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Rev. Msgr. Ambrose E. Sheehy - Pastor

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MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 21 8:00 am
Special Intention

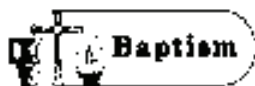
Tuesday, December 22 8:00 am
Anne Marie Fowell (Deceased)
Requested by the Alexandra Fowell

Wednesday, December 23 8:00 am
Jessica Luke (Deceased)
Requested by Reay & Hermine Bevis

Thursday, December 24 8:00 am
Special Intention

Friday, December 25
CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 26 9:00 am
ST. STEPHEN, First Martyr
Virgina Pacheco (Deceased)
Requested by Levy & Linda Abalos



Baptism

*We welcome to our Parish through the
Sacrament of Baptism*

Joshua Angelo Salonga
Jarron Antoine Mercado Somera



Catholic Women's League

*Many thanks to all the parishioners who
generously supported the CWL poinsettia sale*

Annual Dinner Dance
Saturday, January 30, 2010

"Buccaneers Ball" – buy your ticket (\$45) by December 31st and be eligible for the 'Early Bird Draw'.



Knights of Columbus

General Meeting: Monday, December 21st
at 7:30 pm.

Executive Meeting: Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:30 pm

General Meeting: Monday, January 18, 2010 at 7:30 pm

Vocations Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997
email.vocations@vocations.ca
www.vocationstoronto.ca



CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Vigil - Thursday, December 24th

Mass: 8:00 am

Masses: 6:00 pm, 9:00 pm & Midnight

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25th

Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm
(no 7:00 pm Mass)

Feast of St. Stephen, Martyr - Sat., December 26th

Mass: 9:00 am (Boxing Day)

Mass: 4:30 pm Vigil

The Feast of the Holy Family – Sunday, December 27th

Usual Sunday Schedule

**Monday, December 28th, Tuesday, December 29th,
Wednesday, December 30th and Thursday, December 31st**

Mass: 9:00 am

Vigil Mater Dei

Thursday, December 31st (New Years Eve)

Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Friday, January 1st (New Year's Day)

Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm
(no 7:00 pm Mass)

Holy Day of Obligation We are obligated to attend Mass on all Sundays of the year. We are also obligated in Canada to two Holy days of Obligation, Christmas and New Years Day.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This advent be reconciled to God; make the Sacrament of Reconciliation a part of your preparation for Christmas. Msgr. Sheehy, Fr. Rodrigues and visiting priests will hear confessions on:

Saturday, December 19th

9:30 am – 11:30 am

Monday, December 21st

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Respect in Family Life

"When other people cause us sufferings, we should not automatically see ill will on their part, though that is what we tend to do. Many interpersonal problems, which we are quick to judge morally wrong, are simply communication difficulties and misunderstandings. Our different ways of expressing ourselves, and different psychological filters, make it hard to perceive one another's real intentions.

People have very different and sometimes conflicting temperaments and ways of seeing things, and that is something to be recognized and accepted cheerfully. Some love to have everything in order and are upset by the slightest disorder. Others feel stifled when everything is overly organized and regulated. Those who love order feel threatened by anyone who leaves the smallest object out of place; those with the opposite temperament feel they are being attacked by anyone who insists on perfect tidiness. We are quick to attach moral judgments to such behavior, calling what pleases us "good" and what doesn't "bad." Examples abound. We must be careful not to turn our families and communities into permanent war zones divided between defenders of order and defenders of freedom, partisans of punctuality and partisans of easy-goingness, lovers of peace and quiet and lovers of exuberance, early birds and night owls, chatterers and taciturn types...and so on. We need to accept other people just as they are, understand that their approach and values are not the same as ours, and to broaden our minds and soften our hearts toward them."

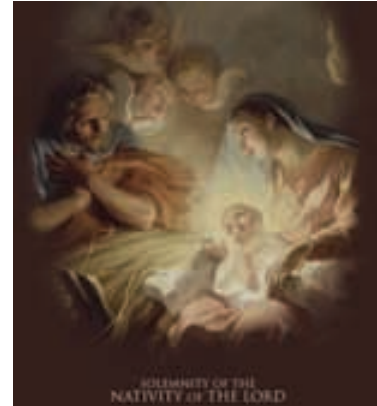
"Interior Freedom" Jacques Philippe

Our frozen pans of **Chili** for the **Good Shepherd Refuge** are due in the parish hall by **next Sunday**. We thank all our loyal chili cooks, and invite anyone who is willing to help us feed the hungry to pick up a pan and recipe from the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all those who donated gifts and assisted financially for the annual Christmas Project. Through your generosity very needy families that we serve have received gifts for their children and additional food for the festive season. If you wish to make a donation to assist the society in their good works, you may still do so with the Christmas envelopes. Also thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the (FNE) Explorers and family members who assisted in the delivery of the Christmas baskets.

MASS FOR THE UNBORN "FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS"

**Monday, December 28, 2009 at 12:10 pm
St. Michael's Cathedral 65 Bond Street, Toronto**



The Legend of the Christmas Rose

Long ago, to Bethlehem, came Kings from far-off lands – Bearing gifts of jewels and gold and myrrh in out-stretched hands -

Lowly shepherds, from the hills, little lambs did bring.

And Angels sang, as all proclaimed the birth of the New-Born King! –

Unnoticed, near the humble crib, a tiny shepherdess prayed weeping silent tears because no gift had she for the Babe -

And lo, small lovely blooms sprang-up as her tears fell to the ground.

And she hastened to the Holy Child
The loveliness she had found -

Little Jesus touched the blooms with His blessed hand. The fragile petals flushed rosy pink
And the Christmas Rose began! -

To this day, when Christmas comes and at no other time of year, the abundantly blooming Christmas Rose brings all its joyous cheer!

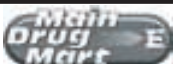
~ The Christmas Rush ~

In my haste and my waste, in my blindness and pride, the Christ in my Christmas had been pushed aside. In my efforts to please and impress everyone, I'd forgotten the reason God gave us His Son. I thought of the star shining brightly above that brought us the message: *Give freely your love*. So, from this moment on, I will make a new start – I'll give all that I can of the love in my heart. Next year I'll remember of this, I've no doubt, that Christ is what Christmas is really about.

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