

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY ROSARY PARISH TORONTO, ONTARIO Second Sunday of Advent

CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION CHRISTMAS SALES

Fruitcakes, Religious Christmas Cards and 2009 Agendas are on sale **TODAY** at the Parish Hall. Your support is very much appreciated.

PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: DECEMBER 18 AT 7 P.M.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24

No (Noon) Mass

7:00 p.m.

Carols

7:30 p. m.

Family Mass – Fr. Maurice Restivo

11:30 a.m.

Carols

12:00 a.m.

Midnight Mass – Fr. Daniel Chui

Office open from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25

Masses: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Office closed all day

New Year's Eve – Wednesday, December 31

5:00 p.m.

Mass

New Year's Day – Thursday, January 1

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Masses: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Office closed all day.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Report cards are out! Does your child need extra help with schoolwork? New registrations are currently being accepted for the Homework Club for January. We provide FREE tutoring to students aged 4-14 in a variety of subjects on Mondays from 7-8 p.m. To register your child, please call Lindsay at 416-923-8471 or email lindsaymoore@holyroary.ca.

Please note that the Homework Club will hold their last 2008 meeting on **Mon., Dec 15**. We will resume our meetings on **Mon., Jan. 12**. Have a safe and happy Christmas break, everyone!

YOUTH GROUP MEETING/CHRISTMAS PARTY

The next Youth Group meeting is next Sun, Dec 14 from 2-4pm. We're having a Christmas party! New members are always welcome. Call Lindsay for info.

YOUTH GROUP MITTEN TREE

Thanks to everyone who has helped HR Youth Mitten Tree to look more colourful so far! Donations of mittens, scarves, hats and men's work/cotton socks to decorate its branches will continue to be accepted for Good Shepherd Ministries until **December 21**.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2009 ENVELOPES



You can pick up your box next weekend in the Marian entrance corridor (west door). The boxes are in numerical order. Please remember the envelope number that you are using this year. Thank you for your continual generous support.

IDEAS on Website

This week's topic:
"Married Saints"

at www.holyrosary.ca

2009 MISSALS

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

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*

OUT OF THE COLD AT HOLY ROSARY- CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS



On **December 13**, at our Holy Rosary Out of the Cold Christmas Lunch in the Parish Hall, we will serve a hot, home-made turkey meal to close to 200 people. We would like to give them each a simple gift – a bag containing winter essentials, including a warm hat, gloves, socks and long underwear. Each set costs only \$15 and our goal is to raise enough to give a set to each of our guests. After you buy the gift card, you can send it on to someone you care about like your Mom, or someone special, like your children's teacher, who will appreciate knowing that in their name, someone is safer and warmer this Christmas, because of them. We will be showing samples of the gifts and selling the cards after all the masses this weekend. Alternatively, please contact us through the Holy Rosary parish office at 416-923-8471.

*Elena Mascarenhas
Out of the Cold, Central Coordinator*

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.

Toronto Serra Clubs – John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests and religious especially to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Liborio Amaral at 416-968-0997; vocations@vocations.ca; Visit our Vocation website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

**9 DAYS NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
DECEMBER 3 – DECEMBER 11, 2008**

Devotees are welcome to attend the daily novena for nine days at Canadian Martyrs Church, 522 Plains Rd. (Woodbine & O'Connor Dr.). Novena follows after Mass at 7 p.m. every day, except for Saturday, December 6 at 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 7 at 10 a.m. Fellowship in the basement of the Church will take place after the Mass on December 12. All are welcome.

Briefly

Gregorian Chant at Holy Cross Parish: most Thursdays at 7:45 p.m., 291 Cosburn Ave., for those interested in forming a Latin Mass choir, and for those who just want to sing. Participants will have the opportunity to sing for Masses on a variety of occasions. Sponsored by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. Info: 416-421-5225 or www.fssptoronto.com

Fri., Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. & Sat., Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. – St. Michael's Choir School Presents...A Christmas Overture: at Massey Hall, Shuter & Victoria Streets. Tickets: 416-872-4255, at www.masseyhall.com or in person at the Roy Thomson Hall Box Office. \$36.50 - \$22.50.

Jan. 5, 2009 (10 a.m. – 12 p.m. for 12 weeks) – Windows on Theology: *"The Eyes of God and Looking Back: Eastern Orthodox Icons."* Instructor: Jaroslav Skira. Also January 5: *"The Psalms: Why do they continue to be the Church's source of Prayer?"* These are non-credit courses. Location: Regis College, University of Toronto, 15 St. Mary St. Inquiries: 416-922-5474, X238 or inquiries@regiscollege.ca. Course descriptions are at www.regiscollege.ca/Windows_On_Theology.

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.**



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

Monday, December 8th, 2008

12:10 p.m. Parishioners of Holy Rosary
Requested by The Missionary Sisters of Peter Claver

Tuesday, December 9th, 2008

12:10 p.m. Monico Mercado (+)
Requested by Dan & Tess Aviado

Wednesday, December 10th, 2008

12:10 p.m. Susie Pierre (+)
First anniversary of her death
Requested by Elaine Morgan

Thursday, December 11th, 2008

12:10 p.m. Souls in Purgatory
Requested by Mila Navidad

Friday, December 12th, 2008

12:10 p.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Espedito
Requested by Amelie

Saturday, December 13th, 2008

5:00 p.m. Beatrice Culhane (+)
Third anniversary of her death
Requested by Carol Culhane

Sunday, December 14th, 2008

8:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Deceased Family Members (+)
Requested by D. Quon
11:00 a.m. Dr. Jack Sullivan (+)
Requested by Elaine Morgan
12:30 p.m. Mrs. Katy D'Cruz (+)
Requested by Penny Edgerley