


MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 28 - Feast: Holy Innocents
9:00a.m. - Joseph Fasullo, Marisa Finoro.

Tuesday, December 29 - Fifth Day of Christmas
7:30a.m. - Marija Semlak, Marie Bain.

Wednesday, December 30 - Sixth Day of Christmas
7:30a.m. - Steven Markovinovic, Elizabeth Panek.

Thursday, December 31 - Seventh Day of Christmas
5:15p.m. - World Peace

Friday, January 1 - Feast: The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Saturday, January 2 - Feast: St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen
5:15p.m. - Susan Duffy, William Weiler, Isabel & Bertha Weiler.
Intentions of Marie Rellinger.

Sunday, January 3 - Epiphany of the Lord
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$14,217.40 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's many blessings.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
CELEBRATING THE MOTHERHOOD OF MARY.**

Mass December 31st at 5:15p.m. and Friday, January 1st at 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m.

† We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of John Goodden and to Brad and Sandra Deekon on the death of their son Dalton Bradley. May God's peace and consolation be with you.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: "THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY"

The Liturgy today marks the beginning of the year dedicated to the family. The Holy Family was obviously a place where there was a deep love of God; it was a place where the scriptures and things of God were discussed and honoured. This is suggested by Jesus being found in the temple asking and answering questions. Mary and Joseph had evidently taught Him well, their example of love and obedience paved the way for Jesus to be open to all that His heavenly Father would teach Him. Families today are called to be a mini-church asking God for the grace to love Him and be obedient to Him even if we do not always understand. As we ponder the words of the Gospel let us pray that we as families and as individuals may be filled with wonder and awe at the marvels of God. At the same time we wish to celebrate the gift of faith, family and friends who will walk the journey of the new year with us. May we bring the presence of Christ to the centre of our gatherings, our meetings, our work. For us "the designated time has come" to begin anew, not with resolutions, but with action on behalf of others. If each one of us took responsibility for Christ in one suffering person their lives would be transformed and we would be living our status as adopted sons and daughters, with us. As we will receive invitations to significant events in the coming year, may we accept the scriptures today as an important invitation to live the new year and promised response for 2010.

PARISH NEWS

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

We are in great need for any boy or girl in grade four or above who is interested in becoming an altar server. Please contact the parish office. Training will be provided.

THANK YOU

On behalf of Bishop Ustrzycki, Father Valeriotte, Father Mulhall and Sister Elaine and myself I thank everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts and many acts of kindness at Christmas time and throughout the year. As your pastor I welcome the opportunity to THANK ALL OF YOU for all that you do for our parish community in gratitude to God for his goodness to us. The Parish Staff; School communities; Stewardship Committee; CWL; Knights of Columbus; Ministers of the Eucharist; Ministers of Hospitality; Children's Liturgy Leaders; Musicians and choirs; Altar Servers; Lectors; those who look after the Sacristy and decorate the church; those committed to our fund-raising to restore our beautiful church. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in this parish and extend to all prayerful greetings for a Happy and Holy 2010.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2010:

- Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation and Eucharist Tuesday, January 26th
- Ministry Leaders Meeting Sunday, January 31st
- Parish Mission February 13/14-17th
- Ash Wednesday February 17th
- Marriage Preparation Course March 26/27th
- Easter Sunday, April 4th
- Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass April 11th - Church of Our Lady
- Parish Volunteer Appreciation Night April 28th
- Parish Golf Tournament June 13th

CWL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues (\$15.00) can be dropped off in the offertory collection at any time. If you do not have a pink offertory envelope, please use any envelope with your name and CWL membership written on the outside of the envelope. You help us help others.

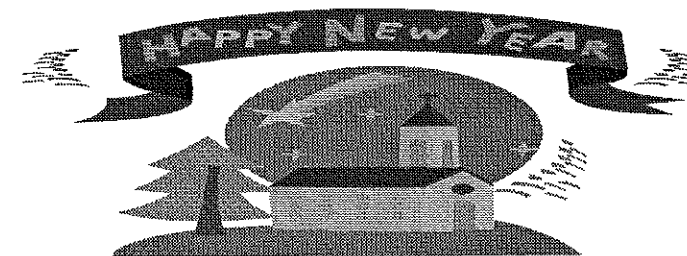
OTHER NEWS

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

Make Yourself At Home is a not-for-profit service of the Guelph Wellington Seniors Association supporting wellness and healthy aging. Call 519-837-5696 for more information or see pamphlet in the tower entrance.

JUST A THOUGHT!

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel.



MARRIAGE TIP:

The greatest gift we can give our spouse is the gift of true love: total commitment, trust, caring, compassion, understanding, joy and support. At Christmas time give the gift of love to your spouse in a way that will last all year. Plan a special monthly date, commit to writing a card or note to your loved one several times throughout the year, promise to tell your spouse one good thing they have done for you each and every day, commit to doing one small thing daily to make your spouse smile, attend Mass together weekly, pray together at least once a day. These are all small gifts with great power, the power to rekindle and maintain love. (Diocesan Office for Ministry, Family and Religious Education)

BISHOP MACDONELL GRADE 8 PARENT MEETING

Bishop Macdonell Grade 8 Parent Information Meeting Monday, January 11th at 7p.m. at the school. All parents of Grade 8 students who wish to attend Bishop Mac in September 2010 are invited to attend. Also information will be available for English as a Second Language students who wish to enroll in the Board's E.L.L. Program offered at Bishop Mac. For further information call the school at 519-822-8502.

VOCATION VIEW:

A new year...the Lord bless you and keep you. A new vocation...tell others that the Lord blesses and keeps them!

LOYOLA HOUSE GUELPH

Loyola House Guelph is offering a Directed Prayer Weekend January 8-10th along with Knowing the Heart of Jesus. The Directed Prayer Weekend will be a weekend of prayerfulness and silence. The cost is \$245 for those who live-in and \$145 for commuters. To register call 519-824-1250 ext. 258.

PLANNED GIVING

Church of Our Lady began serving the community in 1888 and remains today a strong symbol of faith. The continued support of parishioners is a wonderful sign of your Stewardship and has never been more important. Major repairs and restoration projects are underway and are very costly to fund. Please consider us as you prepare or update your estate and financial plans. A modest gift by way of bequests, insurance or tangible assets can make a substantial difference to the future of our church. THE BUILDING FUND finances current repairs and restoration work with THE HERITAGE FUND ENSURES THAT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY will be in a position of financial security for future generations. For more information contact our Office at 519-824-3951.