

**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, December 12 - Feast: Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
7:30a.m. - Mary Lovell, Janet Prestipino.

**Tuesday, December 13 - Feast: St. Lucy**  
7:30a.m. - Peter & Ethel Murphy, Thomas Smlak.  
6:30p.m. - Living & Deceased CWL Members.

**Wednesday, December 14 - Feast: St. John of the Cross**  
7:30a.m. - Peter Kleinveld & the Deceased Members of the Kleinveld Family, Frances Walinga.

**Thursday, December 15 - Ferial: Weekday**  
7:00p.m. - Ricardo Scapin, Giuseppe Vadala.

**Friday, December 16 - Ferial: Weekday**  
7:30a.m. - John Bui Do, Mary Kennedy, Michael Kennedy and the Deceased Members of the Kennedy Family.

**Saturday, December 17 - Ferial**  
5:15p.m. - Joseph Markovinovic, Jack White & the Deceased Members of the White Family, Mario Fabiano, Alfred Drexler.

**Sunday, December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

**Stewardship of Treasure:**

Thank you for your gift of \$13,592.50 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's many blessings.

We thank you for your donation of \$1900.00 for the World Mission Sunday Collection.

† We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of Antonio Favero and Chad Moore who were called to the glory of the resurrection. May they and all our deceased loved ones rest in peace.

**THANK YOU**

We received a sincere "Thank You" from Sister Christine for our generous donations at Thanksgiving time.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: "DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU"**

Jesus' first word to us is "Treasure God's Word!" We have observed how Mary revered God's Word and how she pondered it in her heart. Joseph too was a man who listened as clearly evident at the time of Jesus' conception. When Joseph learned that Mary was pregnant, he was concerned. Despite his confusion, he wished to protect her regardless of circumstances. (Mt. 1:18-19). His faith allowed him to believe what the angel of the Lord told him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." (Mt. 1:20-21). Mary and Joseph received God's Word in their personal lives and revered it in their home as well. They certainly heard it and discussed it. By prayerfully reflecting on God's Word, they were in a way honouring their own son, about whom the whole of scripture speaks. May we reflect on God's Word and meet Christ as we prepare our hearts for the great feast of Christmas.

**PARISH NEWS**

**CWL MONTHLY MASS**

Our CWL monthly Mass will be celebrated Tuesday evening at 6:30p.m. followed by a general meeting in the Church Hall. All ladies are welcome to attend.

**TREES OF LIFE**

Once again this Advent we will have our trees of life up at the front of the Church. The tree at the Sacred Heart altar is for all those who have died and been born to eternal life during this past year. Please put their names on the paper ornaments provided and place them on the tree. The tree at the St. Joseph Altar are for all the newly baptized during the past year. Take a moment to look at and pray for them all.

**2012 PARISH ENVELOPES**

Today we invite you to pick up your church envelopes for 2012. If you do not find your envelopes and wish a package please sign the sheet provided with your name and address and phone number. If you have moved during the past year be sure to let the office know so that you will receive a receipt for 2011. Your financial support is a sign of good stewardship and is much appreciated as together we respond to the financial welfare of our parish community.

**A Holy and Blessed Christmas**

To spiritually prepare for Christmas the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available:

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays..... 4:00p.m.-5:00p.m.  
Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> ..... 8:00a.m.- 12noon  
..... 2:00p.m.-5:00p.m.  
Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> ..... 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m.  
Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... 4:00p.m.-5:00p.m.  
No Confessions December 24<sup>th</sup>

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2011**

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ..... 5:15p.m. ;  
8:00p.m. ; 12:00midnight  
Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> ..... 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION**

Next Sunday the St. Vincent de Paul members look forward to your generous donations to assist them in meeting the needs of many families at Christmas time. Their ministry is an important one and the numbers seeking assistance are increasing. We hope, in the spirit of this season, that you can help.

**PYXES**

A number of our Pyxes (to bring the Eucharist home to shut-ins) are missing. If you have one and it is not being used, please return it to the parish.

**SPIRIT OF GIVING**

We invite you to join in the spirit of giving by supporting Sister Christine's two shelters and Michael House during the weeks of Advent and the children's support of the CHALICE program to feed hungry children.

**STEWARDSHIP:**

*"Be generous, sharing what you have."  
(1 Timothy 6:18).*

**OTHER NEWS**

**PROJECT RACHEL**

Project Rachel is a ministry of healing for any person suffering pain or problems from an abortion experience. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 1-905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

We invite you on an incredible journey of faith to the Holy Land March 8-17th, 2012. Our journey will feature daily Mass at the holy sites, times of reflection and visiting the significant sites of Jesus' story - Nazareth, Bethlehem, Capernaum, and Galilee. Float in the Dead Sea, visit Qumran and encounter the sorrow of Massada. Walk the streets of Jerusalem, the most spiritually provocative city in the world with the Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, Garden of Gethsemane and much more. Then you will understand why this is "holy ground" for many pilgrims the world over. For a brochure contact the Parish Office, or Karen Zorzi at 519-821-3004 or Joanne Cothran of Skylink Holidays at 1-866-296-3345. A \$500 deposit is required at the time of registration.

**A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS**

A Victorian Christmas at Dublin Street United Church Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3p.m. presents, "A Child's Christmas in Wales." Adults \$20. Children \$5.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" SIGNS**

"Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn signs are available at the church exits. The cost is \$12. A great way to remind family and friends and neighbours of the meaning of the day. Please help send the message.

**SUNDAY SMILE!**

*When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." Gregory replied, "Look in your underwear Grandpa. Mine says I'm 4 to 6."*