

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY ROSARY PARISH
TORONTO, ONTARIO
First Sunday of Advent

IDEAS on Website

This week's topic:
"Mother Egarée's Thimble"
at www.holyrosary.ca

2009 MISSALS

The 2009 Missals can be purchased for \$5 at the Parish Office.

CONFIRMATION

We congratulate all young people who are making a commitment at the Rite of Enrolment this weekend to study and prepare prayerfully for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2009. Thank you to the parish community for your prayers and support.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be an Altar Server training session this **Thurs, Dec. 4** from **3:45 p.m.- 4:45 p.m.** in the Church. Boys and girls in grade 4 and up are invited to be servers. Note: This will be the LAST training session until the spring, so don't miss out! Contact Lindsay at the church for more info.

YOUTH GROUP MITTEN TREE

The HR Youth Mitten Tree is looking more colourful! Donations of mittens, scarves, hats and men's work/cotton socks to decorate its branches will be accepted for Good Shepherd Ministries until December 21.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Christmas is almost upon us and it's time for the Flower Guild to ask for your help. Each weekend before Christmas, there will be envelopes in all pews and Church entrances for donations toward the cost of decorating Holy Rosary for Christmas. The flower Guild depends entirely on your generosity.

Please remember to include your weekly envelope number for tax purposes. With many thanks,

The Flower Guild

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL, especially for: Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Nanette Bopp, John Bowie Creason, Kenneth Wood, Martha Domingue, Brillo Timothy Bettran, Dulce V. Bettran, Ann McIntyre, Louise Smith, Karen Hunter, Betty Early, Rob Buren, Linda Sarsby, Virginia Hauseman, Darlene Bianco, Goretti Ho, Judith Skyes, Hugh Bethell, Elizabeth McKenzie, Elmo Sheppard, Carm Bonovento, Barbara Noble Holding, Martin Lue Tam and Susan Stuart.



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
Development and Peace

Next Sunday is COFFEE SUNDAY, hosted by D & P in the Parish Centre after the 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Masses. Christmas Baskets will be on sale at that time!

The money raised from the sale of the Free Trade coffee sold today goes directly to the coffee farmers who grow the coffee in Chiapas, Mexico.

For ongoing information please visit our website at www.devp.org



CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION CHRISTMAS SALES
(Fundraisers for the Pro-Life Movement)

Fruitcakes, Religious Christmas Cards and 2009 Agendas will be sold. **Volunteers are needed** to help sell these items. Please call the Parish Office if you wish to help with the sales.




Next Weekend in the Parish Hall

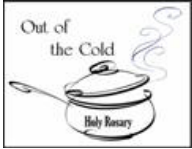
MERITUS

**Giving witness to the Catholic Faith
in the Public Arena**

Tuesday, December 2nd (7 a.m. – 9 a.m.)

Join His Grace, Archbishop Thomas Collins, for mass and breakfast as part of the Archbishop's Breakfast Series. Salt and Light Television, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Toronto and Regis College invite business people, professionals and those interested in public policy to a special presentation by Julian Fantino, Commissioner of OPP and author of *Duty: The Life of a Cop*. Location: St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St. (on Queen St., one block east of Parliament). Info: 416-922-5474, ext. 231; regis.development@utoronto.ca

OUT OF THE COLD AT HOLY ROSARY- CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS



On December 13, we will give our 200 guests a hot turkey meal and a small gift bag containing winter essentials such as Long John underwear, winter hats, gloves, and socks. This year, if you would prefer us to purchase these items on your behalf, buy an **Out of the Cold Christmas Gift Card** (tax deductible). With your money, we can go and buy these 4 items in bulk at a good price of \$15. You can make out your Gift Card to someone you care about, or someone you want to do something special for, like your children's teachers. Most of us know folks who would appreciate knowing that during Christmas, someone in need has been helped in their name. To purchase these gift cards and to show you samples of the clothing your money can buy, we will be available after all the masses on the December 6/7 weekend. Alternatively, please contact us through the Holy Rosary parish office at 416-923-8471. Thank you.

*Elena Mascarenhas
Out of the Cold, Central Coordinator*

Briefly

Dec. 6 (2:00 – 4:30 p.m.) – a special Kolbe Eucharistic Mini-Retreat: Most Rev. Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will give a special talk on "Discipleship" and there will be Eucharistic adoration throughout the afternoon at St. Brigid's Church, 300 Wolverleigh Blvd. All are welcome.

Dec. 7 (3 p.m.) – Mississauga Choral Society and Sinfonia: St. Dominic's Church, 625 Atwater Ave., Mississauga. Tickets: 905-306-6000 or St. Dominic's parish at 905-278-7762. Cost: \$15-35.

Dec. 13 (11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) – Christmas Bazaar and Afternoon Tea Room: St. Felix Centre, 25 Augusta Ave., Rear Building. St. Info: 416-203-1624.

Dec. 13 (5 p.m.) – Mass in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe: at Our Lady of Victory Church, 117 Guestville Ave. Mass will be conducted in English and we will sing the traditional "Mañanitas" in honour of "La Morenita." Info: 416-769-1171 or email ourladyofvictory@rogers.com

Dec. 14 Lectio Divina – A Year With St. Paul (Vespers at 7 p.m., followed by the Lectio Divina from 7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.): at St. Michael's Cathedral, 65 Bond St. This month's scripture passage: Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:11. MP3 audio podcast and video posted on YouTube of Archbishop Collins' previous Lectio Divina are available at www.archtoronto.org. The Lectio Divina is also broadcast on Salt + Light Television. Visit www.saltandlighttv.org for more info.

You are invited to an **All Night Vigil**, with Exposition, from Friday, Dec. 5 at 9:30 p.m. to Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 640 Glenholme Ave. (at Eglinton). Bring your Bible and snacks. For information please call Hilda at 416-781-0733.

Tagalog Mass: celebrated at Holy Rosary Church at 6 p.m. on the **4th Sun.** of each month. The next Mass is on **Dec. 28.** The Joy of the Lord Prayer Group holds regular prayer meetings on **Sun. at 5 p.m.**

Development & Peace meetings: held on the **3rd Mon.** of each month in the Parish Hall, Room 4 at **7:30 p.m.**

Sr. Brenda Duncombe's Bible Study group: **Thurs., at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall, **Room 7** (upstairs).



Saturday, November 29th, 2008

5:00 p.m. Arthur Augustine Gough Jr. (+)
Requested by Jennifer Gough

Sunday, November 30th, 2008

8:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Gregory Lawrence Griese (+)
Requested by M. A. Radovan
11:00 a.m. Gladys Bennett (+)
Requested by Bruce & Power Families
12:30 p.m. Brian Cooper (+)
Requested by Rose & Christiaan Weesbach

Monday, December 1st, 2008

12:10 p.m. June Lonn, In Thanksgiving
Requested by Liana T.

Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008

12:10 p.m. Helen Molloy (+)
Requested by Her daughter

Wednesday, December 3rd, 2008

12:10 p.m. Doreen & George Fleming, in Thanksgiving
Requested by Anne-Marie Fleming

Thursday, December 4th, 2008

12:10 p.m. James Bradley
Requested by E. Molloy

Friday, December 5th, 2008

12:10 p.m. Maria Elizabeth Kurniati (+)
Requested by Liana Tedjo

Saturday, December 6th, 2008

5:00 p.m. Salome Bravante (+)
Requested by Ceferina Perilla Lacap

Sunday, December 7th, 2008

8:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Rod Morrison (+)
Requested by Ormond Morrison
11:00 a.m. Frances Murphy (+) (of Ireland)
12:30 p.m. Mrs. Sheila Moran (+)
Requested by The Family