

THIS WEEK AT ST.THERESE

Psalter IV

MONDAY December 21st

7:00 pm – Mass – † Domenico Costanzo
Req. by Teresa Costanzo
6:00 pm – Youth Meeting

TUESDAY December 22nd

9:30 am – 6:30 pm ADORATION (Chapel)
5:00 pm – Legion of Mary
7:00 pm – † Franca Posteraro-Gatti
Req. by Vince and Maria Posteraro
7:30 pm – K of C Executive Meeting

WEDNESDAY 23rd

10:00 am- 6:00pm- Adoration (Chapel)
7:00 pm – Mass- † Darryl Heenan
Req. by Jessie Heenan
7:30 pm Bible Study

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 24th
CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:00 pm – Mass- The People of Our Parish
7:00 pm - Mass - The People of Our Parish
10:00 pm – Mass- The People of Our Parish
Midnight Mass - The People of Our Parish

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 25th
CHRISTMAS DAY**

9:00 am – Mass – The People of Our Parish
11:00 am - Mass - The People of Our Parish

SATURDAY 26th

8:30 am – Mass- in Convent
9:30 am – 10:30 am - Reconciliation
2:00 pm Wedding
4:30 pm – Mass- Giuseppe Zicarelli
Req. by Joe and Teresa Custozza

SUNDAY December 27th

Psalter I

9:00 am – Mass- The Intentions of Jean, Martin and Stephen Rodrigues
Req. by their Family
11:00 am -Mass- † Ivan Klobucar
Req. by Helen and Paul Klobucar
7:00 pm Mass- The People of Our Parish

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, Colleen Pitman

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: 1 Sam. 1. 20-22, 24-28
Second Reading: 1 John 3.1-2, 21.24
Gospel : Luke 2.41-52

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If someone can give an hour a week to help clean outside the office doors, please contact Frances Lenihan at 905-723-4254

VOCATION VIEWS

Can you honestly pray: "I have come to do your will, O God"? Blessed are you who trusts that the Lord's words to you will be fulfilled

GOSPEL SUMMARY

Luke tells us much in this account of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. Mary went to Judah to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who knew nothing of Mary's pregnancy before their encounter. Yet Elizabeth knew that there was something special about Mary and the baby she carried. This is made clear by her calling Mary the Mother of my Lord." The baby that Elizabeth carried leaped for joy at the sound of Mary's voice. This completes the prophecy of the angel that Elizabeth and Zachariah were expecting a baby and is symbolic of John's announcing Jesus' coming.

STEWARDSHIP

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

Offertory \$ 4,974.08
Special Needs \$ 20.00

CWC UPDATE

Thank you to all those who attended our CWC potluck. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

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.

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.

IF YOU ARE USING ENVELOPE NUMBER 358, PLEASE CALL THE BERNADETTE AT THE PARISH OFFICE (905-436-2126).

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 toward our Christmas hampers.

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

What are the forces, attitudes and behaviours that reign in your heart that govern your life? What does "Your Kingdom Come" mean for you? Discuss with a friend your understanding of God's role in our lives.

Quotation: "Contact with the visible manifestations of God's love can awaken within us a feeling of joy born of the experience of being loved. But this encounter also engages our will and our intellect."

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: our local schools and parishioners. Please know that your generosity will give joy this Christmas to some wonderful families. Your generosity was overwhelming. God bless you all. **Father Vic**

PARISH OVEFLOW PARKING

Please remember that there is overflow parking behind the convent at Msgr. Cleary School.

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 THE MSGR. LEO SCHOOL PARKING LOT BEHIND THE CONVENT.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who are helping with the Live Nativity. Thank you to those who clean our altar linens, our sacristan, our wonderful Sisters, all our Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Home and Hospital Visitation Team, St. Vincent's Soup Kitchen Members, Finance Committee, Our Youth Coordinators, Our Parish Sacrament Team, our coordinators of RCIA, Children's Liturgy, Altar Servers, Our food Bank, Cantors, Our Funeral Altar Servers, our talented music ministries, our amazing Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's Connection, our staff and students of our schools and the Trustees and Parish school representatives. Thank you to those who continue to help when help is needed. It does not go unnoticed. God bless you all. **Fr. Vic**

HUNGRY FOR THE TRUTH? COME BE FED.

Join us for a study of the Sacraments. Input materials from Fr. John Corapi, with Sister Therese Roddy facilitating. Sacred Heart Parish Hall from 7-8:30pm Sunday evenings starting Jan. 10th until Feb. 28th. No registration fee. Donations may be made if desired. Please call 705-745-1309 ext. 277 to register. "Come and be Fed"

FREE SKATE

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Free Skate at the Courtice south Arena, Pad B, On Tuesday December 29th from 1:30pm-3:30pm. Admission is free but there will be a box for non perishable food items for our food bank available, should you wish to donate. Hope to see you there!

SAVE YOUR STAMPS !

We have a canister at the entrance to the Church for any cancelled stamps you may wish to leave for the missions.

UPCOMING PARISH MISSION

Please mark you calendars for our upcoming Parish mission from February 8th to February 11th 2010. It will be conducted by Redemptorist Father Eugene O'Reilly. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to allow Jesus Christ through the richness of His word, to love you into fullness of life and a deep sense of personal well-being. If you should know anyone who may wish to attend, please let them know that they are welcome. See you at the Mission!