



“Jesus said to them, when the terror begins, stand upright and hold your heads high, because your liberation is near.” Luke 21:28

November 29th, 2009

1st Sunday of Advent

Readings for Next Sunday

1st Reading: Baruch 5.1-9
 2nd Reading: Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11
 Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

Ministries for Next Weeks Liturgies

Readers

5 pm Kevin Money, Chris Buhagjar
 9 am Stephanie & Toni Sheridan
 11 am Claudia Young, Pauline Pattison,
 Jenna Young



Eucharistic Ministers:

5 pm Helen Cartier, Violet Landry, Natalie Stretton
 9 am Terry Perkins, Lorraine Lamb, Pat Kidd
 11 am Steve Crittenden, Rose Gallagher,
 Gerry Gualandris



Ushers:

5 pm Fred Horvath, Marilyn Jumalon
 9 am Leo McCoy, Mike Gilfoy
 11 am Dave Gibbons, Ken Young



Anyone interested in becoming an Usher, or if you signed up at the ministry fair – please call Linda Pleasance 905 983 9392

Altar Servers:

5 pm Cassandra & Sebastian Holinaty, Alyssa Lucyk
 9 am Emma & Siobhan Ward, Melissa Choo-shee-nam
 11am Amanda & Katrina Kraemer, Mercedes Buchholz



Children's Liturgy:

11 am Linda Bier

Youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to help with our children's liturgy program, please call Maria Kraemer 905 983 6289 for more information.



Church Cleaners:

November 23 - 30 - Karen Wilson, Mary Pierik



Parish Web Site: www.sfarcc.org

Please Pray for our Sick

If you would like our parish to pray for a sick relative or friend please call the parish office at (905) 987-5446 and we will be happy to include their names in our Sunday Eucharist.

Financial Information

November 21/22
 Sunday Offertory \$2,120.00
 Mortgage Reduction Fund \$ 80.00



****If you are currently using envelope numbers 17, 198 or 269, would you please call the Parish Office****

St. Vincent de Paul Society (905 987 2249)

The Christmas tree and bells will be available this week-end and next if any remain. Unwrapped items must be returned, with the bells attached, by **December 12/13**. Donations of non perishable foods and cash are always needed. There will be no monthly collection in December. Please contact us if you know of a family who needs help at Christmas. 905-786-2249

Mass Schedule & Intentions

November 30th – December 6th

Monday, November 30	9:00 am	
Tuesday, December 1	8:00 am	
Wednesday, December 2	9:00 am	
Thursday, December 3	1:30 pm	Healing Mass
Friday, December 4	8:00 am	
Saturday, December 5	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sunday, December 6	9:00 am	For the Repose of the Soul of Eli Assaf
	11:00 am	

From the Pastor Desk:

Advance Notice:

First Communion Parent Meeting – Dec. 1st, 7-8 pm (Church)
 Confirmation Rite of Enrollment – Dec. 5-6.
 Please come to one of the Masses and sign in.

WE THE PARISH CHANGE OF DATE!

Please note that the fourth and last session of **We the Parish** will be held on **Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 PM** and not on Sunday, November 30 as previously advertised. It will be followed by refreshments.

Advent – Christmas 2009

The season of hope, begins November 29th. Christmas preparations sometimes leave us tired. The current economic crisis may leave us worried. So, during Advent Jesus invites us to take a break with Him as we prepare to celebrate his first coming at Christmas. Take a break by enjoying the following opportunities to come aside with Jesus. If we do this perhaps we'll experience the mood of hope that this season intends to offer us.

SUNDAY MASS (Sat. 5pm, Sun.9am and 11am)

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word is now celebrated only in the 11:00 am Mass. Why not slow down the pace of your life and prepare to celebrate your weekly Mass by arriving a half an hour early and spend some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament.

HEALING MASS

Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick within Mass.
 Thursday, Dec. 3, 1:30 PM
 (followed by a reception hosted by the CWL)

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF HOPE

Thursday, Dec. 3, 7:00PM church-A special ecumenical service ministering to persons who are grieving the loss of loved ones or who have experienced other losses-service will involve sharing, prayer, scripture reading music and meditation-facilitated by Paddy Fitzgerald-Nolan.

CLARINGTON 12 HOUR CONFESSION

Friday, Dec.4, 8:30 am – 8:30 pm St. Joseph's Bowmanville - priests from all three Clarington parishes will be taking turns. This is a great way to prepare for Christmas by celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation.

FEAST IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Special School Mass - Tuesday, Dec. 8, 9:00AM

ADVENT TAISE PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, Dec.8, 7:00PM

PRIVATE RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS 4-4:30PM AND before both Sunday Morning Masses.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION

followed by Private Reconciliation Dec. 14, 7:00 PM-church

CHRISTMAS MASS

Dec. 24- 5:00(for families of young children) & 8:00PM
 Dec.25-10:00 AM

Thought for the Week – Holy Quotable

“Know, O beautiful soul, that you are the image of God. Know that you are the glory of God. Know, then, O man, your greatness and be vigilant.” (St. Andrew)

Joke of the Week

THEOLOGY ACCORDING TO STUDENT BLOOPERS (excerpted by a Santa Clara University theology professor Tom Beaudoin On Faith and Relationships)
 “My girlfriend is my most coveted possession. Our love is similar to that shared by Adam and Eve during the reading of the creation story. I believe that God gave sex for humans to use in the pretext of marriage.”

Fr. Peter Seabrooke

Christmas Pageant “Take a Walk to Christmas”

School age children are invited to participate in the pageant on December 24th at the 5:00 pm or 8 pm masses. Please sign up in the Gathering Room.

Put CHRIST Back Into CHRISTMAS

If not us then who? Now is the time to declare that we are Christians! Send Christmas cards depicting the Nativity Scene and proudly wear a Christmas Button. Both are on sale in the display in the Gathering Room.

Catholic Women's League Upcoming Events

Our annual Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, December 5th in our parish hall. Donations towards the craft, bake, penny table, and small household articles for the White Elephant tables are gratefully accepted.

The CWL Christmas Social is Wednesday, December 9th at 6 pm (spiritual) followed by a pot luck social in the parish hall. For more info please call Dennie 905 987 3099.

“Not for Sale” Video on Prostitution and Trafficking

On Sunday, December 6th at 2 pm in the parish Hall we will show a video for interested parishioners about prostitution and those who are effected and abused in this way. Refreshments will follow.

Lift Up Your Heart

This book is now for sale at the religious articles booth. It contains lovely, easy to understand reflections on “Rediscovering the Mass and the Celebrations of Our Faith”

Prayer for the Year for Priests

Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest,
 bless our priests who act in your place:
 who teach us your holy ways;
 who forgive us our sins;
 and who feed us with your Body and Blood in the Eucharist.
 Give your priests a deep faith, a firm hope,
 and a burning love for you people.
 Strengthen them in their joys and sorrows
 as they seek to follow You.

From among us, You have called some to be priests.
 Help them to embrace their vocation, and help us to respect and support them as they find fulfillment in doing your will.
 We pray to You, Lord Jesus, with confidence that you will hear our prayer.

Amen