

THIS WEEK AT ST.THERESE

Psalter IV

MONDAY December 28th

7:00 pm— Mass—† George Barich
Req. by Helen and Family
6:00 pm – No Youth Meeting

TUESDAY December 29th

9:30 am – 6:30 pm NO ADORATION
1:30 pm - K of C Free Skate – Courtice South Arena
5:00 pm – Legion of Mary
7:00 pm- † Divina Miceli
Req. by Elena Russo

WEDNESDAY 30th

10:00 am- 6:00pm- NO Adoration (Chapel)
7:00 pm – Mass- † Laura Guido
Req. by Elena Russo

7:30 pm- NO Bible Study

THURSDAY DECEMBER 31st NEW YEAR'S EVE

7:00 pm - Mass – The Intentions of Gail Gerrow
Req. by Fred Fountain
9:00 pm – Midnight – Adoration in the Church

FRIDAY JANUARY FIRST HAPPY NEW YEAR

9:00 am – Mass – Intentions of Father Paul Granville
Req. by Jacquelyn and William Oosterholt
11:00 am - Mass - † Peter Treacy
Req. by Rita Kerr

SATURDAY 2nd

8:30 am – Mass- in Convent
Giuseppe and Carmela Canonico
Req. by the Canonico Family

9:00 am - Cursillo
9:30 am – 10:30 am - Reconciliation
4:30 pm – Mass — The People of Our Parish

SUNDAY JANUARY 3rd

Psalter I

9:00 am –Mass- The Intentions of Marielle Talbot
Baptism during Mass Req. by Alan and Mary Baylis
11:00 am -Mass- † Victoria Frendo-Cumbo
Baptism during Mass Req. by The Psani Family
7:00 pm Mass- † Michael and Kathy Mazurkicz
Req. by Gord and Wanda Geissberger

PRAY FOR US!

Frank Siciliano, Fred Gimblett, Vince Roti,
Antonietta Celeberti, Ken Butcher, Carol Ward, Gail Gerrow,
Lina Vervoort, Gloria Barbosa, Serge Corbin,
Annelies Bromley, Richard Barnoski, Edward Kingsbury,
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

VOCATION VIEWS

Christmas comes but once a year. But you can be Christ to others the remaining 364 days. In fact, He is counting on you.



STEWARDSHIP

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

We will update our figures in the next bulletin.

CONSULTATIVE MEETING ABOUT 1862 BLOOR STREET

407 EAST Environmental Assessment

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**

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. 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.



PARISH OVER FLOW PARKING

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



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 IN MADRID SPAIN

As you may know next year World Youth Day will be held in Spain. If you are interested in attending WYD, there will be fundraising done at the parish that you may participate in to help to defray the cost of your trip. Please call Mary Armstrong at 905-440-4765 for more information.

NEW TO THE PARISH ????

If you are new to the parish and would like information about any our parish groups, please do not hesitate to either contact the parish office at 905- 436-2126 or use the contact numbers on the front of the bulletin for the group you are interested in contacting.



You are welcome to visit our Live Nativity Scene behind the Church.

CHRISTMAS DAY and THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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!



WELCOME

Welcome to our New Families!

New Parishioners are invited to register as members of the parish by using the **Yellow Registration Form** at the doors. If you require donation envelopes, there are blue envelopes available. Envelopes for next year will be available in the New Year.

Any person seeking the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Marriage or Confirmation, must be registered at the Parish. To register, please fill in a **yellow registration form** and place it into the collection basket. These forms can be found at the entrance to the Church. Thank You.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Those children who are in JK to grade three are welcome to join our Children's Liturgy before the 9 and 11am mass each Sunday.



"Wise Men Still Seek Him"

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

On behalf of Father Peter, Father Richard and myself we would like to wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas. On a personal note, we wish to thank you all for your kindness, patience and understanding over the past year. We are always impressed with the people of St. Therese Parish; your helpfulness, generosity, thoughtfulness and support are very much appreciated and will not be forgotten. As Pope Benedict stated, "At Christmas we contemplate God made man, divine glory hidden beneath the poverty of a Child wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger; the Creator of the Universe reduced to the helplessness of an infant. Once we accept this paradox, we discover the Truth that sets us free and the Love that transforms our lives. On Bethlehem Night, the Redeemer becomes one of us, our companion along the precarious paths of history. Let us take the hand which he stretches out to us: it is a hand which seeks to take nothing from us, but only to give." May God bless you and your families.

Father Vic, Father Peter and Father Richard

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE - THANK YOU

St. Therese Food Bank would like to thank our local schools, Holy Trinity, Mother Teresa, Msgr. Leo Cleary and Good Shepherd as well as our parishioners for your generosity and help with the giving Tree items needed for this year. You have made a difference in the lives of many people this Christmas. Thank you to Ann and Dave Saunders , Val and Frank Scriver and their families and for all those who helped to purchase, sort and deliver the hampers. **God bless you!**

A BIG THANK YOU



Over the past few weeks, we have been thanking so many of you who help make this parish the wonderful parish that it is. There is so much work done behind the scenes to keep our Church clean and decorated especially during the Christmas season.

Thank you to all those who have cleaned and decorated the Church for this Christmas season and those who continuously help to make our Church so beautiful. Thank you to Lee McDonald and Cecile Stark and our Banner Group. Thank you also to Ben and Peter Lukow who set up our video feed to our hall and to those who donated flowers for our sanctuary and food for our hampers. God bless you all!

Father Vic

HAVE YOU MOVED?

If you have moved this past year, please notify the office so that we may update our files. Thank you.

SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR NEXT YEAR

New boxed envelope sets will be available in January.

UPCOMING FIRST COMMUNION SACRAMENT PARENT MEETING

First Communion Meeting

January 11th, 2010 at 7:30pm in the Church Hall. The Children's **Reconciliation** books are to be handed into the office before this meeting or they may be brought to the meeting. **January 11th is the deadline for handing in the Reconciliation Books.**

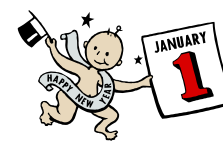


CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Names and Sponsor Names for each student are due into the parish no later than January 31st.

Our next bulletin will be available the weekend of January 2-3 2010.

Just Remember, his real name is St. Nicholas. He has been called many names: Sint Niklaas, Sinter Klaas , Father Christmas and now we refer to him as Santa Claus. No matter what we call him, he too knows the real meaning of Christmas.



THE THREE KINGS

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Three Kings came riding from far away,
Melchior and Gaspar and Baltasar;
Three Wise Men out of the East were they,
And they travelled by night and they slept by day,
For their guide was a beautiful, wonderful star.

The star was so beautiful, large, and clear,
That all the other stars of the sky
Became a white mist in the atmosphere,
And by this they knew that the coming was near
Of the Prince foretold in the prophecy.

Three caskets they bore on their saddle-bows,
Three caskets of gold with golden keys;
Their robes were of crimson silk with rows
Of bells and pomegranates and furbelows,
Their turbans like blossoming almond-trees.

And so the Three Kings rode into the West,
Through the dusk of night, over hill and dell,
And sometimes they nodded with beard on breast
And sometimes talked, as they paused to rest,
With the people they met at some wayside well.

"Of the child that is born," said Baltasar,
"Good people, I pray you, tell us the news;
For we in the East have seen his star,
And have ridden fast, and have ridden far,
To find and worship the King of the Jews."

And the people answered, "You ask in vain;
We know of no king but Herod the Great!"
They thought the Wise Men were men insane,
As they spurred their horses across the plain,
Like riders in haste, and who cannot wait.

And when they came to Jerusalem,
Herod the Great, who had heard this thing,
Sent for the Wise Men and questioned them;
And said, "Go down unto Bethlehem,
And bring me tidings of this new king."

So they rode away; and the star stood still,
The only one in the gray of morn
Yes, it stopped, it stood still of its own free will,
Right over Bethlehem on the hill,
The city of David, where Christ was born.

And the Three Kings rode through
the gate and the guard,
Through the silent street, till their horses turned
And neighed as they entered the great inn-yard;
But the windows were closed,
and the doors were barred,
And only a light in the stable burned.

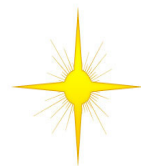
And cradled there in the scented hay,
In the air made sweet by the breath of kine,
The little child in the manger lay,
The child, that would be king one day
Of a kingdom not human but divine.

His mother Mary of Nazareth
Sat watching beside his place of rest,
Watching the even flow of his breath,
For the joy of life and the terror of death
Were mingled together in her breast.

They laid their offerings at his feet:
The gold was their tribute to a King,
The frankincense, with its odor sweet,
Was for the Priest, the Paraclete,
The myrrh for the body's burying.

And the mother wondered and bowed her head,
And sat as still as a statue of stone;
Her heart was troubled yet comforted,
Remembering what the Angel had said
Of an endless reign and of David's throne.

Then the Kings rode out of the city gate,
With a clatter of hoofs in proud array;
But they went not back to Herod the Great,
For they knew his malice and feared his hate,
And returned to their homes by another way.



"Wise Men Still Seek Him"