

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 14th	12:10 p.m.	† Gray Family
Tuesday, December 15th	10:00 a.m.	St. Monica's School here at the church
	12:10 p.m.	† Peter Centen
Wednesday, December 16th	7:00 p.m.	† Peggy Doucette
Thursday, December 17th	12:10 p.m.	† Venchiarutti Family
Friday, December 18th	12:10 p.m.	† Norm McKinney
	1:00 p.m.	Simcoe Terrace, 44 Donald Street
Saturday, December 19th	9:00 a.m.	† Jack Hargreaves



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m.

No mass at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Boxing Day – 5:00 p.m.

No mass at 9:00 a.m.



DECORATING OUR CHURCH

One and all are invited to come on **December 23rd 1:30 p.m.** to assist with decoration of our church for Christmas. We are always ready to welcome those who have not participated before in this special work.

Hanging Of



The Greens

CHILDREN'S DECORATION



We invite children to make their own decorations and bring them in for the Christmas tree in the church. You can come by on Wednesday, December 23 or

the morning of Thursday, December 24th to include your decoration on the tree.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



We invite you to bring in poinsettias as an act of remembrance for those you will miss at Christmas. Please bring them to the parish hall on the weekend of December 19th and 20th or at the very latest, Tuesday,

December 22nd by 5:00 p.m. We ask that you put the name of the deceased in the box provided.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

A reminder that the parish office is open on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2010

Offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the foyer or at the side door. Once you take them home, why not take a minute to write your name on the envelopes for the first couple of weeks in January? **Thank you for your continued support.**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL



The Adoration chapel will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's day. It will open from 1:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. New Year's Eve. If you wish to commit to the extended time please contact Mary Bond at 726-6641.

SOLIDARITY SHOPPING

Can you help?

Christmas Cheer needs toys for young children and gifts certificates for teenagers.



Out of the Cold needs socks, long johns, mitts, hats and backpacks. Please no other clothes.

Please do not wrap anything as they will be unwrapped before they are distributed. Please place all gifts in the parish hall.

USED CLOTHING

Our parish does not accept used clothing. Please take it to The Salvation Army or Goodwill. Out of the Cold is not looking for used clothing. .

CHRISTMAS TREES



The Knights of Columbus are again selling Christmas Trees with all proceeds to charity. Three locations open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Knight of Columbus Hall, 93 Berczy St., and Wal-Mart North and South Garden Centres. Please help us support our charities!

YOUTH MINISTRY - CINEMA DIVINA

TODAY, Sunday, December 13th from 1 to 4:00 p.m. in room 3 - youth are invited to discover a Christmas tale your parents never told you. Watch, discuss, and reflect on the 2006 release of a "*The Nativity Story*". Come to know the harsh journey endured by Mary and Joseph before the historic-defining event of Jesus' birth. This event is free, light refreshments and snacks are provided. For more information contact the youth minister.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

Can you provide a family like experience, positive parenting, caring, skills coaching and lifelong memories to children and youth in need? If so,

Summit Human Services of Simcoe County need you. Children and youth are in need of stable, structured, healthy homes with positive role models. Parent experience required

Remuneration package offered, paid time off, in-house support, 24/7 on call support, free training and a competitive benefit package. For more info., please call Sarah at 735-9255 ext. 4.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

We are hosting our annual Christmas Social on **Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** All ladies are warmly welcomed. Join us for presentation of Years of Service Awards, singing, praying, laughing, games and much more! If you need a ride please contact Ann at 721-0005.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE

St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto is presenting a series of six consecutive Saturday workshops, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., for anyone in the province of Ontario who is considering running for the position of Catholic trustee, is a present trustee, or any other persons who are interested. The series will be held at St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Road, Scarborough, Ontario M1M 1M3.

A nominal fee of \$100.00 will be charged for the complete series and lunch will be served on each of the Saturday sessions. The fee must be paid by cash or cheque by December 20th, 2009. Cheques should be made out to St. Augustine's Seminary. Inquiries may be sent by email to: receptionist_sas@yahoo.ca or by telephone (416) 261-7202 ext. 221.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

A number of priests will be available for confession tomorrow, **Monday, December 14th beginning at 7:00 p.m.** We encourage you to take this opportunity for the sacrament before Christmas and to lighten the load on the two priests of the parish in the days before Christmas.

ADDITIONAL TIMES FOR RECONCILIATION

Every Wednesday

6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Every Saturday

11:00 - 12:00 (noon)

Wednesday, Dec. 23

7:30 to 8:30

Thursday, December 24th

10:00 a.m.-12:00 pm

**PREPARING FOR RECONCILIATION**

Last week, we had an examination of conscience. This prayer we may want to associate with getting older, but it seems to have something to say to most of us no matter our age.

Seventeenth Century NUN'S PRAYER

Lord Thou knowest better than I know that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody: helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessing cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet: I do not want to be a Saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowing works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen.