



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Be Reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20)

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 20th

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Hector Lamirande & Brendan O’Byrne by Guylaine 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 intentions of Joyce Piovesan by Mom & Dad

For the special intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor
Tuesday December 23rd

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Bruce Warnock by the Steele family

◆ OFFICE CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Parish Office is closed between Christmas & New Years. Regular office hours resume Tues., Jan. 5th, 2009. A Joyous Christmas & God’s Blessings in the New Year!

◆ **REMINDER: YOUR 2008 CHURCH ENVELOPES** are available for pickup in the church hall. If there is a change or correction in your address on the box please contact the office.

Email: olmm@bellnet.ca Fax: 445-9839 ☎ 445-3054
Web Site: www.olmm.ca

◆ **BAPTISM:** Baptismal arrangements should be made one month in advance. A baptismal preparation program is required for all parents. Please contact the church office at 445-3054. There are no baptisms in July, August and December.

◆ **MATRIMONY:** Please contact the church for an appointment at least six months before your planned marriage date. A marriage preparation course is required. Call June & André Paré at 445-0971 for information on the parish marriage preparation course.

◆ **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** Please call the church office at 445-3054 if you wish your child to receive parish preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

◆ **ALMS FOR THE POOR BOX:** Donations for our Alms for the Poor Box for the months of October, November and December will be donated to the Shepherds of Good Hope. THANK YOU!

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR’S MASSES

Christmas Eve Masses:

Wednesday December 24th, St-Thomas Aquinas High School at 5pm, and Church at 8pm and 10pm.

Christmas Day Masses:

Thursday December 25th, Church at 9:00am and 10:45am

Friday December 26th at 10 am

Saturday December 27th at 4:30 pm

New Year’s Masses:

Wednesday, December 31st, Church at 4:30pm

Thursday, January 1st, Church at 9:00 am and 10:45am

🏠 PARISH NEWS:

◆ **COME SING WITH US!** The **CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS CHOIR** has its last practice this Mon., Dec. 22nd at 6:00 pm in the church to prepare for the 5 pm family Christmas Eve Mass held at St. Thomas Aquinas

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

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

◆ JANUARY BAPTISMS:

Saturday January 3rd , 4:30 pm. Presentation of children

Thursday January 7th , 7:00 pm. Hall

Sunday January 11th , 10:45 am & 12 noon Baptisms

◆ **SPIRITUAL LIBRARY:** Please remember to follow the Spiritual Library’s directions as many people share the videos and will wish to share over the holiday’s.

New Videos: Bella & Facing the Giants

◆ **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.

December 21, 2008



Colette Vaillancourt, Ken Gaydamack,
Norita Trottier, Tom Egan, Cory
VandenHabenberg, 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 21st will be hosted by:

9:00:

10:45: Nancy Masters & Harriet Clarke

Sunday December 28th will be hosted by:

9:00 am: The Cogan family

10:45 am: The Saunders family

Sunday January 4th will be hosted by:

9:00 am: No Volunteers

10:45 am: Nancy Masters, Al & Harriet Clarke

◆ ALTAR SERVERS: Christmas/New Years/Epiphany Schedule

	1st Server	2nd Server	Cross Bearer
Dec, 24 th			
5:00 St. Thomas	Nicolas E.	Cameron	Nathan
8:00 pm	Alex	Zachery	
10:00 pm	Michael C.	Daniel C	Sarah
Dec, 25 th			
9:00 am	Richard	Luke	Morgan
10:45 am	Caitlin	Eva	Adam B.

◆ **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.

◆ **CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS:** Our apologies if we omitted anyone. Please notify the office (445-3054) by Monday December 22, so that it will appear in the Christmas bulletin.

◆ **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.

◆ **RUSSELL TOWNSHIP GOOD NEIGHBOURS FOOD BANK:** With Christmas approaching 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.**

THANK YOU to all who have donated to our Emergency Assistance fund. Some individuals have been exceptionally generous and we thank you for sharing your gifts with our brothers and sisters in need in our own parish.

Fr. Tim

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

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CWL CORNER:

- ◆ The minutes from our last meeting are available in the foyer.
- ◆ Our next executive meeting will be held on January 4th in the kitchen.

RELIGIOUS CABINET: Don't forget to take a look in the foyer for Christmas gift ideas. The CWL has loads of great gifts available to you in the Religious cabinet. Come have a look.

◆ **WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS:** If you are new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, welcome to our Parish. Please take a moment to fill in the registration form found on the table in the Church Foyer. Say "hello" to Fr. Tim and share fellowship with parishioners at one of our events.

OTHER:

◆ **ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS RECEPTION:** An invitation to all the faithful. At the Archbishop's residence, 143 Saint Patrick Street, Sunday, January 4, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Children are invited to come dressed as Magi, Kings & Queens.

◆ **Pilgrimage to China** (April 14th - May 1st, 2009) with Fr. John Vandenakker. To view the itinerary go online at companionscross.ca and click on Upcoming Events. Or call Gail Goshko at (613) 744-1418. We have 30 people, but still have room for a few more!

◆ **RITE OF ELECTION - CHANGE OF DATE:** Please note that the date of the Rite of Election has been changed to the 1st Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2009, 2:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral (NOT MARCH 8). Further details will follow in the new year.