

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### HOLY ROSARY PARISH TORONTO, ONTARIO First Sunday of Advent

**THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

#### NEW TIME FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcements which have taken place before Mass begins will now be read at the end of the Liturgy.

#### RITE OF ENROLMENT

Congratulations to our 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 2010. We ask the parish community for their continuing prayers for these candidates.

#### MISSION: BLT

Mission: BLT meets this Sunday for "Pray Tell!" from 2-4 p.m. All youths 11+ are welcome.

#### NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

The next training session for new Altar Servers will take place on **Tuesday, December 8** from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Church. All young people in at least grade 4 are welcome to attend training. Call Lindsay for further information.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRISTIAAN WEESBACH

Christiaan applied for and was chosen to participate in the Office of Catholic Youth's Catholic Leadership Program. This year-long program focuses on developing young leaders to be active witnesses of the Gospel and equips them with the necessary knowledge and skills to do so from a Catholic perspective. Congratulations, Christiaan!

#### 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.*



#### "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"

**Ideas** In this week's IDEAS Father Callam examines the effect that cultural developments have on the expression of our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour for all times, "who is and who was and who is to come." See IDEAS on the parish website — [www.holyrosary.ca](http://www.holyrosary.ca).



**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. At this Coffee Sunday D & P will take orders to make **Christmas baskets** – you can choose from a variety of baskets – with your choice of jams, coffees, teas, chocolate bars, hot chocolate and baking cocoa. We will have them wrapped and ready for you the following Sunday, December 12. Also, at this Coffee Sunday, **Colombian Crafts and Jewellery will be on sale.**



#### Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**5:00 p.m.** Anna Maria de Souza (+)  
Requested by Ivan de Souza

#### Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**8:00 a.m.** Holy Rosary Parishioners  
**9:30 a.m.** Oliver Allemmand (+)  
43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of his death

Requested by His wife Mimi Allemmand

**11:00 a.m.** Volodymyr Turchyn (+)  
Requested by His wife

**12:30 p.m.** Daniel Gerard O'Hara (+)  
Requested by St. Vincent de Paul

#### Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**12:10 p.m.** Macina Family  
Requested by Mary Ann Ottavino

#### Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

**12:10 p.m.** Souls in Purgatory

#### Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

**12:10 p.m.** Jack Gorman (+)  
Requested by Pat Maynard

#### Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

**12:10 p.m. MASS CANCELLED**

#### Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**12:10 p.m.** Helen Nerby (+)  
Requested by PaT Maynard

#### Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**5:00 p.m.** Living & Deceased members  
of the Marzalik Family  
Requested by Theresa Marzalik

#### Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**8:00 a.m.** Holy Rosary Parishioners

**9:30 a.m.** Family members  
Requested by D. Quon

**11:00 a.m.** Sheila Moran (+)  
Requested by Moran family

**12:30 p.m.** Michael Erdman (+)  
Requested by Mother

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Dear Parishioners,

Just around the corner from where you live there are a lot of people struggling to make ends meet. It is a weary daily grind for them. They may not appear in rags and they may not yet be begging at the street corner, but every day the sun rises on their problems and frustrations as they try to live on inadequate means. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul tries in a small way to bring some relief to those who request it.

Most of us live so favoured an existence that it is difficult to imagine what it is to be poor. The following is an attempt to give you some idea of such an existence:

### **Being poor: POVERTY IS A DEBT SENTENCE**

*Being poor is hoping that your kids won't ask for money for a school trip.*

*Being poor is not having enough decent beds for members of your family.*

*Being poor is so depressing that it's hard to get out of bed in the morning.*

*Being poor is going to bed hungry most of the month.*

*Being poor is making lunch for your child and when a cockroach skitters over the bread, you have to use it anyway.*

*Being poor is getting a loan when you know that you may never be able to repay it.*

*Being poor is running out of diapers before the monthly welfare cheque arrives.*

*Being poor is having to accept unsafe work conditions.*

*Being poor is crying when you drop mac and cheese on the floor.*

*Being poor is having to base a relationship on food and shelter for you and your child.*

*Being poor is having all your hopes and dreams taken away.*

As we approach the Christmas season we ask you to remember the poor. There are four boxes at our Church doors. A loonie a week from every parishioner would be wonderful. Giving the loonie to a small child to put in the box establishes a habit of charity and underlines the responsibility of young and old to remember that the face of Christ is seen in the poor: "In so much as ye do this unto one of the least of them, ye do it unto me."

*Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul*



### Christmas Gift Cards on Sale

This year the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to give you an opportunity to purchase a Christmas gift card for your family or friends.

For a donation of \$15.00 you will ensure that a needy family in our parish will have a turkey and dessert for their Christmas dinner.

Our members will be accepting donations after all Masses next weekend.

A tax receipt will be mailed to you.

We thank you for your continued generosity and support for our work.