



"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leapt in her womb." Luke 1:41

## December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

#### Readings for Next Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3.12-21  
 Gospel: Luke 2.41-52

#### Ministries for Next Weeks Liturgy (Dec.26/27)

##### Readers

5 pm John Gorman, Chris Buhagiar  
 9 am Dennie Radcliffe, Helena Lessard  
 11 am Pauline Pattison, Claudia Young



##### Eucharistic Ministers:

5 pm  
 9 am Please sign-up in the Gathering Room.  
 11 am



\*\*New schedules are available in the message centre\*\*

##### Ushers:

5 pm Janice & Steve Craig  
 9 am Joe Mertz, Peter Speziale  
 11 am Carl Good, Dave Gibbons



\*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  
 9 am Please sign-up in the Gathering Room.  
 11am



##### Children's Liturgy:

11 am Joanne Eeuwes

\*\*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](http://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 12/13

Sunday Offertory \$3,123.51  
 Mortgage Reduction Fund \$ 20.00



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

##### St. Vincent de Paul Society (905 786 2249)

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

##### Mass Schedule & Intentions

###### December 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

Monday, December 21	9:00 am	
Tuesday, December 22	9:00 am	
Wednesday, December 23	9:00 am	
Thursday, December 24	5:00 pm	For Nora & Joseph Leveque, Requested by the Chidley Family
	8:00 pm	
Friday, December 25	10:00 am	Mass for the People
Saturday, December 26	5:00 pm	For Betsy & Tonny Veldman, Requested by the Heetkamp Family
Sunday, December 27	9:00 am	For Patrick Thornton Requested by Leo & Rose McCoy
	11:00 am	Mass for the People



##### From the Pastor Desk:

###### A Christmas Greeting

From your Staff: Fr. Peter Seabrooke,  
 Patricia Elcome and Annette Howarth

Wherever Love is born

It is Christmas.

May this love unite us

With one another and all creation



##### Sunday Mass

(Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9 am 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

\*\*Please come early for 5:00 PM Mass as the doors will be locked, according to insurance regulations, when the safe number is reached.

Dec.25-10:00 AM

Dec. 26-27 Holy Family, weekend Mass schedule as usual.

##### Thought for the Week – Holy Quotable

"I see God as I see my own eyes." (Eastern European proverb)

##### Joke of the Week

MORE ENGLISH MYSTERIES

There is no egg in eggplant or ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Quicksand works slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

### 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 secretary keep donations accurate. Thank you for your help and your generosity.



##### CWL Bazaar ...and the Winners are!!

The parish bazaar hosted by the CWL was a success thanks to the energetic endeavors of many League members. Thank you for sharing your time and talents. We are grateful and appreciative of all who supported us.



##### Raffle Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Elizabeth Heaney  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Gerry Kruckert  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Kathy Mertz

Christmas Fresh Flower Arrangement  
 Sleigh gift basket  
 Garden supplies Basket  
 Kitchen Basket

Barb Coull  
 Mary-Ellen Johnson  
 Julie Csjmadia  
 Donald Johnson

##### Coming in the New Year!!

Awakening Faith, Reconnecting with Your Catholic Faith. Watch for more information on this in the coming weeks!!



##### 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@vevopeterboro.org](mailto:vocations@vevopeterboro.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](mailto:thejharts@bell.net) if you have/know of any job opportunities.

##### December Discount

Drop by IMS Inkspot to take advantage of 15% off all compatible inkjet and laser cartridges during the month of December.