



"The crowds asked John, 'What should we do?'"
Luke 3:10

December 13th, 2009

3rd Sunday of Advent

Readings for Next Sunday

1st Reading: Micah 5.2-5a
2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10
Gospel: Luke 1.39-45

Ministries for Next Weeks Liturgies

Readers

5 pm Michael & Cathy Boland
9 am Lynne Corpes, Barb Malone
11 am Pam Daley, Ken Boone, Krista Kacaba



Eucharistic Ministers:

5 pm Rose Gallagher, Violet Landry, Natalie Stretton
9 am Terry Perkins, Kathy Mercz, Marg McSweeney
11 am Ken Boone, Pete Peters, Pam Daley



New schedules are available in the message centre

Ushers:

5 pm Linda Pleasance, Laura Vanhaverbeke
9 am Dennie Radcliffe, Larry White
11 am Terry Gallagher, Ted Pierik



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 Megan & Emily Elliott, Kaitlyn Jennings
9 am Amber Hayes, Melissa Choo-Shee-Nam
11 am Skylar Spratley, Victoria Doris, Jasmine Madalena



Children's Liturgy:

11 am Sarah Gouin

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:

December 21 - 31 - Joanne Hamers, Anne Vogels



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

December 5/6

Sunday Offertory \$2155.98
Mortgage Reduction Fund \$ 35.00
Parish Euchre (Nov. 28th) \$ 935.02



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St. Vincent de Paul Society (905 786 2249)

We thank all of the generous people who took bells for children's gifts. The unwrapped gifts must be returned, with bells attached, no later than the 11 am Mass on **December 12/13.**

Please contact us if you know of people who need help at Christmas 905 786 2249.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

December 14th – 20th

Monday, December 14
9:00 am
7:00 pm Penitential Service
Tuesday, December 15
8:00 am
Wednesday, December 16
10:30 am Fosterbrooke Nursing Home
7:00 pm Before K of C Mtg
Thursday, December 17
9:00 am
Friday, December 18
9:00 am
Saturday, December 19
5:00 pm Mass for the People
Sunday, December 20
9:00 am For Julia Connolly
Requested by
Leo & Rose McCoy
11:00 am

From the Pastor Desk:

Advent – Christmas 2009

Advent Penitential Celebration

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

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.

Private Reconciliation

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

Christmas Mass Times

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

Thought for the Week – Holy Quotable

"We do more than simply look at Jesus. Each time we behold Him with faith and love, we are transformed into Him"
Fr. Alfred McBride

Joke of the Week

THEOLOGY ACCORDING TO STUDENT BLOOPERS
On Sin:

Learning about the true capabilities of humans is heart retching. But by following the teachings of Jesus Christ, ultimately a person can lead a life of sinfulness. I believe that Christ died for our sins and even today we are atoning for that.

Fr. Peter Seabrooke

2010 Offertory Envelopes

The boxed sets of envelopes for next year may be picked up in the back of the Gathering Room. They are in alphabetical order. Please note that some parishioner's numbers have changed. If you would like a box for 2010, please call the office so it can be assigned to you. Please check the label on your box to be sure that we have your complete address on file. This is important for the mailing of the tax receipts. We remind you to kindly continue to print your name and indicate the amount of your donation on the front of your envelope each week. This helps the counters and the parish secretaries to keep donations accurate. Thank you for your help and your generosity.

Offering Envelopes



Children's 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.



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"

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.



Website Update

A calendar can now viewed on the St. Francis of Assisi Parish website (sfarcc.org). The calendar shows daily scripture readings, Feast and Saint Days, and parish events.

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 your 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

Solemn Vespers

During the Year for Priests Solemn Vespers will be held every Sunday at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains in Peterborough beginning at 7pm and ending with Benediction before 8pm. For more information contact the Vocations Office, (705) 749-0330 or vocations@veyopeterboro.org.

Employment Wanted

Parishioner looking for full time employment, have over 20 years experience in facilities management, customer service, contact center, and emergency coordination. Please email thejharts@bell.net if you have/know of any job opportunities.

December Discount

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