

# Feast of The Holy Family

Simeon said, "This child is destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel."

## MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

*Psalter I -- Year B*

**MON. December 29**

12:05 PM † **NICK MARROCCO**

--The Family

**TUES. December 30**

12:05 PM **JOSEPH ZAKRAJASEK**

--The Family

**WED. December 31**

5:00 PM † **MICHAEL BARBARA**

--Mel & Hilda McPhee

### Mary, The Mother of God



(New Year's Day—Holy Day of Obligation)

**THURS. JANUARY 1, 2009**

9:00 AM † **BROWNIE ROBINSON**

--Robison Family

11:00 AM **MISSA PRO POPULO**

**FRI. Jan. 2** *St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen*

12:05 PM † **DAVID VICKERMAN**

--George & Sis, Ted & Cathy

### Saturday, January 3

5:00 PM † **BOBBI RICHARDS**

--The Barr Family

### Sunday, January 4

9:00 AM † **GINO MOSOLE**

--Parish Family

11:00 AM **MISSA PRO POPULO**

Next Weekend's Readings **Epiphany of the Lord**

1<sup>st</sup>: Isaiah 60.1-6 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Matthew 2.1-12

## REFLECTION



Mary and Joseph, obedient Jewish parents, presented Jesus at the Temple in Jerusalem in today's gospel. He was given the name requested of the angel at the

annunciation Jesus. An unusual thing happened at the Temple, however, when a holy man named Simeon approached the family. Simeon foretold several things about Jesus' life including the fact that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah. Not only was he to be the salvation of Israel, but he would also bring light to the Gentiles. He also blessed Mary and Joseph saying that Mary would feel great pain in her life because of her child. When the ritual was complete at the Temple, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus returned to Nazareth where Jesus would grow and learn.

## COLLECTION REPORT

∞ A Summary of Your Generosity ∞

December 21 Offertory \$4997.

*Thank you for your support!*

## EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

**Wed. 31**—New Years Dinner/Dance @ CCC

**Sun. 4**—7:00 PM Youth Group Pot Luck in P/C

**Thurs.**—Seniors Euchre will resume in the new year

**Thurs.**—Prayer/Meditation Group will resume

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Greg Fleming, Tom Ayotte, Tasha, Cora Reyns, Rosemary Roth, Lisa Sampson, James Thatcher, Mary Ryan, Don Butler, Charles Potier, 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.*

**FYI** The Grade 5/6 students of St. Michael's School, along with their teacher, and volunteers from the parish, made Christmas brighter by singing carols last Thursday at Cobourg Residence.

*Thank you to all....*

## C.W.L. NEWS

The CWL of St. Michael's would like to send their thanks to everyone who help sell tickets in 2008 for the "Cash for Christmas" draw. *The winners were announced in the bulletin two weeks ago.* Just over \$4200.00 was raised! This money will be used to help support local charities. Without your support we could not do this for our community. **Also**, thank you to everyone who attended and helped with our "Fantastic Fall Favours" held November 29/30 in the Parish Centre. We raised \$325 on the Favours table and \$140 on the knitting table. Again, your support helps the CWL to continue their work.

## MURAL RESTORATION

**Look for a report in January 2009 regarding an update on this project!**

**PLAQUE ORDERS ... Contact Dorothy at 905 372-3138 to order yours!**

## Congo Crisis Continues...



Please make an effort to become informed, and actions

we can do by visiting [www.dev.org](http://www.dev.org)

**2009 MISSALS & CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.**

## Thank You...

Thank you to all those who made a donation towards the purchasing of the decorations for the Sanctuary! *(Note: that your donation will be on your income tax receipt.)* Thank you also to our 'flower ladies' Jay & Mary for efforts decorating for the season, *as well as throughout the year!* Thank you, also, to our musicians for providing the sounds of the season; to the Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers, for their dedication in assisting at Masses and finally, to the children and the leaders of the Christmas pageant, thank you for the special celebration.

## and Thank You

On a personal note, I wish to extend my thanks for the many cards, gifts and well wishes received, for both myself, and my mother. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. *May the blessings of the Christ Child and the prayers of His Holy Mother be with you all, Fr Hood +*

## St. Vincent de Paul Society--Collection

Reminder that next weekend, Jan. 3/4, the monthly collection for St. Vincent de Paul will take place after all Masses. Thank you for your continued support.

## World Day of Peace January 1

The World Day of Prayer for Peace is celebrated today. We are encouraged to pause today to discuss our responsibility to work and pray for peace.

Message from the Pope: Once again, as the new year begins, I want to extend good wishes for peace to people everywhere. With this Message I would like to propose a reflection on the theme: *Fighting Poverty to Build Peace*. Back in 1993, my venerable Predecessor Pope John Paul II, in his Message for the World Day of Peace that year, drew attention to the negative repercussions for peace when entire populations live in poverty. Poverty is often a contributory factor or a compounding element in conflicts, including armed ones. In turn, these conflicts fuel further tragic situations of poverty. "Our world", he wrote, "shows increasing evidence of another grave threat to peace: many individuals and indeed whole peoples are living today in conditions of extreme poverty. The gap between rich and poor has become more marked, even in the most economically developed nations. This is a problem which the conscience of humanity cannot ignore, since the conditions in which a great number of people are living are an insult to their innate dignity and as a result are a threat to the authentic and harmonious progress of the world community" (11 Dec 08-RV) To see the full text of Pope Benedict XVI'S 2009 World Day of Peace Message: *Fighting Poverty to Build Peace* visit the Vatican Website [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) to the Link Message for Peace 2009

## 2009 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2009 Offertory Box Envelopes in the Narthex. The new year begins this week!

## New Years Eve Dinner/Dance



December 31: Social 6:00 PM, Hot Buffet Supper 7:00 PM, Champagne Toast Midnight & Light Lunch. Cost is \$80/couple. Limited tickets. All are welcome to the Columbus Community Centre for this celebration. Rebel Disc Jockey. Call 905 372-2991 for your ticket!

## Catholic Herald

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