

THIS WEEK AT ST.THERESE

Psalter III

MONDAY December 14th

6:00 pm - Fatima Prayer Night
7:00 pm - Mass - † Lynette Gumb
Req. by Barb and Jack Martel
6:00 pm - Youth Meeting

TUESDAY December 15th

9:30 am - 6:30 pm ADORATION (Chapel)
5:00 pm - Legion of Mary
7:00 pm - **Mother Teresa Family Mass**
† Trina Van Dijk
Req. by William and Jacquelyn Oosterholt

WEDNESDAY 16th

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS BEING PREPARED

10:00 am - 6:00pm - Adoration (Chapel)
7:00 pm - Mass - † George Barich
Req. by Helen and Family
7:30 pm Bible Study

THURSDAY 17th

7:00 pm - Mass - † Francesco DeRose
Req. by Elena Russo
7:30 pm - RCIA

FRIDAY 18th

9:30 am - Mass - † Steve and Steven Devecseri
Req. by Margaret Devecseri
10:00 am - 6:30 pm ADORATION (Chapel)
7:00 pm - Mass - † Luigi DeRose
Req. Elena Russo
7:30-8:30pm - Choir Practice

SATURDAY 19th

8:30 am - Mass - in Convent
9:30 am - 10:30 am - Reconciliation
4:30 pm - Mass - George and Norma Larocque
Req. by their daughter Michelle and family

SUNDAY December 20th

Psalter IV

Fourth Week of Advent

9:00 am - Mass - † Doug Walker
Req. by Paul and Bernadette Spicer
11:00 am - Mass - The People of Our Parish
1:30 pm - choir Practice
7:00 pm Mass - † Mario Scanga
Req. by Guerino Scanga

PRAY FOR US!

Frank Siciliano, Fred Gimblett, Vince Roti, Antonietta Celeberti, Carol Ward, Gail Gerrow, Lina Vervoort, Gloria Barbosa, Serge Corbin, Annelies Bromley, Richard Barnoski, Edward Kingsbury, Mary Baylis, Noreen Solomon, Matthew Boardman, Evelyn Gowans, Willy VanBoxtel

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Mic. 5.2-5a
Second Reading: Heb. 10.5-10
Gospel: Luke 1.39-45



VOCATION VIEWS

Have you ever asked: "What ought I do?" Simply, tell the good news to people. Nothing else matters.

GOSPEL SUMMARY

The crowds approached John the Baptist and asked how they should live in order to be ready to follow the Messiah. John responded by telling them to share and to not take more than they are entitled to. The people wondered if John might be the Messiah for whom they had been waiting, but he cleared up any misunderstanding by saying that he was not. For sure, the Messiah would come after John, but John was not worthy even to be the Messiah's slave who would untie his sandal.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for putting your name on the front of your donation envelope each week.

LAST WEEKEND

Offertory	\$ 4,979.92
Special Needs	\$ 917.00

CWC UPDATE

Thank you to all those ladies from our Parish, from St. Joseph's CWL and our CWC members who attended our Christmas Potluck. The Executive extends a heartfelt "Thank You" for the donations for Rose of Durham. Merry Christmas to you all.

NEEDS FOR OUR FOOD BANK

We are in need of coffee, tea, juice, cold cereal, hot cereal, rolled oats, white sugar, brown sugar, flour, oil. Potatoes, green beans, carrots, peas, salmon, ham, chicken, turkey, canned milk. Peanut butter, jam, pancake mix, cake mix, muffin mix, rice, cookies, juice boxes, ketchup, chili, stews, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, Kleenex, laundry detergent, dish soap.



CONSULTATIVE MEETING ABOUT 1862 BLOOR STREET

With the advice of the Chancery (Bishop's) office, I would like to call a consultative meeting regarding the former St. Anthony's Church's property at 1862 Bloor Street. The meeting will be held on **January 4, 2010 at 7:30 pm** in the hall. This is open to all parishioners. The purpose is simply to address the concerns of the parishioners on this matter and be submitted to the Chancery for further consideration. See you then! **Father Vic**

POINSETTIAS

Once again this year, we are asking anyone who would like to donate a **red** poinsettia for our Christmas season to please bring them to the office by December 21st. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to all those children who have received their First Reconciliation. May you always look to God for guidance and forgiveness.

FOOD BANK THANKS

The St. Therese food bank would like to thank Courtice Pharmasave, King and Ritson Dental Office and Dr. I. DiLuciano for their kind donations towards our Christmas hampers.

INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD (IPPF)

Our Canadian Government is funding the International Planned Parenthood (IPPF). IPPF is the world's largest abortion provider and it promotes international abortion "rights" as one of their central focuses. For us Christians, our focus is to promote life and hence stop the barbaric practice of abortion. You may want to contact your MP with letters and phone calls. Make it clear that you request the conservative government to stop funding IPPF. Honourable Bev Oda, our MP, is the Minister of International Cooperation and is responsible for the department that controls the funding, the Canadian International Development Agency. Give her office a call at 905-697-1699, the sooner the better. What are you waiting for? **Father Vic**

NEW YEAR'S EVE ADORATION 9PM-MIDNIGHT



There will be an opportunity for those who wish to come to welcome in the New Year by attending Adoration here at the Church anytime between 9:00 pm and Midnight on New Year's Eve. We encourage all those who are presently Adorers at our weekly Adoration and those in ministries such as Eucharistic Ministers, to come and be part of this special time. All are welcome.

2010 ENVELOPES

The boxed envelopes for 2010 are now available in the Church hall. We ask that you kindly pick yours up following mass this weekend. Some families who have envelope numbers in the 700's have been reassigned a new number for next year. If you have any questions, please call Bernadette at 905-436-2126. We remind you to kindly continue to print your name and indicate the amount of your donation on the front of your envelope each week. This helps the counters and the parish secretaries to keep donations accurate. Thank you for your help and your generosity. If you do not have a box for this year and need new envelopes for the New Year, they will be available the first week of January.

ADVENT REFLECTION

In what ways does God send you forth to enrich the faith of others? A good Advent practice: read a chapter of the Bible (Gospels) everyday to deepen your faith. Prayerfully reflect on how you will use this reading to enrich your life and the lives of others.

QUOTATION: "In God and with God, I love even the person whom I do not like or even know."

YOUTH GROUP ON MONDAY NIGHTS

We have a Youth Group here at the parish every Monday night from 5:45 pm-7:30pm for those students in grades 6,7,8. If you are interested in having some fun, come and join us. You can call John Vandersanden for more information at 905-697-3654.



ATTENTION USHERS

The Church is in urgent need of ushers for seating the congregation and assisting with the collections at the Christmas Masses. We are asking ushers to please sign up at the back of the church to usher at the Christmas mass you are attending. Please leave your name and phone number or call Bill Banks at 905- 576-1395. Thank you.

GIVING TREE



Thank you to all those who so generously donated items towards our Giving Tree this year. Please know that your generosity will give joy this Christmas to some wonderful families. God bless you all.

LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST THIS WEEKEND

We are very fortunate this year to once again, have our Live Nativity Scene behind the Church at the stable. We will light up our Christmas lights, bless the stable, sing carols and have hot chocolate after the 4: 30 pm Mass on Saturday December 12th. All are invited to the stable after all the masses on December 12/13th. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served after Mass.



ADVENT CANDLE FAMILIES- NEXT WEEKEND

4:30 pm Mass - James Cheeseman and Family
9:00 am Mass - Lisa Macri and Family
11:00 am Mass - Cindy Lipsett and Family
7:00 pm Mass - Tammi Aleksanderek & Family

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve 4:00 pm 7:00 pm, 10:00pm and Midnight
When you are planning which Mass you are attending, please keep in mind that the early masses are **full to capacity on Christmas Eve.**

Christmas Day - 9:00 am and 11:00 am
OVERFLOW PARKING IS AVAILABLE AT MSGR. LEO SCHOOL PARKING LOT BEHIND THE CONVENT.

SCREENING IN FAITH

My Dear People of God,

The Ontario Catholic Conference of Catholic Bishops and our Bishop Nicola de Angelis, have mandated a volunteer management programme called "Screening in Faith", in all parishes of the Diocese.

All volunteers, both those presently serving and those seeking to do so, are to be screened. The goal is: the protection and safety of our vulnerable people, our volunteers and our Church. This is the reason, our actions - performing our ministry as volunteers and as a church are based upon. Our parish has set up a screening committee of three: Scott Jones, James Wilson and Amany Bastien. The members will briefly address the congregation after all masses this weekend. We thank the screening committee members for all their help with this important job. Thank you very much for your kind cooperation. **Fr. Vic.**

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join YAC as they continue their 2009-2010 Theology on Tap Speaker Series on Tuesday, December 15th beginning at 7pm at Champs Sports Bar (Simcoe St., Peterborough). The topic to is "Great Expectations: An evening discussion on the coming of Christ and Christmas Today!" For more information, contact YAC at yac@veyopeterboro.org or call the Youth Office at (705) 749-0330.



This week, let us pray for St. John the Baptist Parish in Peterborough.