

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Volume I of the Liturgy of the Hours is used until the end of the Christmas season.

### *Psalter I*

**MON. Dec. 3** *St. Francis Xavier*  
12:05 PM † **GRACE CAVANAUGH**  
-The Leguard Family

**TUES. Dec. 4**  
12:05 PM † Deceased Members of **DEPALMA & PEDOTA FAMILIES**

**WED. Dec. 5**  
12:05 PM † **DOREEN PAVLOVITSCH**  
-Doreen & Eric Davis

**THURS. Dec. 6** *at Legion Village*  
10:00 AM † Deceased Members of **BOWEN & WALSH FAMILIES** -Teresa Bowen

**FRI. Dec. 7** *St. Ambrose*  
12:05 PM † **ANGELINE LEGUARD** -The Leguard Fam.

▶ **Eucharistic Adoration** following 12:05 Mass to 1:30PM ◀

### **SATURDAY, December 8**

**5:00 PM** † **GEORGETTE CORMIER** -Ed & Family

### **SUNDAY, December 9**

**9:00 AM** **MISSA PRO POPULO** (People of the Parish)

**11:00 AM** † **AL & GARY LUCYSHYN** -Pat Fleming

Next Weekend's Readings • **Second Sunday of Advent**  
1<sup>st</sup> Isaiah 11.1-10 2<sup>nd</sup> Romans 15.4-9 Gospel Matthew 3.1-12

## EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

**Tues. 4**—7:00 PM RCIA in Parish Centre  
**Wed. 5**—12:30 PM Legion of Mary-Parish Centre  
**Wed. 5**—3:00 PM Growing in Faith in Parish Centre  
**Wed. 5**—7:30 PM Advent Reflections at Villa St. Joseph  
**Thurs. 6**—1:00 PM Seniors Progressive Euchre at Columbus Community Centre  
**Thurs. 6**—6:30 PM Crib Blessing outside  
**Thurs. 6**—7:00 PM Christian Prayer & Meditation Group in Parish Centre  
**Sat. 8**—6:00 PM Legion of Mary Reunion in Parish C.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Billy Thomson, Debbie Wannamaker, Adrian Stimers, Kim Hope, Emily, Stan Johnston, Henry Tukendorf, Louis Carigan, Ronald Heffernan, Fred Williams, Wendy Gregoriades, Denise Palermo, Anne Driscoll, Mark Martel, Trevor DeMattos, Diane Bartlett, David Wright, Lorna Watts, Shirley Ferguson, Greg Heenan, *May they find support in our prayers.*

## REFLECTION

### *First Sunday of Advent*



The emphasis of today's Gospel is on the second coming of Jesus. Matthew refers to three events that show we do not know when Jesus will return, but the message is clear: we are to be ready! The first reference Matthew makes is to Noah and the flood. People were occupied with their daily lives - eating, drinking, and marrying. In the second example, men were working in the field and women were grinding at the mill. Some were taken and some remained. In the final example, the master of the house could have prevented the robbery if only he had known when the thief would come. This Gospel is a stern caution for each of us to live in preparation for Jesus' return.

## FAMILY ADVENT WREATHS

During the Advent season families should spend time together preparing for the celebration of the birth of Christ. An Advent wreath can be a great focal point for family prayers. The following prayer should be prayed each day during the first week. One purple candle is lit. *Lord, rouse Your power, we pray, and come, that we may deserve by Your protection to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and by Your deliverance to be made free from them, You who are God, living and reigning with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen*



**Topic:** *Eucharistic Meditation and the Church Fathers*

**Presenter:** Fr. Norbert

**Time:** Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Centre,

## COLLECTION REPORT

∞ A Summary of Your Generosity ∞  
November 25—\$4908. ▲ \$705. *more than last year!*  
Restoration Fund last week: \$6154. *FYI Keeping our offertory up exempts our restoration fund from being taxed by the Chancery.*

## St. Michael's School Sugar Plum Fair

If you are the lucky holder of the winning ticket for the 50/50 last Sunday, please contact the school office at 905 372-4391. **Ticket # 321489.**

## MURAL RESTORATION PHASE II

We are excited about the progress of Phase II. Carlos and crew have been hard at work, and completion will be in time for Christmas. *Thank you to those parishioners who have been providing the workers with freshly baked muffins for their breaks.* **PERSONALIZED ENGRAVED PLAQUES** are our latest efforts for fundraising. A sample is at the entrance of the Church, along with some suggested wording. Contact Dorothy Ward at 905 372-3138 for more information and to place an order. Cost is \$100.00. These plaques will be mounted on oak framed panels and permanently placed on the walls in the church when restoration is completed.

## 20 WAYS TO GET MORE FROM THE MASS

*Your guide to a richer experience... #19. Leave Mass with a mission.* In the quiet time after Communion, think about how God has spoken to you this day. What is God calling you to do? How will you be more like Christ this week? By forgiving someone? Asking forgiveness? By reaching out to help someone? By being more patient with your children? By confronting a friend or loved one at risk? By helping someone whom is ill? By smiling and thus lightening the day of someone who you pass on the street? Try not to leave until you've committed to at least one small action. *(excerpt from Catholic Digest)*

## CWL Christmas Dinner Wed. Dec. 5 at 6:00 PM

at Columbus Community Centre. Contact Jenny at 905 373-0926 for tickets. **Last Call...Advance tickets only!**

## Legion of Mary Reunion

The Legion of Mary will be holding their Annual General Reunion on Saturday, December 8, 2007 following the 5:00 PM Mass, in the Parish Centre. All Auxiliary past Legion members and parishioners are welcomed. There will be a 'light' lunch and entertainment.

## Schedule for the Advent/Christmas Season

### Private Confessions

Thurs. December 20 7:00 to 8:00 PM  
Friday. December 21 11:00 to 11:45 AM

### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAT. December 22 5:00 PM  
SUN. December 23 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

MON. December 24 5:00 PM  
MON. December 24 8:00 PM  
MON. December 24 10:00 PM

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

TUES. December 25 10:00 AM

## DEVELOPMENT & PEACE



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR

**Development  
and Peace**

**DID YOU SIGN TODAY?** If you need more time to discern this issue, please take home a petition and return next weekend and place in the offertory basket. Please check their website [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org) and follow the link to Mining for further details.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

EACH SUNDAY LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE FOR THE BIRTH OF CHRIST. We have a number of events that you and your family can participate in and help bring Christ back into Christmas.



## Crib Blessing

this Thursday, December 6, at 6:30 PM outside by the crib. Come and join in the singing of Advent songs and prayers. Refreshments following, in the Parish Centre. *Thank you to the Knights for once again raising the crèche!*

## Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
7:00PM in St. Michael's Church

*A beautiful combination of scriptural readings and Advent carols. This will be a wonderful way to celebrate the coming of the Messiah with family and friends!* Please join us!

**Nativity Story** Friday, December 21, 6:00 PM in the Church. **PLEASE NOTE** if you plan to attend this movie to please use the school parking lot. *(unless you are in need of handicapped parking).* St. Vincent will be distributing food boxes this evening, and will require the use of the church parking lot. Thank you for your assistance.

**Growing in Faith:** 'DISCOVERING MATTHEW THROUGH THE SUNDAY GOSPEL READINGS OF ADVENT—3 to 4 PM in the Parish Centre Dec. 5, 12 & 19. **NOTE** that you can participate in this program by visiting our website and following the link to Growing in Faith.

**Advent Reflections:** The Villa St. Joseph Retreat Centre will host their annual Advent series, Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 PM at the Villa December 5 & 12. For more details visit their website: [www.villastjosepha.ca](http://www.villastjosepha.ca)

