

Sunday January 8, 2012 The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday, January 9

9:00 a.m. Mass

Irene Boychuk / Venera Castronovo

Tuesday, January 10

7:00 p.m. Mass

Bruna DeBlasis / Michael Counihan

Wednesday, January 11

9:15 a.m. Mass *(NOTE TIME!)*

deceased of Novelli family / deceased of Senese family

Thursday, January 12

7:00 p.m. Mass

Rebecca DesRoches / Maria & Tommaso DeAngelis

Friday, January 13

9:00 a.m. Mass

Giuseppe DeMizio / Mate Grcevic

Saturday, January 14

9:00 a.m. Mass

Joseph Gallant / Walter McGovern

5:00 p.m. Mass *(2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

Linda Rufrano / Jack Venzon

Sunday, January 15

8:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Christmas Collection

Christmas Offering (to date)	\$ 24,844.22
Sunday December 25	\$ 5,271.00
Sunday, January 1	\$ 7,815.40

PLEASE NOTE: the generous Christmas donations we receive are funds needed (along with the Easter donations) to pay: our semi-annual Diocesan Assessment (approx. \$17,000.00) due in January, our Clergy Aid assessment (approx. \$14,000.00), our insurance premiums (due in the spring), and our hospital Chaplaincy assessment (approx \$8,000.00).

Your weekly contributions are essential to the day to day operations of the parish, heat, hydro, maintenance, etc.

Again, this year during the winter months, additional envelopes have been made available (beginning in January) entitled "keep the home fires burning". These donations will help offset the increased heating / hydro costs the parish experiences during the winter months.

SALVATION FOR ALL



The Lord Jesus came to save all humankind. Jews and non Jews alike. Today we face the revelation of that great mystery. God's grace-filled covenant is opened up to all. The "wise men," and all wise women and men seeing with a child's eyes, discovered the star-marked babe in the arms of his mother, Mary. Humbly offering their gifts, they receive the Gospel, the good news of the Lord's arrival amongst his people. God shows himself to us in Jesus and so begins his saving work for each of us. Come let us adore him!

-- *Today's Liturgy*

Public School Sacramental Preparation

Parents or caregivers of children attending public schools who require first communion or confirmation are asked to call the parish office and enroll your child now (905/358-7611). Learning sessions will begin by mid-January!

Our Lady of the Scapular *presents*

Catholic Update 2012 Christian Seminars for the Heart, Mind, Body and Spirit Wednesday, February 29

Monday, March 5 & Wednesday, March 7
(7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

held at: Notre Dame Elementary School
Admission: Donation of food items or money
to St. Vincent de Paul Society

Childcare will be available each evening

Fr. Rico's GOD TALK Meeting

*(Bible Study, Catechism teaching
and a Question and Answer group)*

Thursdays (7:30 p.m.) in the Parish Hall

Epiphany Reflection

We are told that the Magi were led to Christ by the light of a bright star.

Often however, it is not through an experience of light, but of darkness, that people discover Christ.

This should not really surprise us. The fact is, we cannot see the stars in the bright light of day, but only in the darkness of night, and the darker the night, the brighter they shine.

Just as the stars continue to shine even when we cannot see them, so the Lord's light is always there, though it is sometimes hidden from us by clouds, clouds of confusion, distraction, and unbelief.

Everyone needs a star to follow, just as ships at sea need a lighthouse beacon to guide them to port.

From now on we have a star that will not deceive us, we have a compass that will not lie to us.

You, Lord, are the star that will guide us until the lights of the eternal port appear on the horizon.

Flor McCarthy, Sunday and Holyday Liturgies

Our Lady of the Scapular Parish

**WELCOMES
DIANA CONIDI
as our parish
Youth Minister Coordinator**

Diana is well known to many as she has been involved in our parish youth ministry programs for many years as well as active in our parish sacramental preparation programs.

Over the next few weeks Diana will schedule meetings with our parish C.O.R.E. team. As well she will be resuming our parish EDGE program and implementing LIFE TEAM.

Welcome Diana!

There are still quite a few of the 2012 Sunday Offering Envelopes in the sacristy of the church. If you have not already done so, please pick up your box of envelopes!



CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING
...Wednesday, January 18 (6:30 p.m.)

CONFIRMATION INSCRIPTION CEREMONY
...Wednesday, February 1 (6:30 p.m.)

FIRST COMMUNION INSCRIPTION

St. Vincent de Paul Inscription Ceremony
... Sunday, January 15 (9:30 a.m. Mass)

**Notre Dame & St. Gabriel Lalemant
Inscription Ceremony**
... Sunday, January 22 (9:30 a.m. Mass)

Mary Ward Inscription Ceremony
... Sunday, January 29 (9:30 a.m. Mass)

Cardinal Newman Inscription Ceremony
... Sunday, February 5 (9:30 a.m. Mass)

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

St. Vincent de Paul First Communion Mass
... Sunday, April 15 (11:30 a.m. Mass)

**Notre Dame, St. Gabriel Lalemant &
Public School Students
First Communion Mass**
... Sunday, April 22 (11:30 a.m. Mass)

Cardinal Newman First Communion Mass
... Sunday, April 29 (11:30 a.m. Mass)

Mary Ward First Communion Mass
... Sunday, May 6 (11:30 a.m. Mass)

Cardinal Newman First Communion Mass
... Sunday, May 13 (11:30 a.m. Mass)

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN DUBLIN Join Most Reverend Bishop P. Gerard Bergie, D.D. to Ireland to participate in the 50th International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin, June 9—18, 2012. All are welcome! To register and obtain further information contact Brinkman Travel at (905) 988-9100 or inede@brinkmantravel.com space is limited.

CLUB ITALIA TRIVIA NIGHT on Thursday, January 19, 2012, Buffet 6—7 p.m. Game begins at 7 p.m. \$20 per person (8 per table max) includes snacks, draws and door prizes! Call Club Italia (905)374-7388 for tickets or more information. Proceeds to the children's playground campaign.