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# Peace on Earth

**Stewardship Reflection**

**“You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel.” (Micah 5:1)**

We may think that the gifts we have to offer may be too small or too inconsequential to give to God. Today we are reminded that God brought forth His greatest gift to mankind, His own Son, through the humble town of Bethlehem. He can also accomplish great things through us if we generously offer our gifts to Him.

**Christmas Celebrations**

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>-5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm and Midnight

*Midnight is the traditional time for Mass when He, who is light, breaks the darkest time of the year and night.*

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>-10:00am & 12:00 noon

**Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Monday, December 31, 2012- 5:00pm  
Tuesday, January 1, 2013 - 9:00am & 11:00am



**Remembering Tree**

As a way to remember those who have died, the Decorating Committee is inviting you to make a donation in memory of your loved one. An ornament with their name will be made. At the end of the Christmas Season we invite you to take it home with you. The donations will help with the purchase of the flowers and the environment for the Christmas Season. Donations can be made through the Remembrance Tree Ornament envelope located at the welcome desk after all masses on the weekend or in the parish office during the week.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

At the 12:30 P.M. Mass the R.C.I.A. candidates will be dismissed to participate in “Breaking Open God’s Word.” Volunteers are needed to help with Babysitting and Sunday School for the R.C.I.A. candidates’ children. If you are interested in volunteering on a weekly basis beginning in January 2013 until the end of March 2013, please contact Sr. Kathy O’Keefe, CSJ or Helen Green at the Parish Office.

**A Pre-Lenten Retreat For Busy People**

Do you wonder how to find the time to participate in a Directed Retreat? Are you asking yourself who can help you to explore questions about prayer and growth in your relationship with God? **A Pre-Lenten Retreat For Busy People** may be a place for you to start. Beginning **Sun Feb 3/13 at 7:00pm**, we will have a time of prayer and retreat in our parish, with Spiritual Directors available to meet with you around your schedule. You need to commit to at least a daily twenty minute prayer time, plus, you will have three scheduled 50 minute meetings with a Retreat Director. On **Fri Feb 8/13 at 7:00pm**, the Retreat will end with a Closing Session and a Social Gathering. If you are interested, brochures are available at the back of the church or for further information contact Sr. Kathy O’Keefe, CSJ at 519-433-6689 Ext. 203.

**English Learning**

For any person from a non-English speaking country wanting to learn about the Mass and it’s responses in English  
Please come to a class offered on Mondays from 7-8pm in the Library Room. (Note: **NO classes on Dec 24 & Dec 31**)

**Hospital Chaplains**

As you know, there have been many changes in Hospital Procedures, including Pastoral Care. As a Catholic, when you are admitted to the hospital you need to request the services of the Priest for a visit or Blessing of the Sick through the Pastoral Care Department. Each of the hospitals in London has a Chaplain assigned to them by the Bishop.

**London Cursillo Weekends**

***Make a friend, Be a Friend, Bring a friend to Christ***

Men’s Weekend Feb 21-24, 2013

Women’s Weekend Feb 28-Mar 3, 2013

Contact Rick & Dorothy Kay 519-633-0716 or rdkay@rogers.com

**SYNC YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER**  
**Serving Youth in Christ at St. Michael’s Parish**

*Check out the Youth Ministry bulletin boards at the main entrances to the church for other good news in Youth Ministry!*

**ADVENT: GLIMPING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us” (Isaiah 9:6)**

**Lord Jesus, as we approach the holy season of Christmas, help us to open our hearts and show your love to all people that we meet. We thank you for becoming one of us and leading us closer to Our Father.**

**SYNC TEEN NIGHTS**

This year we continue our successful Teen Night events and we’ll meet twice every month. If you are in grades 9-12 come on out and have a great time playing wacky games and fun sports, listening to thoughtful speakers, joining in with intimate prayer times and making a lot of new friends. **Our meeting dates in January are Sun Jan 6 and Sun Jan 20 from 7:30-9:00pm in the parish hall.** See you there! Bring a friend!

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

**A reminder that the Confirmation Journal Project is now due to the Parish Office.**

**The first Confirmation class for those who attend public school, private school or high school will be held on Tues Jan 22 from 7-8:30pm in Room E. The other classes are Tues Jan 29, Tues Feb 5 and Tues Feb 12. No need to register, just show up!**

**BRIDGES:** A support group for spousal and partner loss that is interactive, engaging and personalized. This is an opportunity to meet with adults and explore ways of understanding and coping with life’s changes. The next group will commence Thurs Jan 17/13, 12:30pm - 2:00pm at St. Michael’s Parish. To register contact Denise O’Neill, BA, Certified Pastoral Care & Bereavement Coach 519-858-1746.

**Mental Health Outreach**

**You Are Not Alone**—An ongoing, faith-based, support group for those supporting someone with a mental illness. Meetings at St. Michael’s, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, 2nd and 4th Wed. of the month

**New Day**—An ongoing, faith-based, support group for those living with mental illness. Meetings at St. Peter’s, Rm. 205 every Tues 1:30 – 3:00 pm.

***Welcome! If you wish more info on either group, call 433-6689 Ext. 5. Leave a message and someone will return your call.***

**Bible Study Sessions with Deacon Gaston Mabaya**

Come and share the good news with other parishioners during six Bible Study sessions facilitated by Deacon Gaston Mabaya at St Michael’s Parish. Sessions will be held on Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 25, and Mar 4 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in Room D. Seats are limited. Please register at the office.

**Parish Offertory Envelopes for 2013**

**Parishioners who use envelopes and have not picked up their 2013 envelopes** are asked to pick up the box assigned to them in the Parish Foyer; they are set out alphabetically. If you do not see your envelope box please add your name and phone number to the sign up list. (Parishioners who use the pre-authorized gift process do not have envelope numbers assigned to them.)

**First Communion Parents Meeting Date Changed**

First Communion parents meeting has been changed from January 15, 2013 to **February 5, 2013 at 7 p.m.**

**Bulletin & Newsletter Advertisements** A special thank you goes out to all who purchase advertising space in our parish newsletter and on the back of the bulletin. The purchase of these spaces helps offset the cost of the newsletter and bulletin. Please support these businesses as they support us.

# DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2012 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Mass Intentions for December 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>

### Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00 pm mass  
7:00pm mass  
9:00 pm mass  
12:00 Midnight

### Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

10:00am mass  
12:00 noon mass

### Wednesday, December 26

no mass

### Thursday, December 27 - 12:00 noon

Wib Bruder & Family

Lidia & Walter Ulatoski requested by Marcella Rijavec  
Silvano Rijavec requested by Marcella Rijavec

### Friday, December 28 - 8:00am

Joe Rodrigues requested by Emma Rodrigues & Family  
Erdyne Anne Kittingsworth requested by Colm & Helen O'Sullivan  
Konrad Specht requested by Denise O'Neill

### Saturday, December 29 - 9:00am

Kae Mockler requested by Colm & Helen O'Sullivan  
Bob Peirce requested by Elaine Feeney & Peter  
Casper Vandenbroek requested by Ann Bruder & Family

### Readings for next week

#### December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Holy Family

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

**Gospel:** Luke 2:41-52



## Babysitting Schedule

December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012

10:30 a.m.

Jenni Suppa  
& Christina Sayegh

## Tax Receipts

In order for contributions to be legally receipted for 2012 they must be received by the Parish Office by December 31st 2012.



**Please Note:** Some of our Parishioners have allergies and are sensitive to perfume. We invite people to refrain from using perfume and cologne.



## St. Vincent de Paul

### Outreach

Loose Collection

for SVDP is the **2nd Sunday** of each month.

## ALTAR SERVERS

DECEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

### 5:00 p.m.

Emma Coelho  
Madelaine Coelho  
Robert Coelho  
Isabell Manuel  
Christina Safar

### 8:30 a.m.

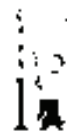
Ian Talbot  
Claire Talbot  
Timothy Rebelo  
Elyse Scheid

### 10:30 a.m.

Mauricio Rocha  
Valeria Rocha  
Patrick Rocha

### 12:30 p.m.

Helen Lang  
Ethan Fisher  
Drew Lefebvre  
Julien Tremblay



"Serving God With Gladness!"

All those who are sick, including:

**Greg Giesen, Marie White,  
Lillian Inglis, Steven Miles,  
Brian Irving, Arnold McKee,  
Garry Goddard & Walter Janavicius.**



And all those who have died, including:

**Fr. John Costello** Pastor Sacred Heart LaSalle,  
**Sr. Mary Patricia Doyle** of the Sisters of St. Joseph,  
**Fernando Marquis** father of Lucy McKee &  
**Mary Thompson** of the Parish.

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATION...

At Christmas time we are happy and grateful that so many people come to celebrate with us. Please try to be considerate in the following matters.

1. Parking...Please try to park carefully so we can get as many cars in the lot as possible, and please be patient. Plenty of parking is available in the neighbourhood, be careful to avoid blocking the driveways of our neighbours.
2. At the 5 p.m. Mass the overflow crowd has, in the past, spilled over into the foyer, sometimes extending beyond the first washroom and there has been no room to maneuver in the church. We have been very fortunate that an emergency situation has not occurred. Once the church is full, people will be directed to the parish hall where mass will be celebrated. This will not only relieve congestion in the foyer but also in the church and provide a much safer environment should an emergency occur. When we get to an overflow situation, please follow the direction of the ushers.
3. Something most of us can do, not only at Christmas but at other busy Masses throughout the year, is to move toward the center of the pew, allowing others to be seated more readily.

*Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle.  
There have been thefts from vehicles in the parking lot.*

## This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 26

- 8:00 pm—AA—Rooms B&C



## SEASONS GREETINGS

On behalf of all KNIGHTS from St. Michael's Parish Council 12820 I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every Parishioner on this very special season  
**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR**

**Knights of Columbus  
Bud Jardine-Grand Knight**

## John Paul II High School Gr. 8 Parent Info Night

Wed Jan 9, 2013 7:00 pm John Paul II Cafetorium

## Please Mark Your Calendars

No Sunday School on Dec 24, 25, 30, 31 & Jan 1  
No Children's Liturgy (Gr. 2 to 4) Dec 24, 25, 30, 31 & Jan 1  
No Babysitting Dec 24, 25, 31 & Jan 1  
Parish Office Closed Dec 24/12 to Jan 2/13  
Exposition - Jan 4/13 - 8:30 am to 12:00 noon  
Benediction - Jan 4/13 - 12:00 noon  
Baptism - Jan 6/13 - 2:00 pm  
Teen Night - Jan 6/13 - 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm  
English Learning - Jan 7/13 - 7:00 pm  
CWL-no meeting in Jan 2013  
Property & Maintenance - Jan 8/13 - 4:00 pm  
Social Justice - Jan 8/13 - 7:15 pm  
Knights of Columbus - Jan 8/13 - 7:30 pm  
Cards restart - Jan 10/13 - 1:00 pm

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