

Sunday, January 10 2010, Baptism of The Lord

Monday, January 11

9:00 a.m. Mass

Giovanni Cicero / Frank Long

Tuesday, January 12

7:00 p.m. Mass

Rose Buemi / Giuseppe DeMizio

Wednesday, January 13

9:15 a.m. Mass

Deceased of Ruberto family / Angeline Sirianni

Thursday, January 14

7:00 p.m. Mass

Vincenza Burgi / Michael Chieca

Friday, January 15

9:00 a.m. Mass

Carmine D'Uva / Carmen & Lucia DeMizio

Saturday, January 16

9:00 a.m. Mass

Marian Kalewicz / Ray McMaster

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

June Foxwell / Lucia Salvatori

Sunday, January 17

8:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today's feast closes the Christmas season. The mystery of God-with-us is too expansive for a one-day celebration, or three days, or even a whole week. As we begin 2010, God's word suggests a sense of the new. Isaiah evokes the creative power of God and God's constant desire: "New things I now declare." This is what Jesus' life and ministry announce: He shows us a new way to live that will bring forth justice and healing. What needs to be made new in your life?



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
**Development
and Peace**

DID YOU KNOW:

Small land-holders and rural communities are being displaced, harassed and evicted because of the spread of plantations for agrofuel crops.

Please read the insert in today's bulletin about the current education program of Development and Peace.

Next Sunday parishioners will be invited to sign a card to the prime Minister and members of parliament asking the Canadian government to put the rights of small-scale farmers and the principles of food sovereignty on the agenda for the G8 meeting which will urge governments in Asia, Africa and Latin America to increase their support for small-scale farmers. This support must be given priority over industrial agriculture, especially that which focuses on agrofules.

RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN

OUR GOAL	\$ 175,000.00
Raised to date	\$ 106,179.95
Funds donated by:	
C.W.L.,	\$ 29,150.11
Holy Name Society & BINGO	\$ 25,600.00
Total Funds Available to date	\$ 160,930.06
FUNDS TO RAISE	\$ 14,069.94

Sunday, January 3, 2010

January 1 Offering	\$ 2,818.00
Initial Offering (to date)	\$ 857.00
Sunday Envelopes (January 3)	\$ 4,100.00
Loose Collection (January 3)	\$ 421.01
Total Sunday January 3 Collection	\$ 4,521.01

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING: Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin the week of January 18, 2010. The advertisements make our bulletin possible (without any cost to the parish). Please consider supporting the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at (1-800-268-2637).

NOTRE DAME PASTA DINNER: Notre Dame Elementary School will be holding its first Pasta Dinner fundraiser for classroom resources. This will be held next Sunday, January 17 in our parish hall from 12:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Tickets (Adults \$8:00 & Children 10 years and under \$5) are available through the school, at our parish office or at the door on next Sunday. See you there!

Winter blues got you down?

--need a project to help lift your spirits?

Our parish has many ministries and groups that are in need of your help!

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of members. Consider joining this society and help with their outreach to those in need in our community. For additional information contact Donna Raimondo (905/357-7553) or Jean Taylor (905/262-4750).

We are in need of **Children Liturgy leaders (and helpers)**. Each week at the 9:30 Mass the children are called forward and dismissed to hear the word of God and participate in discussions and activities on their level. We currently dismiss children in two groups, those who have not yet made their first sacraments (communion) and those who have. For more information contact Connie Venneri (905/262-4165).

As we begin a new year we are looking for additional members for our Parish Choir. Our Senior Choir meets each Sunday at 10:30 for a short practice before the 11:00 a.m. Mass. During "peak" liturgical seasons we may meet for a short time following the Mass to rehearse. We have found that this format has reduced the commitment time and hope that we will encourage additional members. For more information contact Ken (905-358-7611).

Our parish **Infant Baptism Preparation Team** is in need of couples to meet with families preparing for their infant's baptism. The team members meet with the families at their homes offering a welcome to the new child and explaining the baptism process. This process is a rewarding experience for both the new parents as well as the team members. For more information contact the parish office (905/358-7611).

As well, our parish is always in need of Ministers of Communion (both at church and to the home bound), readers, hospitality ministers and altar servers (both junior and senior)! Please contact the parish office (905-358-7611) for more information or to "sign up".

HOLY NAME HAPPENINGS

The next night of reflection sponsored by the Diocesan Holy Name Society will be held on Thursday, January 14, 7:30 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre.

The evening commences with Mass and is followed by a spiritual talk and brief discussion. Although sponsored by the Holy Name Society, all men of the parish are invited to attend. There is no charge.

The regular monthly meeting of our parish Holy Name Society will take place on Sunday January 17 following the 8:00 o'clock mass. All members are urged to attend and new members are welcome.

CELEBRATING INFANT BAPTISM

Catholic parents preparing for the baptism of their infant are expected to participate in a process of sacramental preparation before the baptism of their child. The celebration of infant baptism ordinarily takes place on Sunday.

The following is our current parish practice:

1. Parents should be registered at the parish.
2. At least one parent must be church-going and faithful to the sacraments so the child can have some future in the faith.
3. First-time parents will be contacted by members of our baptism team ministry for a home visit, whenever suitable. Next, parents (and perhaps sponsors) are asked to attend a baptism preparation session (usually the first Thursday of each month). Please be aware that after the visit and the meeting, the date of Baptism can be set.
4. The celebration of baptism takes place each Sunday at 1:00 p.m. (with the exception of Lent).

In the baptism of infants, parents take responsibility for choosing a godparent or godparents who will serve as good examples for living the Catholic way of life. The selection of two godparents is customary (please note that Canon Law states that there must be one male and one female). A godparent must have completed his/her 16th year, and not the parent of the one to be baptized. A godparent must also be a fully-initiated Roman Catholic (baptized, confirmed, having made their first communion) who is free to celebrate the sacraments and who is leading a life in harmony with the Catholic faith; for instance, if married, whose marriage is in good standing with the Church. A baptized non-Catholic Christian can be chosen as a Christian witness provided there is at least one Catholic godparent. Godparents should be ready to commit the time and personal care necessary to nurture and support the candidate. One's godparents can never be changed since they were the historical witnesses to the baptism and entered a permanent spiritual relationship with the baptized.



C.W.L. NEWS

A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year to Everyone!

Ladies: Remember with the start of a new year your membership fees are now due. As a member you can participate in C.W.L. activities across the country as well you will receive a quarterly magazine outlining current endeavors at the national, provincial and diocesan levels. Being a C.W.L. member is a great way to make new friends. Why not join us!

The membership cost is \$15 (an envelope is available in your parish envelope boxes) and our meetings are the first Wednesday of every month. Please watch the bulletin for information on our future activities. We hope to see you there!