



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 7 - Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. - John McCann, The Deceased Members of the Darmon Family.

Tuesday, January 8 - Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. - Francesca Milani, Guelphina Fischbach.

6:30p.m. - Living & Deceased CWL Members.

Wednesday, January 9 - Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. - Charles Huisman.

Thursday, January 10 - Ferial: Weekday

7:00p.m. - Fiore Campana, Giovanni Lanutti.

Friday, January 11 - Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. - Kathleen Cutting, Bernard Lawlor.

Saturday, January 12 - Feast: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

5:15p.m. - John Kerr, Carmen Maria Lanutti, Antonia & Philomena Bendo, Luke Santi, Frances O'Leary.

Sunday, January 13 - Baptism of the Lord

9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Sunday Offering: \$13, 472.90

This figure includes the weekly deposit from a number of our parish families.

PARISH NEWS

PARENT MEETING FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST

On Thursday, January 17th at 7:30p.m. there will be a meeting in our Church Hall of the parents of those children eligible to receive these two sacraments in 2008. Grade two baptized Catholic children and those in our Correspondence Program will be invited to celebrate Reconciliation and Eucharist.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE CHURCH

On October 10th, 1888 almost two thousand people attended the dedication of Our Lady Immaculate Church Guelph with Bishop Dowling of Peterborough who became the Bishop of Hamilton one year later. Bishop Walsh of London preached the sermon and pointed out that though there were many magnificent old cathedrals constructed by kings and men of wealth, the Church of Our Lady was built by the generosity, sacrifice, and labour of the poor immigrant settlers of Guelph, "by money raised from the workingmen who had built our canals and railways - servant girls, mechanics and other hard-working people." In 1908 the present altar was erected, the walls were painted with murals, and the stained glass windows were installed. Bishop Sbarretti, the Apostolic Delegate, came to bless the completion of the interior decoration of the Church. The organ from Casavant freres of Quebec, was added in 1919. The exterior of the church was not finished until November 13, 1926 when the two towers were completed. This work was accomplished during the pastorate of Father F. Wafer Doyle who was pastor from 1912-1930. By the beginning of the twentieth century the Church of Our Lady was no longer a mission centre, but had become instead simply the parish for Catholics in the Guelph area. The many missions which had been founded from Guelph were now established as parishes on their own.

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the dedication Monsignor John Newstead wrote: "The Church of Our Lady is an inspiring house of prayer. It speaks of God's presence in the community. The Gothic style and cathedral proportions of its building are majestic and beautiful. But it is more than a place to worship, it is the people of God, committed in their faith to serve their neighbours."

CWL ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

All CWL members are invited to attend Mass at 6:30p.m. on Tuesday, January 8th. Mass will be followed by our Annual Meeting and include the election of our new Executive for a two year term. Do plan to attend and make your voice count for leadership of your Church of Our Lady CWL Council. A brief social and potluck will follow the meeting.

OTHER NEWS

GRADE EIGHT PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Bishop Macdonell Grade 8 Parent Information Meeting Monday, January 14th at 7p.m. at the school. All parents of Grade 8 students who wish to attend Bishop Macdonell are invited to attend. For further information call the school 519-822-8502.

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2008

Church envelopes for the year 2008 are available in the alcove behind the altar after Mass this week. Please do not use them until next year. If you do not find your box please sign the sheets available on the table.

DIOCESAN HISTORY BOOKS

Our Diocesan History Books have now arrived celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Hamilton Diocese. The books cost \$35 and can be seen in the Tower Entrance and are available at the parish office.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Canada will welcome the International Eucharistic Congress for the first time June 15th to 22nd, 2008 in Quebec City which is celebrating its 400th anniversary. The theme of the Congress is "**THE EUCHARIST, GOD'S GIFT FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.**" The Eucharistic Congress is held every four years as a time to reflect, pray and celebrate this wonderful gift God has given to us. Information on the Congress may be found at the Tower Entrance.

SUNDAY SMILE:

Little Dean asked his grandma how old she was. Grandma answered, "39 and holding." Dean thought for a moment and then said, "and how old would you be if you let go?"

VOCATION VIEW:

More valuable than material gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, is the invaluable gift of our lives. There is no greater gift than to lay down one's life for one's friends...

JUNIOR AND SENIOR KINDERGARTEN

The Wellington Catholic District School Board offers an all day, alternate day Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten program. Junior Kindergarten Eligibility - must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2008. Senior Kindergarten Eligibility must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2008. Registration will take place at all schools the week of January 28th to February 1st. Please bring: child's birth certificate - child's baptismal certificate - child's health card - child's immunization record - custody paper (if applicable) - proof of tax support for families new to the system (ie most recent tax bill). Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Junior Kindergarten program are NOT required to register for Senior Kindergarten. Any questions - please call your school.

BISHOP RYAN CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School, Hamilton is celebrating its 50th anniversary May 23rd to 25th 2008. For more information visit: www.wearebr50.com.

GOD KEEP OUR LAND LECTURE

You are invited to attend a lecture entitled "God Keep Our Land" with Myroslaw Tataryn ThD Friday, January 11th 7:30p.m. at Siegfried Hall, St. Jerome's University. Free parking and admission.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STORE

The St. Vincent de Paul Store requires good household furniture, kitchenware and other furnishings in order to continue to service the less fortunate of our community. Please call 519-836-5829 to arrange for pickup of these items.

SHARE LENT WORKSHOP

The Share Lent Workshop will prepare D & P members and parishioners to help promote the Share Lent collection and awareness program in the parishes. There will be a meeting Thursday, January 10th at 7p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish, 175 Emma Street, Guelph.