


**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, November 28 - Ferial: Weekday**  
7:30a.m. - Susan Duffy, All Souls in Purgatory.

**Tuesday, November 29 - Ferial: Weekday**  
7:30a.m. - Wilf Fitton, Allan Calverley.

**Wednesday, November 30 - Feast: St. Andrew**  
7:30a.m. - Lobino DiVincenzo, Francesca Calenda.

**Thursday, December 1 - Ferial: Weekday**  
7:00p.m. - Intentions of John Nespal, Intentions of Mario Percic.

**Friday, December 2 - Ferial: Weekday**  
7:30a.m. - Deceased Members of the Pellegrini Family, Jerry Bannon.

**Saturday, December 3 - Feast: St. Francis Xavier**  
5:15p.m. - Annette MacMillan, Dennis Mooney, Alto Gazzola, Deceased Members of the Clair Family, Armande Bragg.

**Sunday, December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent**  
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

**Stewardship of Treasure:**

Thank you for your gift of \$8609.50 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's many blessings.

✠ We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Guy Soligo who was called to eternal life. May he rest in peace.

## PARISH NEWS

### 2011/12 SUNDAY MISSALS

The 2011/12 Sunday Missals are available at the back of the church and at the Tower Entrance. Cost is \$4 and an envelope may be found in the missals and placed in the Offertory Collection.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: PREPARE THE WAY!

Today marks the beginning of a new liturgical year as we celebrate the season of Advent and begin praying with a new sacramentary. Let us joyfully open our hearts to the wonders of God as they unfold before us and enter into the spirit of this season in joyful hope. Advent is a blended season, a mixture of hope, repentance and joy. We know that Christ has already come, establishing His Kingdom through His life, death and resurrection. But Christ will come again in glory to establish His kingdom in its fullness, and for this we still long. Meanwhile, Christ comes to all who are willing to make a place for Him in their hearts. Our advent models are Isaiah who yearned for the coming of the Lord, John the Baptist who announced the presence of Christ and Mary who was transformed by grace. Like Isaiah we look forward to Christ's glorious return. Like John, we recognize Christ's presence among us and our need for repentance. Like Mary, we seek to accept the will of God in order to make a place for Christ in our hearts.

The Advent Wreath represents the cycle of years from Adam to Christ and its circle which never changes, reminds us that God's love never changes. The purple ribbons which decorate it recall the penance with which we must purify our hearts. The lighted candles tell us that Christ is the light of the world. We ask God to stir up within us a greater desire for His coming and strengthen us so that we will be able to joyfully celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

### 2012 PARISH ENVELOPES

We are now preparing the parish envelopes for your 2012 weekly donations. If you are using envelopes regularly you will automatically receive a new set of envelopes. Some people ask for envelopes and never pick them up. If you have moved within the past year please contact the office so that our records are updated and that you will receive your proper income tax receipt for 2011. Your financial support is important and much appreciated as together we respond as good stewards for the financial welfare of our parish community.

### 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.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

We are always looking for more people to assist in various liturgical ministries. Any adult men or women who would be willing to serve at Funeral Masses are asked to contact the Parish Office.

### THE UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH CHOIR

The University of Guelph Choir presents "O Great Mystery: Sacred Songs of Hope" on Saturday, December 3rd at Church of Our Lady at 8p.m. Tickets are \$10 for students/seniors and \$15 general and are available at the door or in advance call Vicki at 519-824-4120 ext. 52991.

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS FOOD VOUCHERS

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is taking applications for Christmas food vouchers for people in need living within our parish boundaries. Applicants must come to the parish office to pick up an application form beginning November 14th, 2011. The deadline of receiving applications is December 9th, 2011. If you know someone in need in our parish please tell them about this offer.

### CWL ANNUAL DUES

Due to a \$5 increase in the amount per member charged by the National Office for membership fees for 2012, our parish council membership will be \$20. Please disregard the amount printed on your November membership renewal envelope. We look forward to your continued support of and membership in the league.

## OTHER NEWS

### THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

The Road to Bethlehem - Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 6-8:30p.m. on the ground of Ignatius Jesuit Centre, admission by donation. A live Nativity Scene awaits you - hot apple cider (please bring your own mug) and treats, sing carols and listen to music. Bring the family and celebrate the birth of Jesus in an outdoor setting.

### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Our children are healthier and happier when their emotional, physical, intellectual and social needs are looked after. Add to this list one more essential need that requires care - a child's spiritual well-being. A relationship with God is as essential to their welfare as water. Pray together, attend Mass as a family, share readings from the Bible, talk about the awe of God's creation and remind them that God is always present. His love will guide them and be a source of comfort as they grow. (Family Ministry Office 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250).

### SUNDAY SMILE!

*Walking into the bar, Mike said to Charlie the bartender, "Pour me a stiff one - just had another fight with the little woman." "How did this one end?" asked Charlie. "When it was over she came to me on her hands and knees," replied Mike. Charlie answered, "Really, now that's a switch. What did she say?" "She said, come out from under the bed you little chicken."*

### THE SPIRITAN PRAYER GROUP

The Spiritan Prayer Group Mass with prayers for healing Wednesday, Nov. 30th at 8p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.

### CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Gilbert MacIntyre & Son Funeral Home & Chapel Christmas Memorial Service Sunday, December 4th at 2:30p.m. in the Hart Chapel at 1099 Gordon Street S. Confirm your attendance by phoning 519-822-4731/ 519-821-5077.

### STEWARDSHIP:

*As we practice stewardship, we find that we grow spiritually and that our faith is deepened.*

### HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS

20th Annual "Handling the Holidays" hosted by the Gilchrist Chapel, McIntyre Wilkie Funeral Home at the Cutten Fields Tuesday, Nov. 29th at 7:30p.m. To register phone 519-824-0031.

### CHAPEL VOLUNTEERS

St. Joseph Health Centre is in need of Chapel Volunteers. Please consider attending morning Mass and assisting residents to and from the chapel. Mass is held weekdays at 9:30a.m. and Sundays at 10a.m. They are also seeking Ministers of the Eucharist who are endorsed by their parish pastor. Call 519-824-6000 ext. 4426 for more information.

### ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT CENTRE

St. Ignatius Retreat Centre (519-824-1250 ext. 266) is offering:

- Advent Prayer Weekend Dec. 2nd - 4th Cost \$255 (residential) \$155 (commuter).
- Directed Prayer Weekend Dec. 2nd - 4th Cost \$255 (residential) \$155 (commuter).

### 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.