

# First Sunday of Advent

*"What I say to you I say to all: Keep awake!"*

## **MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S**

*Psalter I -- Year B*

### **MON. December 1**

12:05 PM † **JOAN McKINNON**

*--Ron & Sue*

### **TUES. December 2**

9:30 AM St. Michael's School Mass in the Church

11:00 AM Mass at Cobourg Retirement

12:05 PM † **FRANCESCO DEPALMA**

*-Frances & Don*

### **WED. December 3 St. Francis Xavier**

12:05 PM † **GRACE CAVANAUGH**

*--Leguard Family*

### **THURS. December 4**

10:00 AM Mass at Legion Village

12:05 PM † **GEORGETTE CORMIER**

*--Edmund & Family*

### **FRI. December 5**

12:05 PM † **KAREN & COLLEEN LANIGAN**

*--The Family*

## **Saturday, December 6**

5:00 PM **MISSA PRO POPULO**

## **Sunday, December 7**

9:00 AM † **JIM KIDD**

*--Trish & Family*

11:00 AM † **DONNA McGINN**

*--Therese & Barry May*

Next Weekend's Readings **Second Sunday of Advent**

*1<sup>st</sup>: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: 2 Peter 3.8-15 Gospel Mark 1.1-8*

## **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Lisa Sampson, James Thatcher, Mary Ryan, Don Butler, Charles Potier, Lisa Heenan, Shirley Ferguson, Marisca, Rosemarie Cromlish, Arlene Brown, Debbie Hale, Stanley Johnston, Jessica Gerber, Richard Philips, Bill Daly, Isabel Hogan, James Fullerton, Lynn Fabris, Mary Beyette, Jean Winters, Theresa Ferguson, Nathalia Yuri Garcia, Charles Bateman, Andy Amelia, Bob Pickett, Matilda Eikens, Noreen Mark, Antoinette Brisson, Julie Black, Stan Johnston, Fred Williams, Denise Palermo, Mark Martel, Diane Bartlett, Greg Heenan, *May the Lord's healing hand touch them.*

## **REFLECTION**

We are reminded in today's gospel that the world as we know it will pass away, and God's Kingdom will come in full. Jesus tells a parable about a master who went away and left each of his servants with a specific task to do. No one knew when the owner would return, just as no one can know when God's plan will be fulfilled. The words of Jesus were quite clear to the early Christians and to us today. We must be watchful and always ready for Jesus' return.

**Reflection for Families** Most children including us and our own don't dig right into a job list left by an absent parent. Instead they watch television, play with the pets, try on their whole wardrobe, or any variety of activities to avoid the list for as long as possible. Once in awhile, they may get caught by either losing track of the time or the parent returning home early. This analogy fits well with today's gospel. Each of us needs to stay on task with how we want to live our lives expecting Jesus' return. One way to do this during the holiday season is to slow down and hear the words of the gospel rather than getting caught up in the rush of the world around us.

## **COLLECTION REPORT**

☞ **A Summary of Your Generosity** ☜

November 23 Offertory \$4941.

Restoration \$1185. *Thank you for your support!*

## **EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Sun. 30**—7:00 PM Youth Group Meeting in P/C

**Tues. 2**—7:30 PM KofC Officers & Committee @ Columbus Community Centre

**Wed. 3**—7:00 PM Concert in the Church

**Wed. 3**—12:30 Legion of Mary in Parish Centre

**Thurs. 4**—1:00 PM Seniors Progressive Euchre at Columbus Community Centre (CCC)

**Thurs. 4**—7:00 PM Prayer/Meditation Group in PC

**Sat. 6**—6:00 PM Legion of Mary Pot Luck in the Parish Centre

**Sun. 7**—10 AM to 1PM Sugar Plum Fair in St. Michael's School gym.

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO READ TODAY'S INSERT ON THE IMPORTANT ISSUE REGARDING CHEMICAL ABORTIONS AND THE ACTION YOU CAN TAKE.**

## Advent Retreat-at-Home In preparation for the Second Sunday of Advent...December 7

**"Prepare the way of the Lord..."** Hard copies of this programme are available at the entrance of the Church, or from the Parish Office during office hours. *This series is also on our website—follow the link Faith Formation/Advent 2008. Take a moment with your family, or friends, and travel the journey through Advent together.*

## MURAL RESTORATION

### PLAQUE ORDERS IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS...

Contact Dorothy at 905 372-3138 to order yours!

## C.W.L. Christmas Dinner

Reminder that the C.W.L. will be holding their annual Christmas get together on Wed. December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the Columbus Community Centre. Cost is just \$23.00. All ladies of the Parish are welcome! If anyone needs a ride, please contact President, Anne Marie Summers at 905 377-8907. Reminder to bring non perishable items for the food bank.

## Thank you...



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR  
**Development  
and Peace**

Thank you to the many parishioners who signed the 'advocacy cards' to Prime Minister Harper and to Rick

Norlock, our MPP. These petitions, are to hold Canadian mining companies accountable for their actions in the Global South. Some mining companies have put profits before people, as well as bringing harm to the environment. Please visit their website: [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org) for information on current humanitarian projects, such as helping the people of the Congo.

## Flowers for Christmas

This year we are asking that monetary donations be made for flowers for decoration the Sanctuary for the Christmas celebrations. If you would like to do so in memory of a loved one, please mark an envelope 'Flowers' with your name and address on it. Thank you for your support.



## Villa St. Joseph

They still have some openings for their Advent Stillness Weekend, Dec. 5-7, as well for their 'Day of Stillness on Dec. 10. Call 905 372-2741 for details.

**2009 MISSALS & CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AFTER ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND IN THE PARISH CENTRE.**



December 3, 2008



## "A Child is Born"

Don't miss this opportunity...to hear the junior choirboys of St. Michael's Cathedral Toronto. They will present a programme of Advent and Christmas music. **Note: Doors will be opened at 6:30.**

**Our own Katherine Brown-Gagne will be playing seasonal music at this time!**

**Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2008**

**Time: 7:00 PM Sharp DOORS OPEN AT 6:30**

**Location: St. Michael's Church**

**Ticket Prices: \$10.00 (for Restoration Fund)**

**Where to buy: Tickets available at the door.**

## 2009 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

It's that time of year!!! Your 2009 Offertory Box Envelopes are now available for pick up in the Parish Centre after all Masses next weekend, and during office hours. Please check that we have your correct name and address listed. Thank you.



## Christmas Sharing

*Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the Northumberland Up From the Ashes Poverty group in Northumberland county. Once again, a van load was collected from St. Michael's parishioners. And once again, Thank You.*

## Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is holding their Annual General Reunion following the 5:00 PM Mass next **Saturday, December 6** in the Parish Centre. All Legionaries and Auxiliary Members are invited to attend. A potluck dinner will be served. *NOTE: Rosary will be prayed at 4:30 PM in the Church prior to Mass.*

## St. Michael's School—Sugar Plum Fair

**Come one, come all to the Sugar Plum Fair!**

St. Michael's School, Sunday, December 7, 2008, 10 AM-1 PM a shared parish/school community experience! Come and enjoy the tea room, and then check out many other interesting things (a sampling-----raffle, silent auction, one-of-a-kind table, white elephant table, baking and much, much more) This is a fundraiser for the St. Michael's Catholic School Council. We appreciate your support!

## "Keep Christ in Christmas"

The Knights of Columbus have come up with a way that you can let people know that we *mean* to keep Christ in Christmas. They will be selling buttons in the Parish Centre after all Masses next weekend, Dec. 6/7 that say **"It's OK, Wish me a Merry Christmas"** for a donation of \$2.00.