



November 29th , 2009



The First Sunday in Advent

THIS WEEK AT ST.THERESE

Psalter I

MONDAY November 30th

7:00 pm– Mass–† Theresa Thekkan
Req. by Lee & Al McDonald

6:00 pm Youth Meeting

7:30pm CWC Exec Mtg

TUESDAY December 1st

9:30 am – 6:30 pm ADORATION (Chapel)

5:00 pm – Legion of Mary

7:00 pm- Mass– † Frances Roti

Req. by The Roti Family

7:30 pm – K of C General Meeting

WEDNESDAY 2nd

9:30 am Good Shepherd Mass @ Church

10:00 am- 6:00pm- Adoration (Chapel)

7:00 pm – Mass- † Theresa Thekkan

Req. by Bob & Cecile Stark

7:30 pm Bible Study

THURSDAY 3rd

7:00 pm – Mass- † Theresa Thekkan

Req. by Father Ken Rae

7:30 pm - RCIA

FRIDAY 4th

9:30 am – Mass-† Ferdinando Guglielmo

Req by His Parents

10:00 am – 6:30 pm ADORATION (Church)

10:30 am – Whitecliffe Mass

7:00 pm– Mass † Don & Aimee Robillard

Req. by The Forcier Family

7:30-8:30pm - Choir Practice

SATURDAY 5th

8:30 am – Mass- in Church

9:30 am – 10:30 am- **First Reconciliation**

& Parish Reconciliation

10:00 am - **Daycare Christmas Concert in the Hall**

4:30 pm – Mass – The People of Our Parish

SUNDAY December 6th

Psalter II

Second Week of Advent

9:00 am –Mass-† Maria Majoor

Req by Ted & Yvonne Majoor

11:00 am -Mass- † Pasqualina Scanga

Req by Gueirno Scanga

Baptism during Mass

1:30 pm – choir Practice

7:00 pm Mass- † Barbara Passey

Req By The Passey Family

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Bar. 5.1-9

Second Reading: Phil. 1.3-6,8-11

Gospel : Luke 3.1-6



VOCATION VIEWS

Make your decision to follow Jesus during THIS Advent Season. Delaying until "one" of these days is "none" of these days. Follow now.

GOSPEL SUMMARY

Exactly what will happen with the moon and stars and sun, is not known, but this Gospel makes clear that we will recognize some cosmic change when Jesus returns. The Gospel encourages us to not be afraid but to be ready. Specifically, Jesus told his listeners not to get caught up in the business of everyday living and all of its distractions. By the time Luke wrote for his community, it was clear that Jesus' return would not be immediate. The message Mark wanted people to understand, though, was one of hope but also to remain in a state of readiness.

STEWARDSHIP

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

LAST WEEKEND

Offertory \$ 4,631.26

CWC UPDATE

2010 Membership of \$5.00 is due.
Christmas Potluck on Monday, December 7th, Mass @ 6 pm. (Optional: bring an unwrapped baby or Mom gift, for Rose of Durham basket). All ladies of the parish are welcome.

DURHAM GIRLS' CHOIR AUDITIONS

The Durham Girls Choir is holding auditions for girls between 8 -21 years of age. For more information please visit www.durhamgirlschoir.org or call Dawn at 905-571-0422. There is a flyer in on our bulletin board.

DONATIONS TO THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

VEYO will be accepting Christmas donations for the Missionaries of Charity- Blessed Mother Teresa's Sisters- in Toronto.

Donations of non-perishable food items and warm clothing can be dropped off at the VEYO Centre before December 11th. Please see the letter from Fr. Norbert on our bulletin board, explaining this Christmas endeavour for more information.



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.



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.



ADVENT REFLECTION

Why did Thomas describe grace as "amicitia Dei" – friendship with God? During Advent we can deepen that friendship through prayer, by recognizing Christ in others and by being responsive to what God asks of us.



QUOTATION:
"Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event or a person, which gives life a new horizon and decisive direction."

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On Friday December 4th from 8:30 am – 8:30 pm, there will be Reconciliation available at St. Joseph's Parish, 127 Liberty Street in Bowmanville. Priests from St. Therese, St. Joseph's and St. Francis parishes will be available.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON CONCERT

St. Joseph's Parish in Bowmanville presents the "Sounds of the Season Christmas Concert" with Father Paul Massel and guests on Sunday December 6th at 2:00pm. Admission is \$10 and \$5.00 for students. Come Home to the sounds and spirit of Christmas. For tickets and more information, please call St. Joseph's parish office at 905-623-3233.

BXVI RETREAT 2010

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Taking place from January 28th to 31st, 2010 at the Cathedral in Peterborough , this is an apologetics retreat open to young people ages 15 to 30. Mr. Anthony Schratz, lawyer and Director of Ernestcliff College in Toronto and Dr. Leslie Tomory, Professor of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Toronto will be our guest lecturers. The topics of this year's retreat include topics of Church history such as anti-Semitism; the Eastern schism; faith & science; the persecution of witches; the Church, power & politics; St. Joan of Arc; evolution and Catholic teaching; Galileo and the Church; and more. For more information or to register visit the VEYO website, www.veyopeterboro.org, or call (705) 749-0330.

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.



ADVENT MESSAGE FROM FATHER VIC

Once again, as Christmas approaches, we enter into the Advent Season. As we light the Advent candle each week, let this be a reminder to us to reignite the light of service to one another, our families, schools, community and our Church. The anniversary of the birth of Christ is a wonderful time to reflect on the great love that God has for us. He became a man like us and walked among us. Each of us is a reflection of His love. This Advent, let us all try to walk with Mary to Bethlehem and celebrate in the beautiful gift of Jesus that we were given on Christmas Day.

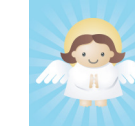
GO AHEAD SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS BUTTONS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling their ever-popular "Go ahead Say Merry Christmas", Buttons the weekend of November 28/29th. All proceeds will go the Clergy Benefit Fund.



CHRISTMAS ANGELS FOR OUR MEMORY TREE

We will be selling Christmas Angels for our Advent Trees the weekends of November 28/29th and Dec. 5/6. You may wish to purchase one in memory of a loved one. All proceeds will go to Rose of Durham.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Christmas Giving Tree will be up next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent. If you would like to help a family in need, please take a tag and return the tag, attached to your unwrapped gift by December 13th. Thank you for your generosity.



LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST WEEKEND

We are very fortunate this year to once again, have our 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 December 12th. Mother Teresa School Choir will be our guest choir at the 4:30 pm Mass. All are invited to the stable after all the masses on December 12/13th.



ADVENT CANDLE FAMILIES – NEXT WEEKEND

4:30 pm Mass – Karen Walker and Family
9:00 am Mass - Kathy Giroto and Family
11:00 am Mass – Amany Bastien and Family
7:00 pm Mass – Paula Alexander and 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

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF HOPE

This special ecumenical service will minister to persons who are grieving the loss of loved ones or have experienced other losses. Everyone Welcome! It will be held on Thursday, December 3rd, 2009 7:00 P.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Church 214 King Ave. East, Newcastle, Ontario. The service will involve sharing among evening congregation, prayer, scripture, music and a time for meditation. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League. Light refreshments. This will be facilitated by: Paddy Fitzgerald-Nolan, Bereavement and Grief Councillor.



This week, let us pray for the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains Parish in Peterborough.