

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Psalter II

MON. Jan. 21 *St. Michael's School Mass in the Church*
9:15 AM † **STUART MITCHELL** –Lyn & Doug Smith

TUES. Jan. 22 *St. Joseph's School Mass at the school*
9:15 AM † **MARY ROBERTSON** –St. Joseph's Staff

WED. Jan. 23
12:05 PM † **TONY DEPINTO** –Marg & Family

THURS. Jan. 24 *at Extendicare*
10:00 AM † **EDGAR DAVEY**–Gladys & Jim Tunney

THURS. Jan. 24 *Notre Dame School at the school*
Deceased Members of the **BARBOSA & TAVARES FAMILIES** –Sem. Jerry

FRI. Jan. 25 *Conversion of St. Paul*
12:05 PM † **GORDON KELLY & JANE RAUEN**
–The Kelly Family

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

SATURDAY, January 26

5:00 PM † **SHANNON & RAY LEES** –Peg & Family

SUNDAY, January 27

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

11:00 AM † **MARY GUIRY** –The Family

Next Weekend's Readings • *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
1st Isaiah 9.1-4 2nd 1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18
Gospel Matthew 4.12-23

EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tues. 22—7:00 PM RCIA in Parish Centre

Wed. 23—4:00 PM D & P meeting in Parish Centre

Wed. 23—12:30 PM Legion of Mary in Parish Centre

Thurs. 24—1:00 PM Seniors Progressive & Bid Euchre at Columbus Community Centre

Thurs. 24—7:00 PM Christian Prayer & meditation Group in Parish Centre

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Fr. Henry, Matilda Eikens, Jean Boudreau, Pat Lucyshyn, Noreen Mark, Gerrard Heffernan, Antoinette Brisson, Joe May, 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.*

REFLECTION

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Gospel Summary John the Baptist knew Jesus as his cousin, but it is not clear until we read today's Gospel that John recognized Jesus as the promised Messiah. John called Jesus the Lamb of God. We are familiar with the title for Jesus, Lamb of God, because we hear it in our Eucharistic prayers during mass. The Lamb of God comes to take away the sins of the world. And, indeed, Jesus died that we might be free of our sins. The lamb figured in much of Jewish tradition, especially as a symbol of sacrifice, but certainly we recognize the image of shepherd as one who leads the flock through darkness and difficult terrain. The message of John's gospel is for us - the simple sheep - to follow Jesus, the shepherd. **Reflection for Families** As parents we certainly can understand the image of Jesus as shepherd. We are constantly leading the way for our children and serving them with endless love. When they are sick or hurt, we would gladly take their pain and suffering if we could. It is clearly through these feelings that we begin to understand just what Jesus has done for us. As parents, when we show our unending love for our children, they too get an inkling of what Jesus' love is for them as well.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Note: Change of schedule

Topic: Freedom in Christ: The Dignity of the Human Person Social Teachings of the Church

Presenter: Pat Fleming

Time: Tues. Jan. 22 @ 7PM



COLLECTION REPORT

∞ A Summary of Your Generosity ∞

January 13—\$4585. ▲\$287. *More than last year!* Thank You! Restoration Fund last week: \$2300. *FYI Keeping our offertory up exempts our restoration fund from being taxed by the Chancery.*

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 2008



Please come and join the Churches of Cobourg **TODAY** January 20, 2008 at 4:00 PM at the Salvation Army Church on Ballentine St., Cobourg. Everyone is welcomed to join this annual Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

MURAL RESTORATION

Thank you to the C.W.L. for preparing and supplying the cheese trays for the Wine & Cheese Open House held last Sunday. There was a wonderful turnout, and we appreciate your attendance and support.

For those who made a three year pledge to the Mural Restoration Fund, and can't remember what or when your commitment is, please contact the office for a reminder 905.372.6844. Thank you.

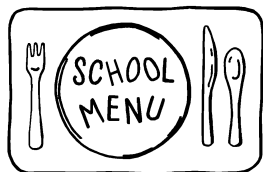
GOLDEN PLOUGH BIRTHDAY PARTY

The C.W.L. are planning for the annual birthday party at the Golden Plough. This celebration is for all the residents at the 'Plough'. The Catholic Women's League invite everyone to come and celebrate at the Plough on **Monday, January 21, 2008 at 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM**. Live Entertainment!

CWL MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Catholic Women's League membership fees for 2008 are now due. The fee is \$20. There is a special pink envelope in your offertory box provided for you. Please be sure to print your name on the outside of the envelope and these can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you!

ARE YOU COMING TO CELEBRATE?



Next Sunday, January

27, 2008 from 5:00 to 7:00

PM at St. Mary's Secondary School our annual

International Pot Luck

Supper! We will have live entertainment and of course wonderful cuisine from around the world. See you there! Bring your own cutlery, along with your favourite dish. **Free Will Offering for Save-A-Family Plan.** We currently have two families that we have been supporting for the past 8 years, so let's continue. Cost is \$180/year/family.

Villa St. Joseph - Retreat Day

Desert Wisdom Retreat Day: The art of letting go without losing the way; a guide to inner freedom; essential elements for discovery of the true self. Retreat Day is Wed. January 30, 2008 from 9:30 to 4:00 PM. Facilitator, Sr. Joan Driscoll, CSJ. Call 905 37202741 Website www.villastjoseph.ca for more information.

CAMP NORTHERN LIGHTS

Today we collected for Camp Northern Lights. If we missed you, you can still make a donation. All cheques should be payable to Camp Northern Lights. These donations can be placed in the offertory basket. For further information call Camp Director Fr. Bill Moloney at 705 645-2294. *Thanking you in advance, Fr. Bill*

Lifestyle Awareness Calendar 2008 Share Lent

DEVELOPMENT
AND PEACE



The Share Lent calendar is inserted in today's bulletin in preparation of Lent. (*which is around the corner, Ash*

Wednesday is February 6). It provides a short daily insight into the personal plight of Third World people. It is a wonderful way for everyone to become involved and informed. Please keep this calendar in a visible space during Lent for reference.

Renewing our appreciation of INDULGENCE

To mark the 150th Anniversary of Mary's appearance to St. Bernadette at Lourdes, France, Pope Benedict XVI has authorized a special plenary indulgence to encourage renewed holiness. To obtain this plenary indulgence, the requirements are; 1) a person must go to confession within a reasonably short period of time (around Feb. 2-11/08); 2) receive the Eucharist; 3) pray the Lords Prayer, the Creed, prayers to Mary, and pray for the intentions of the Pope. (For a more detailed explanation on this particular Indulgence, see fliers at Church entrance.)

This can be an opportunity for the faithful to turn over a new leaf, wipe the slate clean and get back on the road to salvation.

Note: in addition to normal confession times (Sat. at 4:15-4:45PM), Father will hear confessions on Sunday Feb. 3 at 7:00 PM in the Church. While confessions are heard, the 'Scriptural Rosary' will be prayed in the Church.

Reminder...

Afternoons for Couples MARK YOUR CALENDAR for February 3 & 10, 2008 from 1:00 to 4:30 PM in the Parish Centre

ROSARIES FOR SALE

Handmade rosaries are once again available for sale in the Parish Centre. Cost: \$10. each.

Do you have a broken rosary? Place your rosary in a sealed envelope with your name and phone # marked clearly on it and place it in the offertory basket.

There is no charge for these repairs.

FROM THE SAINTS

It is not so essential to think much as to love much.

St Teresa of Jesus, OCD

Trip to the Holy Land

When: November 14-23, 2008

With: Fr. Randy Foster, PP of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Port Hope and Sr. Jocelyn Monette

Cost: \$2,499.00 Contact: Fr. Randy at 905 885-6793 or email him at: olomph@msn.com

There will be an information and presentation from Sister Jocelyn on Jan. 27 at 2:00 PM at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Port Hope.