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† Mass Times & Schedule †

Monday ~ No Mass

Tuesday ~ 8 am (St. Gregory site)

Wednesday ~ 9:15 am (St. William Site)

Thursday ~ 7 pm (St. Gregory Site)

Friday ~ 8 am * (St. Gregory Site)

* or 9:30 am if there is a school mass

& 10 am (La Chaumière Retirement Home),
1023 County Rd. 22, Puce

Saturday ~ 5 pm (St. Gregory Site)

Sunday

8 am; 10 am; 12 noon (St. Gregory Site)

9 am; 11 am (St. William Site)

Baptisms

Please contact Sue Bitacola (St. Gregory Site)

Reconciliation

Sat. 9 - 10 am (St. Gregory Site)

Sun. between the 9 & 11 am masses (St. William Site)

New Parish Office Hours

Mon & Thurs: 9 am - 12:00 noon (St. William Site)

Tue - Fri (**Closed Mondays**): 9 am - 4:00 pm* (St. Gregory Site)
(*Closed 12 noon - 1:00 pm for lunch)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2011



Dear Friends;

On this second Sunday of Advent our readings once again remind us that we await the day of the Lord, but it is to be an active waiting. John the Baptist echoes the prophet, Isaiah's message: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! The reading from Peter speaks of our looking for the coming of the day of God and of our trying to hasten it. We stand, as it were, in a desert, an empty wasteland of broken lives and discarded people. The challenge of Advent is to clear a straight path for God: to end injustices, to stop wars and the preparations for wars, to put discrimination behind us, or, in the words of the opening prayer, to remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy. The U. S Bishops in their document on Health and Health Care in 1981 wrote, "Because we believe in the dignity of the person, we must embrace every chance to help and to liberate, to heal the wounded world as Jesus taught us. Our hands must be the strong but gentle hands of Christ, reaching out in mercy and justice, touching individual persons, but also touching the social conditions that hinder the wholeness which is God's desire for humanity."

Let us during these Advent days be those gentle hands of Christ, reaching out to those in need, in our own communities and beyond. Let us use this time to pray especially for our world that is suffering from war and injustice. And finally let us use this time to make our paths straight to welcome the Lord and to get rid of the things that hinder God's welcome into our hearts. In preparation from this welcome we have planned an evening of **Reconciliation on Wednesday December 14th at 7:00pm at St. Gregory Site**. This would be a great opportunity for you and your family to celebrate the Sacrament and ready your hearts to receive Christ. We have invited a number of priests to join us that evening. John the Baptist invites us to...Prepare a way for the Lord. This might be the best Christmas gift you could give yourself and your family. Make sure to put this date in your calendar as part of your Christmas preparation.

Father Gary

MASSES FOR WEEK OF
Dec. 6 - Dec. 9, 2011



Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011 ~ St. Gregory Site
Mass ~ 8:00 am

Betty ThibertOnorato & Natalina Mastrobattista
 Donald Wilder Marilyn & Roger St. Pierre
 Mrs. Emilia Javier Mayda & Hermie
Sp. Intention for Rose
 Dorner Good Shepherd Conf. of St. Vincent de Paul Society

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 ~ St. William Site
Mass ~ 9:15 am

Armando Martin Luigia & Al Martin
 Wilfred Smith Helen Smith & Family
 Bert Gauthier Alice Tetreault & Andrea Gauthier
 William (Bill) Chauvin Dorothy Gauthier

Thursday, December 8, 2011
St. Gregory Mass ~ 7:00 pm

Antoinette Dean (3rd A) Husband, Rino
 Marianna Borg Paul Moynahan
 Mae Quinn (29th A)..... Shirley O'Brien & Gary Sitter

St. Anne's High School ~ Mass 8:20 am

Sandra Gail Drew Dudics Family (Nick & Karen)

Friday, December 9 2011 ~ St. Gregory Site
MASS ~ 8:00 am

Souls in Purgatory especially deceased members
 Of the friends of the suffering souls (FOSS).....
 Patricia Maitre Ursula Tracey
 Robert Crumb Gail & Frank Bagatto

La Chaumière Retirement Home ~ 10:00 am

Genevieve Lafond Peter & Donna Mae Harding
 Donald Rumble Jeff & Angela Masters
Sp. Intentions for the Residents of La Chaumiere

Saturday, December 10, 2011

Mass ~ 5:00 pm ~ St. Gregory Site

Special Intentions of All Parishioners
Confessions ~ Saturday 9:00—10:00 am
(St. Gregory Site)

Sunday, December 11, 2011

Third Sunday of Advent

Special Intentions of All Parishioners

(Regular Mass Schedule)

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

Confessions (Sunday) between 9 & 11 am masses
(St. William Site)

Prayers for vocations...

Dec. 5 ~ Rev. Jack Devine
 Dec. 6 ~ Rev. Wladyslaw Krukar, C.S.M.A.
 Dec. 7 ~ Deacon Reginald Quesnel
 Dec. 8 ~ Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
 Dec. 9 ~ Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.
 Dec. 10 ~ Rev. Quentin Johnson, C.S.B.
 Dec. 11 ~ **Third Sunday of Advent**



~ Readings for December 11, 2011 ~
Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28



The 2011-2012 Sunday Missals are now available for sale for \$3.50 each.



MEETINGS for the Good Shepherd Parish

Tues. Dec. 6	12:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	- Ladies Auxiliary ~ Widows & Widowers Luncheon (Hall) - RCIA (St. Gregory Rm) - Bible Study (St. William Site)
Wed. Dec. 7	9:30 am 1:30 pm 7:00 pm	- Faith Sharing (Marian Rm) - Bible Study (St. Gregory Site) - Parish Pastoral Council (Marian Rm) - Adoration (St. V. de Paul Rm.) (7 pm Wed. - 7pm Thurs.)
Thurs. Dec. 8	7:30 pm	- Knights of Columbus (St. Gregory Rm)
Fri. Dec. 9	8:30 am	- St. Vincent de Paul (Meeting Rm)

****Please note: Above meetings are held at the St. Gregory Site unless otherwise specified.**

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Stress in Your Marriage? ~ Retrouvaille

(pronounced retro-vi) is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated or angry. Don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on Feb. 10, 11 and 12, 2012, call 1-800-705-6356.



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



A reminder that the Confirmation Preparation classes will continue this weekend during all masses (**except the 8:00 am mass**) along with the weekends of Dec. 10/11th and January 7/8th, 2012

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO Allan & Sally Stock
on their 40th Wedding
Anniversary**



Memorial Mass – for the intention of all our deceased



Resurrection Mausoleum, Heavenly Rest Cemetery,
Howard Ave., **Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 4:30 pm.**
Presider: Fr. Mike Parent. For information please contact
Mary Heath, Pastoral Minister at #519-969-4836.
All are welcome.

Cursillo Announcement

The next Ultreya will take place on **Friday, Dec. 9th** at **Holy Name of Jesus Church** in Essex beginning at 7:30pm in the Church Hall. The Knights of Columbus are hosting a fish fry that evening as well from 4:30 -7pm. Hope to see you there !!

Catholic Men's Fellowship

Each month a group of Catholic men gather for breakfast to discuss life's events in relation to their faith journey. You are welcome to join us. We meet at the Ivy Rose Restaurant (2885 Howard Ave. on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8:30 am. Guest speaker for **December 11th** is Fr. Chris Gevaert. For more info. visit our website CatholicMen.yolasite.com) or contact Deacon Mike Horoky at #(519)



COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

will be held at the St. Gregory Site on
Wednesday December 14th at 7:00 pm



Benjamin Tianchen Rodd, son of Patrick & Meiling, **Aiden Daniel Casagrande**, son of Ivano & Maria, **Alice Margaret Reaume**, daughter of Jason & Christie, **Samantha Ljubica Patricia Vanier**, daughter of Kevin & Cindy and **Aiden Anthony Miuccio**, son of Joseph & Ashlyn were all baptized at Good Shepherd Parish during the month of November.



Congratulations & may God continue to Bless you.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATION

Remember a loved one by donating towards the poinsettia plants to decorate the Church during the Christmas Season. Flower envelopes are available at the entrances of the church (both sites). Simply put your donation in the envelope with **your name & the name of your deceased loved one** and return the envelope in the collection basket.



Many Thanks.

GIVING TREE PROJECT



Please remember to return the gifts (**unwrapped or in a gift bag with the tag attached**) or monetary donations to the church by **Dec. 3rd & 4th**
Thank you for your generosity.



The Knights of Columbus Council #9671



Will be selling tickets for the April 2012 Raffle. All the funds are for the new church, so come out and buy a ticket to win one of the 5 great prizes. The Grand Prize is a **1985 Harley Davidson Motorcycle**. Knights will be at both sites selling tickets after all masses on Dec. 3/4 & Dec. 17/18. Tickets are \$10 each or the **Best Deal** is 3 FOR \$25.



1st Reconciliation / 1st Communion Registration

Deadline to register your child for these sacraments is **Wednesday, December 14, 2011**. If your registration package has not been submitted to either parish office by this date, your child will have to wait until next year to receive these sacraments. Thank you for your cooperation.



C.W.L. NEWS

Attention: Ladies of Good Shepherd Parish

It's an election year! Nomination forms can be found at the entrances of both sites. These can be returned at our **Potluck Dinner after 7:00 pm mass on Thursday, December 15th** or by placing the completed forms in an envelope marked **CWL Election** and dropped in the collection by December 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.

**K of C #9671 2011 Bingo at Classic
Bingo 3, Manning Rd. Sat. Dec. 10, 2011
at 9:30 am, 11:45 am, 2:00 pm & 4:00 pm**



K OF C #9671 BREAKFAST

This November 27th the K of C Breakfast was another resounding success as some 230 parishioners stopped in for a hearty serving of scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes and toast (or just to have a cup of coffee, timbits or juice). What an enjoyable way for families to meet up with old friends and make new acquaintances and at the same contribute to the Church Building Fund. Proceeds from this event (\$610.00) will contribute to the building of our new church.

Hearty thanks go out to not only those who joined in on the dining experience but to the many K of C members **and their wives** who scrambled eggs, cooked sausage, poured juice and flipped pancakes. You too can experience this feeling of fellowship by becoming an active member of the K of C.

The next opportunity for everyone to take part in the fun will be in February...so please make a point in attending!

Ron Gauthier, Minister of Hospitality



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