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Nativity of Our Lord

**MASSES FOR WEEK OF
Dec. 27 - Dec. 30, 2011**



**Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011 ~ St. Gregory Site
NO MASS TODAY**

**Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011 ~ St. William Site
NO MASS TODAY**

**Thursday, December 29, 2011
St. Gregory Mass ~ 7:00 pm**

Anne ChurchmackPauline LeBlanc
Donald Wilder Maurice & Rosemary Campeau
Sp. Intention of Daniel Kuzak Stefanie Slavik

**Friday, December 30 2011 ~ St. Gregory Site
MASS ~ 8:00 am**

Souls in Purgatory especially deceased members
of the Suffering Souls
Marjorie Buzak Good Shepherd
Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul
Sp. Intention of Romeo Cada (Thanksgiving for the Harvest)

La Chaumière Retirement Home ~ 10:00 am

Margaret Armaly Ruth Cushing
Josephine Fenton Janine Bisnaire
Sp. Intentions for the Residents of La Chaumiere

**New Year's Eve Masses
Saturday, December 31, 2011**



Mass ~ 5 pm (St. Gregory Site)

**New Year's Day Masses
Sunday, January 1, 2012**



**Mass ~ 9:00 am & 11 am (St. William Site)
Mass ~ 8:00 am; 10:00 am & 12 noon
(St. Gregory Site)**

Prayers for vocations...

- Dec. 26 ~ Rev. Stephen Bodnar
- Dec. 27 ~ Rev. Lawrence Mousseau
- Dec. 28 ~ Rev. Martin (Sam) Johnson
- Dec. 29 ~ Rev. Antoine Laforet
- Dec. 30 ~ Rev. James Roche
- Dec. 31 ~ Deacon Andre Dedecker
- Jan. 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



~ Readings for December 31, 2011 ~

1st Reading: 1 John 2:18-21
Gospel: John 1:1-18

~ Readings for January 1, 2012 ~

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
1st Reading: Number 6:22-27
2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

In Memoriam

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Vittorio Busico**, Father of Fernando (Linda) Busico and **Evangeline George**, Mother of Jack (Bev) George & Grandmother of Cindy (Mark) Barrette
May they rest in God's love and peace.



C.W.L. NEWS

Ladies of Good Shepherd Parish

Dues for 2012 are now being accepted. Please deposit in the collection basket marked CWL dues.

IT'S AN ELECTION YEAR !

Nomination forms can be found at the entrances of both sites. Please return the completed forms in an envelope marked **CWL Election** and drop in the collection by **Dec. 31, 2011**. Who can be nominated? Any current member of the CWL of our parish is eligible. We have a lot of talent in our parish. Please take time to nominate someone today.

Upcoming Event

Bottle Drive ~ January 7th/ 8th, 2012 after all masses. Please save your empty beer, wine & spirit bottles for the C.W.L. Fundraiser. All proceeds will go towards our charitable work in the community. Thank you for your support.

Offertory Collection Dec. 11, 2011

Regular	\$9,185.00
Loose	689.00
Giving Tree.....	340.00
Christmas Flower Donations.....	1,040.00
Christmas Offerings.....	470.00
Thanksgiving Appeal.....	130.00
Par Weekly.....	610.00

Thank you for your generous donations!

MEETINGS for the Good Shepherd Parish

Thurs. Dec. 29	- Adoration (St. V. de Paul Rm.) (3:00 pm to 7:00 pm)
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****Please note: Above meetings are held at the St. Gregory Site unless otherwise specified.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are in need of six good volunteers (especially during the night time hours) to spend one valuable hour of devotion in front of the Blessed Sacrament. If you are able to spare some time, please contact Jeff Cada at #979-9310 or Deacon Roy Brothers at #735-4836 to confirm your special time.



Dear Friends:

One of the greatest Feasts of the Church year is upon us. I found the follow reflection and wanted to share it with you.

The family had all gathered around the Christmas tree. The presents were opened, gift wrapping paper was scattered all over the floor in a happy cascade witnessing to recent delight and excitement. The children were all taken up with discovering the wonders of their newest favorite toy. When their concentration brought a break in the bustle and there was a brief moment of quiet, the little four-year old looked happily up to her mommy and daddy and exclaimed, "It just doesn't get any better than this!" Oh, yes it does!

Our celebration of the birth of our "Christ and Lord" elicits great exaltation: born in the "city of David", angels appeared and bring "good news of great joy," heavenly hosts of angles sing out and praise and glory is given to "God in the highest," a "light has shown" in the darkness, the child born is "God-Hero", his "dominion is vast," the appearance of this child reveals "the glory of our great God." All of this is worth more than all the toys in the world. Yet, it still gets better than this!



For all this exaltation, the birth of this "God-Hero" actually takes place in the humblest of circumstances: He is born of a simple virgin and laid "in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn". It hardly seems a prosperous beginning for this "God-Hero!" The coming of the Savior in human flesh is cause for exaltation but the real meaning of the incarnation is that God loves humanity so much that God becomes human so that humanity can participate in divinity (Peter 1:4) The incarnation proclaims to us that our very humanity is the source of our worth. And it doesn't get any better than this.

The incarnation pledges that God dwells among us and we are a sign of that presence in whatever good we do. And it doesn't get any better than this! On behalf of the parish staff, pastoral team, Fathers David and Al and I, we pray that God's blessing of joy, comfort, and love will be yours throughout this sacred Season and that you will generously share it with others. Thank you for your love, support and prayers.

Merry Christmas and may the New Year be one of health and happiness.

Father Gary

Christmas in Heaven



Candlelight Prayer Service for those grieving the loss of a loved one on **Tuesday, December 27, 2011**, 4:30 pm, St. Francis Mausoleum, Heavenly Rest Cemetery. Presider: Fr. Chris Bourdeau Music: Maria Connel. For information call #519-969-4836

REMINDER: Confirmation Preparation classes will resume on **January 7/8th, 2012** during all masses (except the 8:00 am mass).



Holiday Office Hours ~ The parish offices (at both sites) will be closed until **Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012**.

All Cursillistas are invited to the next **Ultreya** on **Friday, January 13, 2012** at Sacred Heart Parish in LaSalle beginning at 7:30pm. Come join us for a time of prayer and fellowship as we begin the new year.

We are still accepting **ZEHRS TAPES ONLY**. This enables us to supply meals for the Downtown Mission. We appreciate your continued support and generosity. **Ladies Auxiliary**

FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST COMMUNION



For those parents who have registered their children for First Reconciliation & First Communion ~ just a reminder that their **preparation classes during mass begin in January**. Please see your package for the dates. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Bitacola at the St. Gregory Site #735-9517.

K of C #9671, 2012 Bingo at Classic Bingo 3, Manning Rd. Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 5:45 pm, 7:45 pm and 10:00 pm



13th Annual Hearts Together for Haiti Charity Gala



Come join us on **Sat., February 11, 2012** at the Fogular Furlan Club. Dinner, Music, Dancing, Silent Auction, & Surprise Raffle. Please come out & support our work in Haiti & learn about our new Orphanage in the Village of Deppe. Tickets are \$55.00 each. To purchase tickets, please contact **Rick Heath** at **#519-735-7408** or email at rheath@city.windsor.on.ca

Gold Rush Days

Please gather all of your old, broken, outdated, odd bits of gold, silver, rings, bracelets, earrings & necklaces & place them in the 'goodie bag' & return them in the collection basket. This event will turn jewellery into cash for our 'Good Shepherd Building Fund'! What's in your jewellery box?





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