

December 20 2009, Fourth Sunday in Advent



Monday, December 21

9:00 a.m. Mass

Nicola Arcaro / Maria Concolino

Tuesday, December 22

7:00 p.m. Mass

Anthony Rocca / Thomas Paul Tavano

Wednesday, December 23

9:15 a.m. Mass

Felice Ciccirelli / Teresa Vetrono

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. VIGIL CHRISTMAS MASS

(The children's nativity play begins at 4:30 p.m.)

8:00 p.m. NIGHT CHRISTMAS MASS

(carol singing and readings begin at 7:30 p.m.)

12:00 a.m. MIDNIGHT CHRISTMAS MASS

(carol singing and readings begin at 11:30 p.m.)

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. CHRISTMAS MASS

9:30 a.m. CHRISTMAS MASS

11:00 a.m. CHRISTMAS MASS



Saturday, December 26

9:00 a.m. Mass (St. Stephen)

Natale & Mary Anna DeVenchantis / Antoniette Notte

5:00 p.m. Mass (for the Feast of the Holy Family)

Aldo DalBianco / Luigi & Maria Mori

Sunday, December 27

8:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN

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| OUR GOAL | \$ 175,000.00 |
| Raised to date | \$ 102,382.95 |
| Funds donated by: | |
| C.W.L. | \$ 29,150.11 |
| Holy Name Society & BINGO | \$ 25,600.00 |
| Total Funds Available to date | \$ 157,133.06 |
| FUNDS TO RAISE | \$ 17,866.94 |

SHALMOM



The light of Christ shines on us and on our actions on Christmas. The outcast shepherds became the first evangelists to hear the heavenly hymn: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests," We, too, are called to proclaim "Shalom! Pax! Peace!" Do people believe our testimony to the light of Christ.

-- *Today's Liturgy*

OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Please note that our parish office will close on Thursday, December 24 and remain closed until Monday, January 4.



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
**Development
and Peace**

DID YOU KNOW: Small-scale farmers are fighting large multinational agribusiness companies seeking arable land and the trend to convert agricultural products, including food crops into agrofuels.

New Year 2010 (Mary, Mother of God)

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Thursday, December 31: 5:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, January 1: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 13, 2009

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| Sunday Envelopes | \$5,958.00 |
| Loose Collection | \$ 576.37 |
| Total Sunday Collection | \$6,534.37 |

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!



C.W.L. News

Our Lady of the Scapular C.W.L. wishes a Merry Christmas to all of our parishioners and their families and pray that 2010 may bring health and happiness to all!

Thank you to Manuella Cappa (the winner of our Bazaar main draw of \$300) for donating her winnings back to our parish roof campaign.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION (Confession) TIMES

Saturday, December 19
(3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.)

Monday, December 21
(7:00 p.m.)

Rite II Reconciliation

Our parish will hold a celebration of forgiveness beginning with a liturgy of God's word and an examination of conscience. Following that, several priests will be present to receive you in person to complete the act of reconciliation, the liberating sacrament of mercy and peace.

Thursday, December 24
(10:00 a.m. - noon)

HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
ALDO & MARIA PELLEGRINI
(December 19, 1959)

Candlelight Choral Evening

Sunday, December 20 (7:00 p.m.)

Our Lady of the Scapular Church

Our music ministries invite you to join them for an Advent / Christmas evening of choral song. The program will consist of hymns, readings, and prayers for the season. Tickets are available at the parish office or at the door.

Tickets \$5 (children under 10 free)
-- a music ministry fundraiser

Christmas Candy Cane



The Christmas tradition of the candy cane was developed by a candy maker. The form of the cane was to resemble a shepherd's staff. The solid red band was to remind us of the blood our God shed for us. The three small bands were to remind us of the Trinity; the white was to remind us of the Virgin Birth.

Boxing Day

The second day of Christmas, known as Boxing Day, is the Feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. He was also one of seven men chosen by the apostles to take care of food distribution among widows.

It was also the "Feast of Stephen," the legendary "Good King Wenceslaus" who took care of the physical needs of a poor man.

A CHRISTMAS CRIB CEREMONY

You may wish to install your Christmas crib at the foot of the Christmas tree or in a prayer corner. When the crib is in place, the whole family may gather around it. There may be a brief reading from scripture, for example:

Now it happened that while Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to give birth to a son, her first-born.

She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

(Luke 2:6-7)



Then one of the family may say the following prayer:

Lord, Jesus,
this crib reminds us of your birth in Bethlehem.
Thank you for coming among us.
Thank you for continuing to be present to each one of us.
Thank you for promising to come again.