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## Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

## Weekday Eucharist

Please see schedule inside.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Please make arrangements for Baptismal Preparation two months in advance. All baptisms are celebrated on the following dates:

Jan 9/10

May 22/23

Oct 23/24

Feb 13/14

June 26/27

Nov 13/14

No March Baptisms

Aug 14/15

Dec 11/12

April 17/18

Sept 18/19

## Sacrament of Marriage

Call office one year prior to desired wedding date. A marriage preparation course and appointments required.

## Children's Liturgies (September to June)

Children from J/K to grade 2 (pre First Eucharist age). Children's Liturgy takes place in the Parish Hall during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist.

## Pastoral Council

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## Vocational Information

If you wish to pursue the possibility of a Religious or Priestly vocation, please feel free to speak with any member of the parish staff or call:

Father Bob Liddy, C.R.  
519-885-0331 ext 312  
Sister Mary McIntyre, C.S.J.  
905-528-0138

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**LAY MINISTERS for DECEMBER 4 / 5**

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Lectors</b>	Denise Konig John O'Connor Sharon Boase	Deirdre Pike Denise Campuzano Verdi Gough	Gerry Shea Lynne Taffs Mark Mindorff
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sheila Corr Joanne Venzon David O'Connor	Joanne Matsos John Bittman Paul Clinton Ted Dekker	Phyllis Dwyer Emily McDonald Ilidia Botelho Mike Scozzaro Rochelle Martin
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**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED  
THE BAZAAR LAST WEEKEND.**

**THIS YEAR'S BAZAAR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.**

We will have a complete report to you in the near future.

Congratulations to our Main Draw prize winners:

Joy and Gary Warner, Diane and Danny Shea  
and Jean and Paul Kennedy.

All 140 Penny Sale prize winners have been notified by phone.

You can claim your prize after any of the Masses this weekend.  
Please pick up your prize in the rectory by Sunday, **November 28.**

**C.W.L. NEWS**

**Evening of Reflection.** Monday, **November 29** - at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. All parishioners invited. Guest speakers are Deacon Bill and Molly Callaghan. Come hear the story of their journey in Sandy Lake with the First Nations people. Molly is the author of *Come walk a while with us.*

**Advent Breakfasts** will be offered once again to all children after the morning Mass on Tuesdays and Fridays during Advent. Registrations forms are available from the school.

**ENTERTAINMENT 2011 COUPON BOOKS ARE ON SALE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR JUST A FEW MORE WEEKS.** Get yours today. The 2010 books are now expired.

**LAST CALL FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPER FORMS**

Thank you to everyone who has offered to provide a food hamper or gift cards to assist people in our community. We still need more hampers. We would appreciate all other hamper offers this week. Extra forms are available by the church doors.

**FOR CHILDREN WHO DO NOT ATTEND  
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:**

**The Religion Home Study Program** is a parent-run program that provides religious instruction to Catholic children (Grades 1 to 8) who attend public, private, or home-based schools. For more information please contact Shirley (905-929-6549; [shirley.rodriques@sympatico.ca](mailto:shirley.rodriques@sympatico.ca)) or Mary Louise Pigott (905-524-2423; [mlpigott@cogeco.ca](mailto:mlpigott@cogeco.ca)).

Correspondence Courses are also available. For information, please call the parish office.

**Justice for Migrant Workers** KAIROS focuses its education and advocacy work on three particularly vulnerable groups of migrants: migrant farm workers, live-in caregivers & non-status people.

These three groups face common problems of exploitation at work, poor accommodation, and inadequate access to services. They also share a common dream and determination to carve out a future for themselves and their families. Their work and their courage makes for a rich but undervalued contribution to the Canadian community.

KAIROS advocates the principle that migrant workers, regardless of legal status, deserve just wages and fair treatment from employers. No migrant worker should be required to perform forced labour. To protect this right, migrant workers should be free to hold their own documents, to live in accommodation of their choosing and to change employers when not satisfied with the terms of their employment.

Lord, fill us with gratitude for the labour of migrant workers and grant us the courage to stand with them in their struggle for justice.

**2011 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** The Offertory envelopes for the new year will soon be available. **We ask that you update all personal information for our records. Please fill out a new registration card and mark 'UPDATE' on the top of it. We need you to advise us of any name or address change before we process the new envelopes.**

**Save time with the St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offertory Pre-Authorized Payment Plan.**

Enrolling is Easy! Payments are convenient. Enrolment forms are available at all of the doors of the church or from the Parish Office. For more information, if you wish to update your donations, or add to the list of donations so that you no longer need to use a box of Offertory envelopes, please pick up a new form and drop it into the collection basket once you have filled it out.

**Our latest financial statement** – If you missed the financial statement in last weekend's bulletin, please pick up a copy from the doors of the church.



The **OFFERTORY** Collection  
for **NOVEMBER 20 / 21** was **\$6,217.39.**  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00 Michael Matusick Sister Michaela Sinclair

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00 Intentions of the Hanta Family A Friend

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00 Sister Lorraine Diana O'Donnell

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 George Petrunas Jim Higgins

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00 Sheila Redmond Joe & Bernice Clark & Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:00 Giovanni Criminisi Grace Criminisi & Family  
Deceased member of the Moran Family  
The Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:30 Aldo & Alban Krbavac Edda Starai  
Peter Farrell Vyvyan & Russ Reilly & Family  
11:30 For all the people of St Joseph's Parish

**Desk Scribbles . . . 1<sup>st</sup> Sun of Advent . . . November 28, 2010 . . .**  
Jim Link, C.R.

Isaiah 2: 1-5; Psalm 122: Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24: 37-44  
In a fine commentary on Matthew's gospel, William Barclay cited a fable about three apprentice demons who were being sent to earth to complete their apprenticeships (*The Daily Study Bible*, The Saint Andrew Press, Edinburgh, U.K.: 1975) Before they departed, Satan asked each of them how they were going to tempt and ruin humankind. "I will tell them there is no God," said the first. Satan responded, "That will not delude many, for they know there is a God." The second demon said, "I will tell them there is no hell." To that, Satan said, "You will deceive no one, for they also know that there is a hell for the unrepentant." The third demon said, "I will tell them that there is no hurry." Pleased at this response, Satan said, "Go! You will ruin them by the thousands." Most dangerous of all delusions is to think that there is plenty of time. One of the most dangerous days in a person's life is when he or she learns that here is a tomorrow. On that day, the person begins to put off what can and should be done today."

This Sunday we begin a new liturgical year. Isaiah (first reading) envisions a final time of universal peace when God reigns supreme at the end of time. "It is a beautiful vision; but, be it noted, peace rests in no human program, but in obedience to the divine law." (J. Bright in *Peake's Commentary on the Bible*). Although Isaiah's vision is a vision of hope, he does not see a time on earth when there will be no wars or fighting. Enmeshed in human history, these harsh realities will condemn us to a life of tension. Indeed, we must continue to struggle against injustice and work for peace but, the ultimate victory of peace, will, and can, only be achieved by God in God's time.

As Paul (second reading) reminds us, the time of our salvation is here. Christians stand in the dark with their faces lit by the coming dawn. They can therefore cast off the worlds of darkness and put on the armor of light (a reference to baptism). They can live "as in the day," although actually they are still in the night." Paul calls us to an attitude of vigilance. Stay awake and be ready for we do not know when the Lord will return.

Our gospel reading also exhorts us to vigilance. While Advent prepares us for the birth of a tiny baby in Bethlehem, it also serves as a warning and wake-up for the final coming of the Son of Man. When I was at the university, one of the priests I lived with was a professor who set very clear guidelines at the beginning of each term for when papers and assignments were due. Invariably, many students considered the deadlines to be just that — guidelines. However, true to his word, marks were deducted for every day they were late — even if the dog had eaten it. The early disciples and first Christians all believed the end was coming soon in their own lifetime. They were wrong about the date but not wrong that the end is coming. We know better now; so what are we waiting for?

"Because each instance of our time contains the eternity of God, the hour has come. This is no time for depending solely on temporal wisdom like the pagans, or awaiting a divine intervention in the future like the Jews; salvation is here and now. Every decision now between light and darkness is a sign of the coming of the Son of Man. The Eucharist is indeed this coming of the Lord among his own because it is the source and flowering of all such choices." (T. Maertens & J. Frisque in *Guide for the Christian Assembly*)

**WE WELCOME** our youngest members of the Parish who were baptized this month. Congratulations to Kimberly and Gian Francis DiPaolo on the baptism of their son Marcus, Sandra and Christopher Thombs on the baptism of their son Riley, Monica and Mathew Columbro on the baptism of their daughter Juliet, Bridget and Jason Scime on the baptism of their daughter Charlotte, Kristina Saric and Alberto Milanese on the baptism of their daughter Olivia, Julia Saric and Christopher D'Agostino on the baptism of their daughter Maya, Orietta and Mark Bonitatibus on the baptism of their sons Adam and Eric, Anita and Mark Mulryan on the baptism of their son Finn, Allison and Adam Kozyra on the baptism of their daughter Elsbeth, Janet and Michael Ross on the baptism of their daughter Pier Antonia and to Natalia Lopes and Todd MacLeod on the baptism of their daughter Kayla.

**CHOIR NEWS...** The hymn tune *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* (Come now, Saviour of the human race) was written by the German composer Johann Walther in the early 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is still the tradition in some churches to sing it on the first Sunday of Advent, and it has been used as the basis for other compositions such as J. S. Bach's cantata of the same name, and dozens of organ compositions. The prelude to the 5:00 and 11:30 Masses this weekend is one such organ work, Bach's "ornamented chorale" setting of *Nun komm*, from a collection of his chorale preludes known as the *Leipzig Chorales*.

**Magnum Mysterium, the Parish Choir's compact disc recording of Christmas music (and still the perfect gift), is available for \$15. from Stillman Matheson, any member of the Parish Choir, and at the Parish Office during the week**

**Youth Ministry** This week's Youth Ministry activity is a tour of Dundurn Castle this Sunday. The youth who signed up to attend are to meet at Dundurn Castle this Sunday at 2:45 p.m. The tour will last until 4:00 p.m. Please note that we need a commitment from at least 15 people in order for the tour to take place. If this quota is not met, Janet OSullivan will call to let you know that the tour is cancelled.

*First Sunday of Advent*

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