

# Second Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord..."

## MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

*Psalter II -- Year B*

**MON. December 8** *Immaculate Conception of Mary*

12:05 PM † **ANGELINE LEGUARD**

--The Leguard Family

**TUES. December 9**

9:30 AM St. Joseph's School Mass at the School

12:05 PM **IN THANKSGIVING**

-The Muir Family

**WED. December 10**

12:05 PM † **GORDON KELLY & JANE RAUEN**

--The Kelly Family

**THURS. December 11**

10:00 AM Mass at Victoria College

12:05 PM † **FRANCESCO PEDOTA**

--Don & Frances

**FRI. December 12** *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

9:30 AM St. Mary's High School Mass at the School

12:05 PM † **MARY LEGUARD**

--The Leguard Family

### **Saturday, December 13**

**5:00 PM** † Deceased Members of  
**THE BULTER & AMEY FAMILIES**

### **Sunday, December 14**

**9:00 AM** **MISSA PRO POPULO**

**11:00 AM** † **PATRICK MOWAT**

--The Family

Next Weekend's Readings **Third Sunday of Advent**

*1<sup>st</sup>*: Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11

*2<sup>nd</sup>* 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 *Gospel* John 1.6-8, 19-28

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Lisa Sampson, James Thatcher, Mary Ryan, Don Butler, Charles Potier, Lisa Heenan, Shirley Ferguson, Marisca, Rosemarie Cromlish, Arlene Brown, Debbie Hale, Stanley Johnston, Jessica Gerber, Richard Philips, Bill Daly, Isabel Hogan, James Fullerton, Lynn Fabris, Mary Beyette, Jean Winters, Theresa Ferguson, Nathalia Yuri Garcia, Charles Bateman, Andy Amelia, Bob Pickett, Matilda Eikens, Noreen Mark, Antoinette Brisson, Julie Black, Stan Johnston, Fred Williams, Denise Palermo, Mark Martel, Diane Bartlett, Greg Heenan, *May the Lord's healing hand touch them.*

## REFLECTION

The Messiah is foretold in Second Isaiah and the words of John the Baptist continue the foretelling during Advent. Just as the Jewish exiles were filled with hope and led home, John the Baptist filled his followers with hope if they would only first repent and then share the Good News. He told the people to accomplish this by turning away from their sinful actions and words.

**Reflection for Families** Like John the Baptist, we are the heralds of the Good News to our children. Also like John, we may stand out as different when we try to do this. Our children may point out to us that other parents don't go to church, or they allow their children to wander the community, or have parties where under-age drinking is permitted. They look at us as though we're dressed in camel hair and eating locusts when we hold steadfastly to our values. But we know from parents who have already raised their children, our children will come to recognize the value and sincerity of our message and example.

## COLLECTION REPORT

☞ **A Summary of Your Generosity** ☛

November 30 Offertory \$5363.

Restoration \$1729. *Thank you for your support!*

## EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

**Sun. 7**—7:00 PM Youth Group Meeting in P/C

**Wed. 10**—12:30 Legion of Mary in Parish Centre

**Wed. 10**—5:30 PM CWL Christmas Dinner at Columbus Community Centre

**Thurs. 11**—1:00 PM Seniors Progressive & Bid Euchre at Columbus Community Centre (CCC)

**Thurs. 11**—7:00 PM Prayer/Meditation Group in PC

**2009 MISSALS & CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AFTER ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND IN THE PARISH CENTRE.**

With regards to last weekend's insert on chemical abortion in Cobourg, you may place your 'voice', *the tear off portion of the insert*, in the offertory basket. These will be passed on to James Bissonnette. Thank you.

## **Advent Retreat-at-Home In preparation for the Third Sunday of Advent...December 14**

**"I baptize with water. Among you stands... the one who is coming after me."** Hard copies of this programme are available at the entrance of the Church, or from the Parish Office during office hours. *This series is also on our website—follow the link Faith Formation/Advent 2008.*

## **MURAL RESTORATION**

### **PLAQUE ORDERS IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS...**

Contact Dorothy at 905 372-3138 to order yours!

## **C.W.L. – Winner's of Raffle**

**First Prize: \$250. to Corry Wink, Peterborough**

**2nd Prize: \$100. to Jeff Glover, Cobourg**

**3rd Prize: \$ 50. to Dorothy Stephan, Cobourg**

**Congratulations to all the winner's.**

NOTE: Still not to let to get a ticket to the C.W.L. annual Christmas get together on Wed. December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the Columbus Community Centre. Cost is just \$23.00. All ladies of the Parish are welcome! If anyone needs a ride, please contact President, Anne Marie Summers at 905 377-8907. Reminder to bring non perishable items for the food bank.

## **Congo Crisis...**



The Catholic Bishops of Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo have sent out a "cry of

distress and protest" about the humanitarian situation in their country, which they have called a "silent genocide". There are millions of civilians caught in the crossfire in the Congo: Development and Peace respond by providing 90,000 people with blankets, clothing, cooking pots, soap, etc. Please make an effort to become informed, and actions we can do by visiting [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

## **Flowers for Christmas**

This year we are asking that monetary donations be made for flowers for decoration the Sanctuary for the Christmas celebrations. If you would like to do so in memory of a loved one, please mark a envelope 'Flowers' with your name and address on it. Thank you for your support.

## **Alpha House Christmas Market**

You are invited...On **Thursday, December 11 from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Golden Plough Lodge** to their First Annual Christmas Market. Cost for one ticket \$7. -2 tickets \$10. Children under 12 free. This can be your one-stop shopping for your last minute Christmas gifts. Wide range of vendors...Enjoy an evening of holiday treats and great door prizes. All ticket proceeds in support of Alpha House.



## **Thank You**

### **"A Child is Born"**

Everyone who came to the concert on December 3, were not disappointed! What a treat to have been the debut for the St. Michael's Jr. Boy's Choir from Toronto performing in our Church. There are numerous individuals to thank, from the piano tuner and movers, student ticket takers, sellers, our own organist...but a special thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary, C.W.L and KofC for donations of food. They assisted in the feeding frenzy of 61 boys and 10 adults! Without all these parishioners, events like this are just not possible.

## **2009 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Please pick up your 2009 Offertory Box Envelopes in the Parish Centre after all Masses next weekend, and during office hours. Please check that we have your correct name and address listed. Thank you.

## **Salt + Light Television**

### **Your Catholic Channel of Hope**

Available to all Canadians and around the World! This is Canada's Catholic Network, focussed on telling inspirational stories that bring people closer to Christ and the Catholic faith. Airing quality Catholic programming 24/7, Salt + Light TV is available through: Bell TV(Channel 654), Cogeco (Channel 185), Rogers (Channel 395). For more information and live online streaming visit [www.saltandlighttv.org](http://www.saltandlighttv.org) or call 1 888 302-7181.

## **St. Michael's Youth Group**

### **Reminder that this group meets regularly...**

contact Nancy Maguire for more information at 905 372-6476. Here is just a sample of some of the things they are up to...sang Carols at the Cobourg Retirement Residence, *where we have many parishioners*, experienced the Bethlehem Walk in Cold Springs; they have guest speakers...Veteran giving first hand experience of the Korean War, tour of the Church, etc. The 'Group', also are available to assist with any parish activities, such as selling missal's, taking tickets and are always ready to assist. Keep up the great work Nancy!

## **New Years Eve Dinner/Dance**

December 31: Social 6:00 PM, Hot Buffet Supper 7:00 PM, Champagne Toast Midnight & Light Lunch. Cost is \$80/couple. Limited tickets. All are welcome to the Columbus Community Centre for this celebration. Rebel Disc Jockey. Call 905 372-2991 for your ticket!