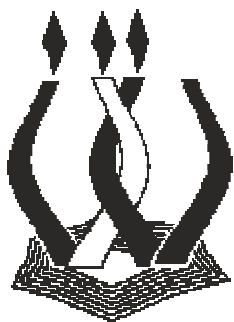


THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Be Reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20)



Mass Intentions

Saturday December 13th

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Grace Bouwhuis by the Bouwhuis family

Sunday December 14th

9:00 am For Morris & Catherine Hendriks by the Hendriks family

10:45 am For the special intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday December 16th

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Clemens Blanke by John Serjak

Wednesday December 17th St. Thomas High School

9:00 am

Thursday December 18th

9:00 am

Friday December 19th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Phil Bourrasa & Freda Reece by the Cogan family

Saturday December 20th

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Hector Lamirande & Brendan O'Byrne on their 1st Anniversary by Guylaine & Padhraig (Patrick) O'Byrne

Sunday December 21st

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Marion Jarvo by her children

10:45 am For the special intentions of Joyce Piovesan by Mom & Dad

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Mon., Dec 15 - Christmas Choir 6:30 pm at MTCS library

Tues., Dec 16 - Communion Service with Deacon Tom 7 pm, Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm, RCIA 7:30 pm kitchen

Wed., Dec 17th - Penitential Service 7pm

Thurs., Dec 18 - Youth Choir Practice 7:45 pm

◆ **PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL** is at the home of Dan Moreau this week. To reserve a week to have her visit with you and your family, sign up on the sheet in foyer.

◆ **REMINDER: YOUR 2007 CHURCH ENVELOPES** are available for pickup in the Church Foyer. If there is a change or correction in your address on the box please contact the office.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at www.olmm.ca

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we are living in uncertain economic times (and now turbulent political times as well!), we certainly need to turn to God in trusting prayer. But some people among us are also in need of financial assistance. In the past few years, we have been able to help parishioners in need through our Emergency Assistance Fund. We have received \$16,815.87 in donations and given out \$16,495.00 leaving \$320.87 in our account. I encourage those who have been blessed with financial security to prayerfully consider how you might help some of your brothers and sisters in financial difficulty. One way is a donation to the Emergency Assistance Fund. Another is to offer a secure, interest-free loan to one of the families among us who are struggling. As a Church, let us remember the example of the first Christians who “had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one’s need” (Acts 2:44-45). If you are able to help, please contact me personally. God bless you all this Advent season!

Fr. Tim

PARISH NEWS:

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

The Penitential Service will take place THIS Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 pm. There will be several priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This is an excellent opportunity for individual confession for both parents and children.

ALTAR SERVERS: NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULE

Sat, Dec 13th

4:30 pm. Laura, Kristina

Sun, Dec 14th

9:00 am. Gordon, Grant, Robb

10:45 am. Ben, Annie, Brody

◆ **LAST WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY SESSION** for this year, Friday December 19th: 9:45am. We will resume “Becoming a Woman of Grace” study on January 9th, with a potluck lunch to celebrate the New Year! ALL women welcome!!! For information please contact Michelle Hamelin-Purcell (613) 443-1520.

◆ **COME SING WITH US! The CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR** has 2 more practices this Mon., Dec. 15th at MTCS and Mon., Dec. 22nd at 6:30 pm in the Church to prepare for the 5 pm family Christmas Eve Mass held at St. Thomas Aquinas

December 14, 2008



Colette Vaillancourt, Ken Gaydamack,
Norita Trottier, Tom Egan, Cory
VandenHanenberg, Marguerite Black,
Teresa Morris, Jack Tyo and Gilles Benoit.

If you would like a name added to this list please call the office.



COFFEE SUNDAY: *Please remember this is a service to the parish. It is your donations that will keep it viable*

Sunday December 14th will be hosted by:

9:00: Van Dusen family

10:45: CWL

Next week coffee Sunday will be hosted by

9:00 am: Cashman family

10:45 am: Nancy Masters

◆ **WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THE OFFICE** - We are in need of an office volunteer with computer skills. Please call Kristine at 445-3054.

ALTAR SERVERS: NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULE

Sat, Dec 6th

4:30 pm. Adam, Marie-Eve

Sun, Dec 7th

9:00 am. Luke, Jacob .L. Samuel

10:45 am. Cameron, Alex, Zachery

HOLY FAMILY POT LUCK DINNER

Saturday December 27, 2008

6 pm Parish Hall

There is a sign up sheet in the hall, please let us know what you would like to bring to the pot luck. For information please call the office 445-3054

◆ **HELP WANTED:** we have a paid position open to shovel snow at the front of the Church each day. Please note that you must be available during the day. Contact Kristine in the office for details 445-3054.

◆ **GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS: CATHOLIC CDs:** Don't miss this incredible sale of CDs - titles from Catholic evangelists and speakers such as Scott Hahn, Peter Kreeft, and Benedict Groeschel - for the unbelievably low price of \$3! An easy way to learn more about your faith and to share the faith with others.

◆ **SIGN OF PEACE:** In the flu and cold season people are reminded that the rite of peace does not necessarily have to be expressed by a handshake. A simple greeting is acceptable.

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

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Thank you for your generosity & support

◆ **CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE:** There is relief to families/persons who are finding themselves caught in difficult and unexpected circumstances during the Christmas season. If you or someone you know need help, please call Kristine in the office at 445-3054. Confidentiality and compassion are the principles which serve to guide this assistance.

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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Web Site: www.sta-russell.com

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Dec. 16th - Advent play

Dec. 17th - Advent concert

Dec. 19th - Last day of school for 2008

Dec. 22nd - January. 5th - Christmas Holidays

MOTHER TERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

www.cdsbeo.on.ca/rumtel

Christmas Concerts

Dec 16th -1:15 pm- 2:15pm JK & SK

Dec. 18th - 6:30pm grades 1-3

Dec. 18th - 7:20pm grades 4-6

Dec. 19th - Last day of school for 2008

January 5th Back to school

◆ **Will you be alone this Christmas? Would you like company?** There is a wonderful family in our Parish who would like to forward an invitation for lunch Christmas day. Please call Kristine in the office 445-3054.

◆ **RUSSELL TOWNSHIP GOOD NEIGHBOURS FOOD BANK:** With Christmas approaching soon remember toothpaste, shampoo, soap, laundry supplies etc. **Please place your food donations in the baskets located in the hall this weekend. Please do not leave your donations in the foyer.**

OFFICE CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Parish Office is closed between Christmas & New Years. Regular office hours resume Tues., Jan. 5th, 2008. A Joyous Christmas & God's Blessings in the New Year!