



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 29 NOVEMBER 2009

“Be alert at all time, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Announced Mass Intentions...

- Sat., Nov. 28 5:00PM Mass – Vincent Chung+
Fr. Donell Lowe+
- Sun., Nov. 29 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:00AM Mass – Souls in Purgatory
9:30AM Mass – Ashley Hibbard+
Leo & Odette MacKinnon+
Patry & Costanza Family+
11:15AM Mass – Vincent Chung+
Souls in Purgatory
7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
- Mon., Nov. 30 12:15PM **NO MASS**
- Tues., Dec. 01 9:30AM Mass – In Thanksgiving
- Wed., Dec. 02 12:15PM Mass – Marcel Cole+
- Thurs., Dec. 03 9:00AM Communion Service held at
Billings Bridge
12:15PM Mass – Gerta Patry+
- Fri., Dec. 04 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon
12:15PM Mass – Roselina Torres+
Souls in Purgatory
- Sat., Dec. 05 5:00PM Mass – Robert Lee+
- Sun., Dec. 06 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:00AM Mass – Georgette Danis+
Gail O'Brien+
9:30AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
11:15AM Mass – Huguette Landreville+
7:30PM Mass – Paul Marcinov+

Events Calendar

- Sat., Nov. 28 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Nov. 29 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
10:30AM Children pageant practice – Hall
12:15PM Baptisms – Church
- Mon., Nov. 30 7:00PM RCIA – Rm. A
- Tues., Dec. 01 7:00PM Liturgy – Rm. A
7:00PM Pastoral Care – Rm. C
7:30PM MPD – Library
8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Wed., Dec. 02 7:00PM **Cursillo Grand Ultreya** – Church
- Thurs., Dec. 03 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Fri., Dec. 04 1:00PM African Angels – Rm. A
- Sat., Dec. 05 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., Dec. 06 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
10:30AM Children pageant practice – Hall

Christmas Bake/Craft Sale after all morning Masses – Hall

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Elena Argumedo, Colleen Bonnah, Vivian Braganza, Barbara Cullinan, Betty Hubbard, Betty Hurst, Patricia Joseph, Robert Kelly, Edwina Laturnus, Romeo

Maione, Mabel McFarlane, Yolanda Miron, Margaret Ross, Lizzy Ann Spencer, Ray & Betty Valin
-relatives- Tillie Andruchow (mother of Jean Ryan), Fr. Bob Bedard, Mary Beggan (sister of Anne Cooper), Arlene Belot (sister of Jay Lukenbill), Monica Desjardin (daughter of Leo), Len Desmarias (brother-in-law of Mary Simms), John Sr. & Margaret Dornier (parents of John), Keith Esmond (father of Liz), Estelle Freed (daughter of Helen Dick), Carl Gibbons (brother of Jo Kearns & Viola Duggan), Fay Hunt (sister-in-law of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Jessie Kennedy, Sarah Laturnus (granddaughter of Frank & Edwina), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Lisa Nancarrow (daughter of Janet & Robin), Albert Ozorio (father of Rui), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Ted Vullings (father of Gerry)

WE ALSO PRAY for our RCIA Candidates: Anthonia Bejide, Patricia Bejide, Brent Burbridge and Lee Do

Pastor's Column...

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome dear Parishioners to the Spirit of Advent. As the church starts its new year today, let us anticipate the coming of Jesus.

Every person is alive by the love of God. We are beginning today the season of Advent, the season of faith, hope and love. Once again we will be reminded of God's love for his people through the promises and assurances. We all know that we have been saved by Christ, the love of God made manifest. Yet as we journey through, ours is a journey towards that final redemption. We have been saved already but not yet.

The celebration of Advent is not anything new. Jesus has already come, the Kingdom of justice and righteousness has been already established and we are experiencing it. However, our experience of the Kingdom is not yet perfect, we are marching towards it; which will be complete at the Second Coming in complete glory and power. Let's keep the hope alive, inspiring others for the same, through our acts of love. (Taken from Bible diary 2009)

Once again I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the participants and conductors of the faith building program "Five Pillars of Spiritual Life." It was gladdening to note that this time there were more participants compared to the previous year. To grow in our God given gift of faith is an 'everyday business'. Therefore programs like this are very vital in the life of a parish community. I look forward to your continuous participation in the future.

God bless,
Fr. James Raphael CMF
Pastor

Parish News and Community Life...

ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST invites all parishes to hold a **Day of Prayer** for Friday, December 04 for all Priests in this Year for Priests. So our Parish will hold this day of prayer at

11 a.m. on Friday, December 04 which is the First Friday of the month. All are invited for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and for the Holy Mass at 12:15 p.m.

On behalf of Holy Cross Parish, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Anne Cooper who has retired as the financial assistant of the parish. Thank you Anne for serving your faith community to the best of your ability. Pusparini Randing is appointed as the new financial assistant. Welcome Pusparini.

MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MASSES NEEDED—We are asking “current” Lectors and Announcers to please sign up for the Christmas/New Year's Masses. We are also in need of Mass Coordinators, over-head assistance and Eucharistic ministers. Sign-up sheets are on the desk by the bookrack. Please sign up **no later than December 13.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS in memory of a deceased loved one. Special donation envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church **until December 13.** The names of the deceased will be printed on a special insert in the Christmas bulletin.

2010 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available for pick up on table at the back of the church. Choose the next available box and fill out the slip of paper and place it in the basket.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CURSILLO GRAND ULTREYA HELD AT HOLY CROSS PARISH: Join us on **Wednesday, December 02** with Mass beginning at 7 p.m. followed by refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall. You do not have to be a Cursillista to join us for this wonderful celebration. All are welcome.

HOSPITALITY

CHRISTMAS BAKE/CRAFT SALE: Sunday, December 06 after all the morning Masses. There will be African Angels, K of C fruitcakes, Fair Trade coffee, tea, jams, jellies, Gift-in-a-jar, music CDs, Fifth Avenue jewellery, BeeHealthy products and various sewing/craft items. The bake table will be full of pies, cookies, loaves, etc. in addition to Pecan Rings and Chelsea Buns brought in fresh from Richmond bakery! Pick up a ham bun and sit down and relax at “Café Noël”. We look forward to seeing you there!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling the Christmas fruitcakes produced by the Cistercian Monks at the Christmas Bake/Craft Sale on December 06. They are available in two sizes: 2 lb loaf/\$14 and 3 lb. round cake/\$22. To reserve your cakes in advance, please sign the sheet provided at the back of the church. All proceeds go to the Campaign Life Coalition.

PASTORAL CARE

OUR TRAINED PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEMBERS are available to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick, house-bound, lonely, or bereaved. Please call Edwina and Frank Laturnus at 613-489-3958.
Pastoral Care Meeting: Tuesday, December 01 at 7 p.m.

YOUTH CORNER

THANK YOU to all the youth who volunteered at the Food Bank last Saturday. You are an amazing group, filling 6 skids (338 boxes) worth of food to help our community. Way to go!

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

MPD members will be speaking after next weekend's liturgies on the action campaign co-ordinated by Development and Peace. We are asking you to act with us to address the issue of hunger, especially as it affects those in the Global South. One of our Angel Makers will be returning to Zambia in summer to volunteer again at Kasisi Children's Home. Elizabeth will be working with Sister Mariola to improve the existing library and set up a Learning Centre. To assist, you can purchase the gift of a book for the library. We will have Elizabeth's gift cards at next week's Christmas Bake/Craft Fair. Thanks for a recent donation of wired ribbon for the AIDS Angels.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: Every day in every way at every event we are called to serve as Stewards of Creation. Let us look at next Sunday's Annual Christmas Bake/Craft Sale. What can we do? We may bring our own reusable bags to take home the wonderful baking, crafts and many other items that will be for sale. By purchasing items at the Bake/Craft Sale you are engaging in “healthy consumerism” as your purchases support a variety of parish initiatives that show respect for God's creation and love of neighbour. Many items are made locally in environmentally friendly ways. Some items come from the developing world and support our brothers and sisters through fair wages and care for their environment. **Tip of the Week:** Remember to bring your own reusable bags and engage in guilt-free shopping!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Parish Reconciliation Service – Tuesday, December 15

7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Mass (Children Pageant)

6:00 p.m. Mass (PAX 9:30 Choir)

8:00 p.m. Mass (Anne & 7:30 Choir)

11:00 p.m. Mass (Jackie & 11:15 Choir)

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

Feast of The Holy Family – December 26/27

Regular weekend Masses

New Year's Eve – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31

7:00 p.m. Adoration/Mass

New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 01

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

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

There will be **NO 12:15 Mass on December 24 and 31.** The Parish office will be closed on December 24 and January 01.

PLEASE NOTE: OUR CHRISTMAS BULLETIN will cover the period of December 24 until January 09. Deadline for submissions is on **Wednesday, December 22 by 12 noon.** Our **regular weekly bulletin** will resume on **January 09.**

**Have you considered a gift in your WILL to provide for the faith life of future generations?
IN YOUR GENEROSITY, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Cross Parish.**