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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)

Parish Office Hours ~ Monday - Friday

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

9 am - 4:00 pm* (St. Gregory Site)

(*Closed 12 noon - 1:00 pm for lunch)

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2010



Dear Friends:

The Catholic Church has designated the four weeks preceding Christmas as Advent, a time to "prepare the way of the Lord" for His coming as our King and Savior. In addition, the Church teaches that when the Church celebrates *the liturgy of Advent* each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating [John the Baptist's] birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (Catechism, no. 524; original emphasis). It seems fitting that Advent is the beginning of the liturgical calendar, for it is a season of spiritual preparation marked by an eager longing for the birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ. There are age-old Advent practices, which will help our children and families live closer to Christ. The practices are time-tested and proven. They teach the doctrine of redemption and develop a sense of generosity toward God. A family's strong and living faith will become their heritage and a mode to reinforce the religious practices centered in the liturgy. And I must say children love to be involved in these practices and at the same time teaches them and us some important aspects of our faith. I hope you will incorporate some of these liturgical activities into our home life during Advent to enable us to truly celebrate Christmas. The Church especially encourages participation at weekday Masses during Advent, because in the Eucharist we find the source and goal of our Advent preparation: Christ Himself, whose sacrifice reconciles us with God (cf. Catechism, no. 1436; Sacred Congregation of Rites, *Eucharisticum Mysterium*, no. 29). The following activities are provided so that you and your family can live Advent and Christmas to the fullest. **Advent wreath:** The Advent wreath, which has German origins, is probably the most recognized Advent custom. It is a wreath made of evergreens that is bound to a circle of wire. It symbolizes the many years from Adam to Christ in which the world awaited its Redeemer; it also represents the years that we have awaited His second and final coming. The wreath holds four equally spaced candles, the three purple ones lit on the "penitential" Sundays and a pink one for Gaudete, the joyful third Sunday in Advent. There are many available prayers and hymns found in the reading list that can accompany your personal Advent wreath ceremony. **The empty manger:** Each child may have his own individual manger, or there may be one manger for the whole family. The idea is that when acts of service, sacrifice, or kindness are done in honor of Baby Jesus as a birthday present, the child receives a piece of straw to put into the manger. Then, on Christmas morning, "Baby Jesus" is placed in the manger. Encourage your children to make Jesus' bed as "comfortable" as possible through their good deeds. In the process, explain Christ's incomparable self-gift at Christmas and Easter that enables us to be part of God's family. **The Jesse tree:** The Jesse tree tells about Christ's ancestry through symbols and relates Scripture to salvation history, progressing from creation to the birth of Christ. The tree can be made on a poster board with the symbols glued on, or on an actual tree. Let each of us prepare our hearts and our homes to welcome our Saviour.

Fr. Gary

PLEASE NOTE: A special Advent Wreath Prayer & Meal Prayer are inside this bulletin.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
NOV. 30 - DEC 5, 2010



Tuesday, November 30, 2010- St. Gregory Site
MASS ~ 8:00 am

Intention of Chiara Tedesco
 Giovanni DeSantis Rocco Lecce
 Romeo Villegas Sr. (1st A.) Dely & Ed Gaudario

Wednesday, December 1, 2010 ~ St. William Site
MASS ~ 9:15 am

Ed Lefebvre Gary & Mary Ellen Lefebvre
 Armando Martin Luigia & Al Martin
 Wilfred Smith Helen Smith & Family

Thursday, December 2, 2010

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

Doug Rigo Lou & Yvonne Reaume

St. Gregory Site ~ Mass 7:00 p.m.

Desmond & Olive Deneau The Deneau Family
 Christopher Salvador Roy & Virginia Brothers
 Gasper Lopez Wife, Assunta Lopez
 Franca Cannata (11th A.) John & Sera Aquino

Friday, December 3, 2010 - St. Gregory Site
9:30 am ~ School Mass

William Petz Arnold Priezt
 Andrea & Teresa Radegonda Maria McCann
Sp. Intention of Kane Family Bob & Lucille Kane
 George Tetreault (5th A.) Wife & Family

La Chaumière Retirement Home ~ 10:00 am Mass

Patricia Machina Jasna & Terry Aldea
 Jerome Tobin Julie Daniel

Int. for Residents of La Chaumière Retirement Home

Saturday, December 4, 2010 - St. Gregory Site
MASS ~ 5:00 pm

Special Intentions of All Parishioners

Confessions (Saturday) 9:00 - 10:00 am
(St. Gregory Site)

Sunday, December 5, 2010
~ Second Sunday of Advent

Special Intentions of All Parishioners

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

Confessions (Sunday) will be held between the
9:00 am & 11:00 am masses (St. William Site)



~ Readings for December 5, 2010 ~
 Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isiah 11:1-10
Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Sunday Offertory Collection ~ Nov. 21st, 2010

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Prayers for vocations...

November 29 ~ Deacon Brian McDonald
 November 30 ~ Deacon Rudy Pflanzner
 December 1 ~ Deacon Jeremy Tyrell
 December 2 ~ Rev. Murray Watson
 December 3 ~ Rev. Robert Champagne
 December 4 ~ Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate
 Conception (S.F.B.Z.)
 December 5 ~ Rev. Jack Divine



Prayers for the First Week of Advent

Advent Wreath Prayer

This First Candle marks
 the beginning of our time of creative waiting in
 faith.

By its light we stay awake
 and aware of God's presence.
 We bless and praise him for his love,
 forgiveness and saving power.
 We make this prayer in the name of the Father
 the Son and Holy Spirit.
 Amen.



Meal Prayer

Dear Jesus, bless this sharing of food.
 But more than that, bless us
 with your risen power and glory.
 Give us the confidence to know
 That sharing this meal and
 sharing what we have with others
 is our creative way to praise your name.
 Amen.

MEETINGS for the Good Shepherd Parish

| DATE | TIME | GROUP & ROOM |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Tues. Nov. 30 | 7:00 p.m. | - RCIA (Marian Rm.) |
| Wed. Dec. 1 | 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | - Faith Sharing (Marian Rm.) - Donna's Choir - Parish Pastoral Council (Marian Room) - Adoration (St. V. de P. Rm) (7 p.m. Wed—7:00 Thurs) |
| Sunday Dec. 5 | 10:00 am | - Second Sunday of Advent - Sunday School |

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

Catholic Women's League Up-Coming Event:

Our annual **Christmas party** ~ pot luck supper & silent auction, will be on **Thursday, Dec. 16th**. Mass is at 7pm, followed by dinner & a social. Keep this date open.

ATTENTION LECTORS ~ The new 2011 Lector books are available at the back of the church.



Please sign next to your name on the sign-up sheet once you have picked up your new Lector book.

Luncheon for all Widows & Widowers to be held at the Good Shepherd Parish Hall—Tecumseh Site on Tues. Dec. 7th, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. Please contact Vicky Hrywkiw at #979-8409 by Dec. 2nd if you are interested in attending.



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

FUNDSCRIP ~ ***please remember*** to fill out your Fundscrip forms & complete your on-line ordering before the last Sunday of the month. **Thank you.**



Holy Family Retreat House, 121 Victoria Street, R.R.1, Harrow. **"Advent Retreat—Following the Star to Bethlehem"** Fri Dec. 10 to Sun. Dec. 12, 2010. Cost: \$155.00 (Accommodations, 5 meals & retreat materials). For information, please call #519-738-6136 or visit www.holyfamilyrh.com.

GIVING TREE PROJECT



Good Shepherd Parish is supporting "The Giving Tree" as a special project during Advent to help both children & adults by purchasing **new** gifts. Please feel free to take a card from the wall at St. Gregory Site or the Xmas tree at St. William Site. Each card has a name with the person's wish list and a **special code number** on it to identify the recipient. Please return the gift (**unwrapped or in a gift bag**) to the church on **Dec. 4th & 5th** with the **tag attached**. We welcome monetary donations which can be sealed in the "Giving Tree" envelopes & returned in the collection basket & someone will do the shopping for you. Any cheques can be made payable to Good Shepherd Parish—the Giving Tree. If you wish to receive a tax receipt for your monetary donation, please write your name & address on the envelope. **Thank you again for your generosity & support.**

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS

to occasionally bring communion to the nursing homes. If you are interested in helping please contact Deacon Roy Brothers at #735-4836 or Rosemary Dibley at #979-2958.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



As an advent devotion we ask that you devote 1 hour per week in front of the Blessed Sacrament to ease & soothe stressed nerves & to help prepare for the coming of Christ our Saviour. Please phone Jeff Cada at #979-9310 or Deacon Roy Brothers at #735-4836 to book a time. Space is limited so please call early for the time that is most convenient for you.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATION



Remember a loved one this Christmas. The Church is traditionally decorated with poinsettia plants during the Christmas Season. We invite you to donate towards these Christmas flowers in the Church in memory of loved ones. Christmas 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** you would like remembered at Christmas. Please return the envelope in the collection basket. The names of your loved ones will be posted in the Church & they will be prayed for during the Christmas Season. **Many Thanks.**



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