

December 6, 2009

Monday, December 7th ~ St. Ambrose

8:00 a.m. (L) Paula Tymchuk

6:30 p.m. + Mieczyslaw Biskup

Tuesday, December 8th ~ The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. +Owen Meade

6:30 p.m. +Wladyslawa Dzioba i Bronislawe i Stanislaw Paleczka

Wednesday, December 9th

8:00 a.m. +Scott Soroko

6:30 p.m. +Mieczyslaw Biskup

Thursday, December 10th ~ St. Francis Xavier

8:00 a.m. +Jim Callaghan

6:30 p.m. +Wladyslaw i Zofia Szarek

Friday, December 11th

8:00 a.m. +Ying Kee

6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 12th ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 a.m. O Zdrowie i szczesliwa operacje dla Krzysztofa Maciejcyka

5:30 p.m. +Steven Melo

+David Marshall

Sunday, December 13th ~ Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Pastoral Intention

9:15 a.m. + Mieczyslaw Biskup

11:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo

12:30 p.m.

Liturgical Ministry ~Dec.12/13th, 2009

Lectors' Schedule

5:30 p.m.	C. Geurtin	A. Teo
8:00 a.m.	H. Marsalek	R. Johnston
9:15 a.m.	K. Majszki	A. Baranska
11:00 a.m.	A. Walden	B. Bergeron-Ferguson
12:30 p.m.	S. Szumnarski	J. Gora

Eucharistic Ministers' Schedule

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

November 29th, 2009 November 30th, 2008

Sunday Offering	\$8388.72	\$7344.80
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Thank you for your support of our parish and the needs of others.

IN OUR PARISH

Pallottine Mission Collection - Please note that there will be a second collection on Sunday, December 13th in aid of the Pallottine Missions who are Brothers in Christ with Fr. Aleksander and Fr. Czeslaw. Pallottine Missions serve the faithful around the world especially in Venezuela and Columbia. Special envelopes will be available for those who wish to donate.

Advent Wreath Lighting - Family groups and individuals are welcome to light the Advent Wreath Candles at all Lord's Day Masses during Advent. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex by the Lectionary.

Baptized in the Lord - Our love and prayers are with the family of Neil Dominic Biliran who was baptized on November 28, 2009.

Thank You - We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the hard work and dedication shown by Mrs. Rita Bradbury and everyone else who helped her in organising the annual Parish Bazaar last weekend. Your contributions of baked goods, gifts and most of all the gift of your time, truly made the Bazaar a great success. Your enthusiastic support of this annual event is very much appreciated.

Thank You All Very Much! - I would like to extend a great big thank-you to all of the people who made last weekend's Bazaar a great success. I would like to specially thank Rita Bradbury and the members of the Catholic Women's League and all who worked with them, who organized, planned, and ran the Bazaar! I would also like to thank the members of the Knights of Columbus who helped during the weekend, and of course our Polish community for the great food and cakes. This year's Bazaar was only made possible because of the hard work and dedication of many of our parishioners. With heartfelt gratitude, Father Aleksander

Christmas Angel Tree - This year our Angel Tree will be put up in the narthex on Saturday, November 28th. 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 13th** and place it under the tree. Deliveries will be made on Wednesday, December 16th. We urge you to return your gifts on time otherwise someone will be deprived. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CWL Christmas Potluck Supper - Ladies join in the merriment and camaraderie at the CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER on Monday, Dec.14th, 2009 - bring your favourite dish for set up at 6:00 p.m., at the Parish Centre. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Bring some canned goods for the Food Bank.

Congratulations Confirmandi! - Our sincere congratulations to the Confirmandi of St. Gabriel's School and our Parish Class, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, Nov. 29th, 2009 May the Gifts of the Holy Spirit guide them in their future.

Sing Noel - Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Parish (corner of Brant and Blairholm) invites you to attend an evening of Christmas Carols and seasonal songs. Following the concert all are welcome to join us in the hall for hot chocolate and cookies. Hope to see you there!

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

2010 Donation Envelopes - The collection envelopes for the coming year will be laid out for pick up in the narthex next Sunday. Please remember to take your set as you leave after Mass.

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

IN OUR DIOCESE

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.

Coping with the Holidays - when you have lost a loved one, join us for an evening of reflection and strategies for coping at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton on Thursday, December 10th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The event is FREE of charge but please contact the Office for Ministry, Family & Religious Education at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 to reserve a seat.

Bill C- 384: Private Members' Bill C-384 is being debated in the House of Commons. If passed, this dangerous pro-euthanasia and pro-assisted suicide Bill would allow for the untimely deaths of vulnerable Canadians who need caring not killing. Contact Members of Parliament and tell them to oppose Bill C-384. Email all MPs in just one simple step by visiting <http://www.ContactMPs.com>

White Mass - The fourth annual White Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop Gerard P. Bergie at 7:00, on Tuesday December 8th, at Sacred Heart Church (19 Viewpoint Ave, Hamilton) This Mass is offered for the intentions of Health Care Professionals, Pastoral Care Workers, the Clergy and Religious Counsellors. All are welcome to attend. For more information please call 905-335-6902.

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 7 th	Father Jerzy Tomon
Tuesday, December 8 th	Father David Wynen
Wednesday, December 9 th	Oblates of Mary Immaculate, O.M.I
Thursday, December 10 th	Father Donat Gionet, CJM
Friday, December 11 th	Father Robert Bulbrook
Saturday, December 12 th	Father Edward House

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:

Friday December 11th-Christmas Party -Both groups-PLEASE BRING A POT LUCK ITEM AND SECRET SANTA GIFT TO SHARE maximum 5\$

December 18th-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 - Eucharistic Preparation Class begins Sun. Dec.6th@ 9:30 am, To register for the Parish Class please call A.S.A.P: Joanne Kanerva, Parish Youth Minister at the office for these important Sacramental Classes.

St. Gabriel Parish Confirmations -CONGRATUALIONS to our Confirmandi from St. Mark school, St. Gabriel School and our Parish Class who received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation in November. Please pray for them as they continue on their journey of faith as mature members of the Church.

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

Practices: Wed. Dec, 9, 16, 23. All Children are welcome.

Roles for every one!! Please call Joanne if you can help out.

There is a registration in the Narthex.

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.