

**Monday, December 21st**

8:00 a.m. + Jim Callaghan
6:30 p.m. + Stefan Dunski

Tuesday, December 22nd

9:00 a.m. +Raymond Arsenell
6:30 p.m. +Izabela Malecka

Wednesday, December 23rd

8:00 a.m. +Jim Callaghan
6:30 p.m. +Stefan Adamowski

Thursday, December 24th~ Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. English with Nativity Play
7:00 p.m. English
10:00 p.m. Polish
12:00 p.m. English

Friday, December 25th~ Christmas Day

9:15 a.m. Polish
11:00 a.m. English
12:30 p.m. Polish

Saturday, December 26th~ St. Stephen

9:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m. +John M. Macphie

Sunday, December 27th~ Feast of the Holy Family

8:00 a.m. Pastoral Intention
9:15 a.m. + Wojciech Ligas
11:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo
12:30 p.m. O Boze Blog. Dla Jadwigi I Zdzislawy Granasiuk w 40-ta Rocznice Slubu.

**December 13, 2009 December 14, 2008**

Sunday Offering \$7226.67 \$6,235.38

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

IN OUR PARISH

2009 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.

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

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

LECTORS

Christmas Lector Schedule ~ December 24th/25th, 2009

5:00 p.m.	E. Kennedy	P. Shura
7:00 p.m.	M. Vukovic	P. Cianciolo
10:00 p.m.	B. Gilo	M. Leszczynska
12:00 p.m.	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

Lector Schedule ~ December 26th/27th, 2009

5:30 p.m.	N. Meehan	R. Bustamante
8:00 a.m.	M. Sitkiewicz	G. Seles
9:15 a.m.	M. Sokolowska	L. Terlecki
11:00 a.m.	C. Kubrak	A. Kubrak
12:30 p.m.	A. Pajerska	A. Baranska

New Year's Day Lector Schedule ~ Dec. 31st, 2009/Jan. 1st, 2010

5:30 p.m.	M. Slobodnik	L. Kendall
9:15 a.m.	B. Kowanda	E. Kowanda
11:00 a.m.	P. Churey	R. Johnston
12:30 p.m.	E. Malinowska	K. Majszki

✳ EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ✳

Christmas Eucharistic Minister Schedule ~ December 24th/25th

5:00 p.m.	L. Fredo	J. Paduch	N. Meechan
	P. Wright	E. Kennedy	L. Vieira
7:00 p.m.	J. Doyle	P. Chisholm	
10:00 p.m.	S. Bieniaszczyk	K. Knul	M. Knul
12:00 p.m.	E. Kennedy	S. St.Pierre	
9:15 a.m.	H. Krajewska		
11:00 a.m.	M. Liskauskas	V. Liskauskas	
12:30 p.m.	P. Lis	D. Szczesiul	

Eucharistic Minister Schedule ~ December 26th/27th, 2009

5:30 p.m.	L. Fredo	R. Bradbury
8:00 a.m.	H. Marsalek	J. Costigan
9:15 a.m.	M. Pajerski	
11:00 a.m.	J-A. Zrinscak	A. Salmon
12:30 p.m.	S. Rudziejewski	E. Kowanda

New Year's Day Eucharistic Minister Schedule ~ Dec. 31st/Jan 1st

5:30 p.m.	J. Zrinscak	B. Manning
7:00 p.m.		
9:15 a.m.		
11:00 a.m.	B. Ferguson	A. Salmon
12:30 p.m.		

St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus wish to thank all parishioners who purchased poinsettias from them. Proceeds of the sale will be used for Parish Charities.

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

Apostleship of the Holy Eucharist is an association of people dedicated to (i) Belief in the True presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist; (ii) Intercessory prayer for the renewal and restoration of Faith {the Holy Hour}; (iii) Personal faith renewal; and (iv) Promotion of belief in and devotion to the True presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. A group of parishioners meet before the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday evening after the Polish Mass for an hour of prayer and meditation. All are welcome.

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.

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

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. 1st, 2010 to December 26, 2010 Early Bird Draw of \$500 - Friday Dec. 25th, 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.

Marriage Tip of the Month - 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 small gifts with great power: the power to rekindle and maintain love.

Parenting Tip of the Month - Christmas is a perfect time to help your children remember what the 'reason for the season' actually is - the birth of Jesus Christ. Read the story of the Nativity together, let your children help set up the Manger in your home, take part in your

parish Christmas pageant where possible and before opening gifts Christmas morning, sing 'Happy Birthday' to Jesus. The real story of Christmas is the birth of our Saviour: do your children know and understand that?

Adoption Builds Families - Would you like to hear more about the adoption process through the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton? Our children can range from six months to six years and everything in between. Please join us for an Adoption Information Session on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 7:00p.m. Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, 735 King Street East, Hamilton.

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 21 st	Father Ted Slaman
Tuesday, December 22 nd	Father Angus Smith
Wednesday, December 23 rd	Eudiste Fathers, C.J.M.
Thursday, December 24 th	Father Peter Tuyen Nguyen
Friday, December 25 th	Father Edward Hampson
Saturday, December 26 th	Father Marijan Mihokovic

Youth Ministry NEWS

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

The Gabe's Zone News:

The Gabe's Zone Dates for DECEMBER:

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.

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

Practices: Wed. Dec. 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