's town..." (Jesus is not born in yesterday or in tomorrow but in TODAY-EVERYDAY in to our lives as we open our hearts and minds to Him).

Today, in Word and Sacrament, the Lord Jesus pitches His tent among us. We see His glory through the eyes of faith, and for that we have reason to rejoice. May God bless you and your loved ones with a truly Blessed Christmas and a Grace filled New Year.

God bless,
Fr. James Raphael CMF
Pastor

A **BIG THANKS** to all the Choir Leaders and Members of Holy Cross Church for conducting a marvellous Advent-Christmas concert on Sunday, December 14. Thank you for the gift of your voices to God and for the parishioners at Holy Cross. You indeed brought us to the spirit of the season. I wish a lot more of my parishioners could have come and enjoyed the fruits of the efforts of our Choir.
Fr. James Raphael

Parish News and Community Life...

IMPORTANT DATES—REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

whose children are registered for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. **ENROLMENT** will be on **Sunday, January 18 OR Sunday, January 25 at either the 9:30 or 11:15 a.m. Mass.** Please attend **one** of these Masses and sign-in your child's name at the entrance of the Church 15 minutes before Mass begins. We would also ask the parents to bring a small picture of their child with their name written on the back.

2009 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available for pick up on table at the back of the church.

PASTORAL CARE

Our **PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEMBERS** are available to visit the sick and/or bring Holy Communion. Please call Simonne Larouche at 613-738-7590.

YOUTH CORNER

We would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!!

ATTENZIONE! Saturday, January 24 marks the **2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner** hosted by the Youth of Holy Cross...so mark your calendars and keep your eyes and ears open for details to follow!

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

We wish everyone a Christmas season filled with joy, peace and family love. Our committee will meet January 13 in the New Year. At that time we will be making arrangements to

send assistance to the places in South Africa and Zambia supported by the AIDS Angel project. From the Mother of Mercy Hospice in Chilanga, Zambia, Sister Stanislawa writes: "If you are able to keep us under your loving care, we will be better able to carry out our service, reaching those who are still in fear or denial. May God bless you in your life, in your work."

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – Tip of the Week

We approach the great celebration of the birth of our Lord! As obedient servants of our God we anticipate many blessings as expressed in the Book of Deuteronomy (28:1-7) "Blessed shall you be in the city and blessed shall you be in the field...The Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground..." We have reason to be obedient to our call as Stewards of Creation. We have reason to celebrate God's blessings of a Christ child born of Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Food For Thought †

"The world is a Bethlehem where all the inns have no room for the Christ Child. The canyons of modern cities are caveless; the skyscrapers have locked entrances. The music of the donkey's hoofs that carried Mary to Bethlehem is lost in the swoosh of our endless traffic...Pause, and then hasten! Make warm the caves of your souls so that the Holy Anointed One may be born in them."

"Let this Christmas be for us a turning point... Let us become small enough to kneel at the crib and big enough just to reach the level of the Baby's eyes. Let us look into them—and catch sight of Love Incarnate! Then we shall be made whole again, and our hunger will be filled."

(Moments of Grace from the writings of Catherine Doherty)

Christmas and New Years (Solemnity of Mary) are Holy Days of Obligation in Canada.

NOTE: There will be **NO 12:15 MASS** on **December 26 and 31.** The Parish office will be closed on December 26 and January 02.

PLEASE NOTE that this bulletin covers December 21 until January 04. Our regular weekly bulletin will resume on **January 11** and deadline for submissions are on **Wednesday, January 07 by 12 noon.** Thank you.

IN YOUR GENEROSITY, please consider a donation or bequest to HOLY CROSS PARISH.



Merry Christmas!