

**Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>~ St. John of the Cross**

8:00 a.m. + Maria Dosanjós Medeiros

6:30 p.m. + Alfred Kot

**Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. +Jose Magnaye

6:30 p.m. +Mieczyslaw Biskup

**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. +Scott Soroko

6:30 p.m. +Mieczyslaw Biskup

**Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>~ St. Francis Xavier**

8:00 a.m. +Ivor Collyer

6:30 p.m. +Irena Walczak

**Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. +Joseph &amp; Vivien Caassar

6:30 p.m. + Za sw. p. Rodzicow Anne i Wasyla

**Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. O zdrowie Ii Boze Blog. dla Ks. Janusza Roginskiego

5:30 p.m. +Robert Forbes

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>~ Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. Pastoral Intention

9:15 a.m. + Weronika Kilian

11:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. +Jozef Stanek

**Liturgical Ministry ~Dec.19/20<sup>th</sup>, 2009****Lectors' Schedule**

5:30 p.m.	J. Sherlock	J. Elphick
8:00 a.m.	J. Foster	E. Culhane
9:15 a.m.	A. Pajerska	E. Malinowska
11:00 a.m.	L. Gurusinghe	D. Irwin
12:30 p.m.	P. Kolodziejczuk	S. Rudziejewski

**Christmas Lector Schedule ~ December 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	E. Kennedy	P. Shura
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	M. Vukovic	P. Cianciolo
<b>10:00 p.m.</b>	B. Berek-Kowanda	E. Kowanda
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	K. D'Souza	R. Beeho
9:15 a.m.	Z. Papuga	A. Biskup
11:00 a.m.	M. Teo	L. Uy
12:30 p.m.	A. Kolodziejczuk	E. Malinowska

**Eucharistic Ministers' Schedule**

5:30 p.m.	J. Doyle	P. Chisholm	
8:00 a.m.	L.Vieira	H. Marsalek	
9:15 a.m.	A. Pajerski	M. Pajerski	C. Gryckiewicz
11:00 a.m.	S. St.Pierre	F. Stewart	

**Christmas Eucharistic Minister Schedule ~ December 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>**

<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	L. Fredo	J. Paduch	
	N. Meehan	P. Wright	
	L. Vieira	E. Kennedy	
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	J. Doyle	P. Chisholm	
<b>10:00 p.m.</b>	S. Bieniaszczyk	K. Knul	M. Knul
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	E. Kennedy	S. St.Pierre	
9:15 a.m.	H. Krajewska	P. Lis	D.Szczesiul
11:00 a.m.	M. Liskauskas	V. Liskauskas	

**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009****December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Sunday Offering	\$6159.47	\$7344.80
Building Funds	\$1938.00	\$1563.75

Thank you for your support of our parish and the needs of others.

**IN OUR PARISH**

**The Faithful Departed** - Please pray for Donna Nolan, who has recently died. May she live in the presence of the Lord forever.

**2109 Donation Envelopes** - Your offertory envelopes are available to be picked up in the Narthex. If you wish to use donation envelopes and you do not have a set assigned to you, please contact the Parish Office.

**Major Draw** - just a reminder our Major Draw will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December. City Hall would allow us to have one licence for the Bazaar, and a separate one for the Major Draw.

**Christamas Angel Tree** - This year our Angel Tree will be put up in the narthex on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Each angel will represent a person in need in our parish. We invite parishioners to choose an angel from the tree and purchase a gift or gift certificate. Please return the wrapped gift or certificate *with the angel attached no later than Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>* and place it under the tree.

Deliveries will be made on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We urge you to return your gifts on time otherwise someone will be deprived. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Manitoba Missions** - St. Carmen's Wish List: Hats; Gloves; Socks for Seniors; New Toys for Children. Drop off in the narthex.

**Novena to Infant Jesus** - The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, December 16 to December 25, 2009. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of Saint Joseph R.R.#1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

**Handel's MESSIAH** -featuring Boris Brott & the National Academy Orchestra, Arcady Singers on Saturday Dec. 12 at St. Christopher's Church in Burlington and on Monday Dec. 14 at West Highland Baptist Church in Hamilton Mountain. Both at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$25(reg), \$20(sr), \$10(stu). Group rates avail. 905 525 7664

**St. Gabriel's Knight of Columbus** - Sales from Christmas Fruit Cakes was \$1116.00 All proceeds go to Pro-Life. Many Thanks.

**Help Bingo News** - I need help for the 9:45 p.m. Bingo, it's on Friday night at The Bingo Connection on Plains Rd. If you can help please call Rita at (905) 332-3062 it's only once a month. If we get two or three people to help it would be only once every three months. Please consider this. Thank You.

**IN OUR DIOCESE**

**Christmas Midnight Mass** - CHCH News, Hamilton, will broadcast Christmas Midnight Mass live from the Cathedral of Christ the King on December 24. The Cathedral Choir and String Quartet will provide Music of Christmas beginning at 11:30 p.m. The Mass will be

celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Anthony F. Tonnos, D.D., Bishop of Hamilton. The Mass will be repeated on CHCH News on Christmas Day at 8:00 a.m.

**Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton Christmas Hamper & Toy Drive Program** - Christmas is that special time of year filled with dreams of hope, joy and peace. It can also be a stressful time for many of our families who struggle under the burden of poverty, while trying to provide a celebration for their children complete with gifts and food. It can be a lonely time of year for older teens in our care who don't have anyone to provide them with a holiday celebration. To assist our families during the holidays, the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton operates a Christmas Hamper & Toy Drive program. Donors are asked to sponsor families or teens who are living independently. Gifts, toys, food items and basic household staples are all welcomed donations at Christmas. Through your generosity, Christmas dreams can come true for the children, teens and families we serve. Contact Lisa Hostein at 905-525-2012 ext. 3256 to sponsor a family or teen today.

### Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

*In your charity please pray for all who minister in the church.*

*"Here I am, Lord, send me." (Isaiah 6:8)*

Monday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Father Kevin Cull
Tuesday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Father Leonard Strohmeier
Wednesday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Our Parish Community
Thursday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Father Vilmar Orsolin, CS
Friday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Father Gary Schlack
Saturday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Father Francis Mihokovic

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Lottery Fundraiser 2010** - 65 chances to win! 12 monthly draws for \$1,000 on the first day of each month! 52 weekly draws of \$100 every Sunday of each week! starting Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 to December 26, 2010 Early Bird Draw of \$500 – Friday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Tickets **\$50.00** each, \*\*Special 5 Tickets for \$200.00\*\*, only 1,200 Tickets will be sold!

All winning tickets go back into the drum for more chances to win. Order tickets by calling 905-689-4857 or visit the parish office.

### **Youth Ministry NEWS**

Please contact Joanne Kanerva, Youth Minister at 905-336-7144, ext. 28; [stgabescyo@hotmail.com](mailto:stgabescyo@hotmail.com) regarding the following:

### **The Gabe's Zone News:**

### **The Gabe's Zone Dates for DECEMBER:**

**Our Christmas Party** – Thank You to everyone who helped with our Christmas Party, especially Mrs. Marci! We shared a presentation of Charlie Brown's Christmas play, had great food, shared gifts, fun and friendship. We had a dignity items drive for the Good Shepherd centre and choose and "angel" from our three to be Santa to.

Marry Christmas young friends :)

**December 18<sup>th</sup>-Advent Retreat** – grade 8 and above, please see Mrs. K. for details.

- Youth are needed to help "direct" the children's liturgy, nativity pageant on Christmas Eve.

- Senior high school and university students are needed for an overnight retreat experience, helping younger students.

Please call Ms. Kanerva for more information.

### **QUILT DRAW for Youth Ministry Needs:**

**Youth Ministry as a not for profit organization whose goal is to meet the needs of youth in our Parish will be hosting a CHRISTMAS QUILT DRAW. These beautiful quilts are on display in the Narthex and tickets are 2\$ or 3 for 5\$ all proceeds go to assisting in youth programming. THANK YOU TO SUSAN SOBOT friend of youth Ministry and Quilter extraordinaire for donating these gorgeous quilts!**

**Parish Sacramental Preparation Course** - First Reconciliation and Eucharistic Preparation Class has begun. If your child does not attend a Catholic school please register for the Parish Class A.S.A.P.

Call Joanne Kanerva, Parish Youth Minister at the office for information on these important Sacramental Classes.

Please call Joanne if you can help out especially on Dec. 16 at our dress rehearsal and with group management on Christmas Eve.

**Many thanks to our wonderful children actors and the families for their support of our sweet and sincere Christmas gift to our Parish family.** There is a registration in the Narthex.

**Nativity Pageant Christmas Eve** - Our annual Christmas Play practices have begun on Wednesdays after school.

Practices: Wed. Dec. 16, 23. All Children are welcome.

**The Nativity Pageant is presented at the 5:00 p.m. family Mass** on Christmas Eve this adorable Children's play is a perfect way to celebrate our dear Saviour's Birth. Happy Birthday Baby Jesus!

**Family Carols at the 7:00 p.m. Mass** will include a carol Hymn sing -along before Mass on Christmas Eve a lovely way to remember the First Noel.

Youth wishing to be part of the Sing-along please call Mrs. K  
**Seamstresses Needed** - To sew simple Angel and Shepherd costumes. Please call Joanne at the Church office.