

Feast of the Holy Family

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Psalter I

MON. Dec. 31

5:00 PM † JOSEPH ZAKRAJASEK

-The Family

TUES. January 1, 2008

9:00 AM † STUART MITCHELL

-Lyn & Doug Smith

11:00 AM MISSA PRO POPULO (*People of the Parish*)

WED. Jan. 2

12:05 PM † POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

-William & Mary Hanley

THURS. Jan. 3 at Legion Village

10:00 AM † LOUISE KEWIN

-Bob & Joe Kearney

FRI. Jan. 4

12:05 PM † JOSEPH DEVEREAUX

-The Holmquist Family

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

SATURDAY, January 5

5:00 PM † Deceased Members of the VERALDI FAMILY

SUNDAY, January 6

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

11:00 AM † MARIA GARNCARZ

-Elizabeth Szawara & Family



REFLECTION

The Holy Family

Gospel Summary When the magi left the Holy Family in Bethlehem, Joseph was warned in a dream to take Mary and Jesus into Egypt because Herod was looking to destroy the child. Following Herod's death, another angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and informed him that it was now safe to return to Israel. Joseph took his family to the Galilee area and settled in Nazareth.

Reflection for Families We may not always be as successful as we would like, but as parents we try to create some stability for our children. It must have been hard for Mary and Joseph to bring their child into the world in such a hurried and rustic environment. Barely had the child been born and visited by the magi, when the Holy Family made a late-night escape through unfamiliar territory to an even more unfamiliar land they would call home until Herod died. At the news of Herod's death, Joseph moved his young family back to Israel, but to a still different place from where he called home. The movement of our lives may not be as dramatic and life-threatening as that of the Holy Family, but it surely helps us to know that the presence of God is the one continuous thread that binds us together no matter where we are.

NO EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ken MacDonald, Antoinette Brisson, Joe May, Andrea Plaxton, Gracillia Niziol, Billy Thomson, Julie Black, Adrian Stimers, Kim Hope, Stan Johnston, 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.*

Resumes January 8, 2008

Topic:

Presenter:

Time:

COLLECTION REPORT

☞ A Summary of Your Generosity ☜

December 23—\$6734. ▲\$2202. *More than last year!* Our Christmas offering was \$11,795. Thank You! NOTE that 25% of the Christmas offering is sent to the Chancery office. Restoration Fund last week: \$4185. *FYI Keeping our offertory up exempts our restoration fund from being taxed by the Chancery.*

MURAL RESTORATION

Our 'free will offerings' from the Lesson's & Carol's evening was \$130. and from the movie night-The Nativity we raised \$105. which will go towards PHASE III of our restoration project.

Still available are **PERSONALIZED ENGRAVED PLAQUES** Contact Dorothy Ward at 905 372-3138 for more information, and to place an order. Cost is \$100.00.

LATIN MASS

ST. THOMAS MORE, MILLBROOK

Next Sunday, January 6, 2008 at 3:00 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Devereaux

If you attend this Mass, it does fulfill your Sunday day of obligation. For more information, contact Fr. Joseph at 705 932-2712

Congratulations

Audrey & Gerry Lawless have celebrated their 52nd Wedding Anniversary! Also, congratulations to Mel & Hilda McPhee on their 50th! Many blessings for the years to come.

2008 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please pick up your box today! They are conveniently placed at the entrance of the Church. Advise the office of any changes to your address or status to update our records. Also, if you are currently not using envelopes, please consider doing so. Your donation is tax receiptable.

Spe Salvi

On Christian Hope

ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF
THE SUPREME PONTIFF
BENEDICT XVI



On 30 November 2007, Pope Benedict XVI issued his second encyclical, this time exploring the theme of hope. Entitled "In hope we are saved", the text of **Spe Salvi** is a personal reflection by the Holy Father. Copies of this encyclical can now be ordered for \$6.95 CDN (plus tax and shipping) by ordering online at www.cccbpublications.ca/, by e-mail at publi@ccb.ca

PARISH EVENT!!!

Mark Your Calendar: Sunday, January 27, 2008 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Secondary School our annual **International Potluck Supper!**

Just a thought...

God gives to us the gift of time to use as best we can, to live each moment in His will according to His plan. *Sper*

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mary, the Mother of God
(Holy day of obligation).

Mass times: Monday, December 31 at 5:00 PM and Tuesday, January 1, 2008 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM.



Eucharist Adoration in the Church on New Years Eve, **December 31 from 7:00 PM until Midnight.** If you are looking to do something *different* this New Years, why not



give some time in Eucharistic Adoration. The quiet and peaceful atmosphere in the Church is a wonderful way to usher in the New Year. You may spend thirty minutes to an hour praying for your personal intentions, in thanksgiving to the Lord, for the sick, the suffering or simply having a personal visit with the Lord. *Volunteer sign up sheets are available at the entrance of the Church. So plan to come out. Coffee & tea will be available in the Sacristy. You may bring some goodies to share with others. 'Come, rest awhile...'*

THANK YOU...

to Jay & Mary and their decorating crew, for the beautiful job done in preparing the altar for our Christmas celebrations. Thank you also to those who donated flowers which helped beautify the sanctuary.

World Day of Peace –January 1

The World Day of Prayer for Peace is celebrated on this day. Families are encouraged to pause today to discuss their responsibility to work and pray for peace; for love and goodwill among all nations, and for light and guidance for leaders of the world.

Thank you... to Laszlo & Henriette De Roth for facilitating the Growing in Faith series during Advent. Watch for the Lenten series! You won't be disappointed.

FIRST COMMUNION

Looking ahead, those children in grade two, who will be receiving the sacrament of First Communion...parents please mark these dates on your calendar. Parent's Workshop: Sat. February 16, 10 AM to Noon at St. Michael's School; Parent/Children Workshop: Fri. February 29, with Mass at 7:00 PM.