FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Diocesan Theme "Called for Holiness, the Saints Among us" Parish Theme "Encounter Christ. Share Him with Others."



&DMass Intentions

Saturday, December 18th

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Chris Bond and the intentions of his Family by the Steele Family Sunday, December 19th 9:00 am For the repose of the souls of Hector Lamirande and Brendan O'Byrne by Guylaine and Padhraig O'Byrne and Family 10:45 am For the special intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor Tuesday, December 21st 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Tom Trottier by Fr. Tim Wednesday, December 22nd 9:00 am Mass Cancelled for Advent liturgy at 10:00 am & 1:30 pm Thursday, December 23rd 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Sean James by the Mother Teresa Catholic School Council Friday, December 24th 5:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Edouard Thomas by Michelleand Natasha Baechler 8:00 pm For the intentions of Josephine and Gary Barnes by the James Family 10:00 pm For the intentions of Tom and Bea Mascaro by the James Family Saturday, December 25th 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Sean James by the James Family 10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Donald Malette by the Lypaczewski Family For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Family Sunday, December 26th 9:00 am For the intentions of Liam Marshall and his Family by the Gernan and Baker Families 10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Lucyna Gajdowski by Helen Zurowski

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the CWL Christmas stocking draw: Angie Maidment.

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we have been striving this Advent to listen with Mary to the Word of God, I share with you some reflections on Mary by John Paul II:

"During the final days of Advent, the Liturgy puts particular emphasis on the figure of Mary. The beginning of the Incarnation of the Redeemer took place *in her heart*, from her *"Here I am"* full of faith, in reply to the divine call. If we wish to understand the genuine meaning of Christmas, *we must look at her*, call upon her.

Mary, Mother *par excellence*, helps us to understand the key words of the mystery of the birth of her divine Son: *humility*, *silence*, *wonder*, *joy*.

She exhorts us, first of all, to humility, so that God can find space in our heart, not darkened by pride and arrogance. She points out to us the value of *silence*, which knows how to listen to the song of the Angels and the crying of the Child, not stifling them by noise and confusion. Together with her, we stop before the Nativity scene with intimate *wonder*, savouring the simple and pure *joy* that this Child gives to humanity."

In Christ, Fr. Tim

CONGRATULATIONS to the Batchilder Family winner of the Senators tickets on behalf of Honduras Mission. A big thank you goes out to the Family who donated the tickets.

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

REMINDER: YOUR 2011 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.

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

December 12, 2010-\$2446.51 Thank you for your generosity & support

DECEMBER 19, 2010



Hope St. Jean , Tyler Preston, Bernard Gravel, Susan McCooeye-Larivee, Warren Hamm, Nancy McDonald, Laura M, Richard Patenaude, Brynn MacKinnon, Brenda Henke, Monica Baker, Gilles Gauthier, Justin Collins, and Justin McKenna

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

COFFEE SUNDAY: If you would like to know more about volunteering please call Sherry Desmarais at 445-3683 for information.
9:00 am: no volunteers
10:45 am: Heather and Ken Sisk
Thank you to all who volunteer for Coffee Sunday.

This week at Our Lady's...

Tuesday December 21st- Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm, ACE 7:30 pm Hall

Wednesday December 22nd - St. Thomas Advent Liturgy 10:00 am & 1:30 pm, Small Christian Communities 7:00 pm, Youth Choir 7:00pm

Next week at Our Lady's...

Friday December 31st-Berard Beaupre Hall Rental Tuesday January 4th- Adult Choir 7:30 pm, ACE 7:30 pm Kitchen

Wednesday January 5th- Youth Choir 7:00 pm Thursday January 6th- Executive Meeting

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S MASSES Christmas Eve Masses:

Friday December 24th, St-Thomas Aquinas High School at 5pm, and Church at 8pm and 10pm. <u>Christmas Day Masses:</u> Saturday December 25th, Church at 9:00am and 10:45am <u>New Year's Masses:</u> Friday December 31st, Church at 4:30pm Saturday January 1^t, Church at 10:45am & 4:30 pm

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WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!

People are losing the power to enjoy Christmas through identifying it with enjoyment. When once they lose sight of the old suggestion that it is all about something, they naturally fall into blank pauses of wondering what it is all about. To be told to rejoice on Christmas Day is reasonable and intelligible, if you understand the name, or even look at the word. To be told to rejoice on the twenty-fifth of December is like being told to rejoice at quarter past eleven on a Thursday week. You can not suddenly be frivolous unless you believe there is a serious reason for being frivolous.

"The new war on Christmas,"G.K.'s Weekly, December 26, 1925,Quoted in Brave New Family

PRAYER:Lord, the advent and Christmas stories are so deep, their symbols are so rich, and carry such potential for nourishing our faith. Prevent us from adulterating the message with so many cultural accumulations that we lose sight of the heart of Christmas as worship.

In Our Parish: CD's for Christmas

Why Go To Mass? - Bishop Alexander K. Sample

If you ever feel bored at Mass or think that you don't get much out of it, this talk is for you. Most Reverend Alexander K. Sample, Bishop of Marquette, provides theological and practical reasons why we need to come to a deeper understanding of the nature of the Mass. By understanding the Mass as a sacrifice and a sacred banquet, we can tap into the transforming power offered whenever we worship.

"This is a powerful talk which draws from scripture and the Second Vatican Council to explain the true meaning of the Mass." Pete - Pewaukee, WI

RUSSELL GOOD NEIGHBOUR'S FOOD BANK: Almost everyday someone goes hungry. Please bring what you can to Church and place in the bushel baskets in hall. Thank you for helping others!

OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED:

ST. JOHN VIANNEY DRAMA: Coming to Ottawa! Mark your calendars for this critically acclaimed oneman play that has been touring North America, and will be stopping for two shows in Ottawa in 2011: Holy Redeemer on May 9, and St. Patrick's Basilica on May 10. Info:

(www.stlukeproductions.com/dramas/vianney).

RUSSELL AA MEETINGS: Monday nights, Location: OLMM. For Information with confidentiality call Gib at 613-445-8008.