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*Prepare the way...*



# **ADVENT**



# 4th Sunday of Advent

## *Gospel Readings for the Week & Mass Intentions*

**Sunday, Dec. 19** Is 7.10-14 ~ Rom 1.1-7 ~ Mt 1.18-24

9:00a.m. Frances Formosa, Deceased  
10:30a.m. Antonio Liotta, Deceased  
12 noon For the parishioners of St. Gregory's, living and deceased

**Monday, Dec. 20** Is 7.10-14, 8.10 ~ Lk 1.26-38

**Tuesday, Dec. 21** Zep 3.14-18 ~ Lk 1.39-45

*Saint Peter Canisius*

7:30pm- Margarida Pereira, Sam Michael  
Antonacci, Cyril Morris, Deceased

For the intentions of Giovanna & Tony Marrello  
on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary

**Wednesday, Dec. 22** 1 Sm 1.24-28 ~ Lk 1.46-56

8:30am – Louise Veri, Deceased

**Thursday, Dec. 23** Mal 3.1-4;4.5-6 ~ Lk 1.57-66

*Saint John of Kanty*

8:30am – Marcin & Maria Ruzkiewicz &  
Eugeniusz Folda, Deceased

**Friday, Dec. 24** 2 Sm 7.1-5,8-12,16 ~ Lk 1.67-79

5:00pm – Marian Zimnowodski, Deceased  
7:00pm – For peace in the family  
11:00pm- Karen Rigby & Terry Smith, Deceased

**Saturday, Dec. 25** Is 9.2-4, 6-7 ~ Ti 2.11-14 ~ Lk 2.1-16

10:30a.m.–Karen Rigby & Terry Smith, Deceased

12 noon - Josephine DeFlece, Deceased

**Sunday, Dec. 26** Sir 3.2-6,12-14 ~ Col 3.12-21 ~ Mt 2.13-15,19-23

*Holy Family*

9:00a.m. For the candidates preparing to receive the  
Sacraments this coming Spring.  
10:30a.m. For all of the families of St. Gregory's Parish  
12 noon For the parishioners of St. Gregory's, living and deceased

## THE THREE COMINGS OF CHRIST

“We know there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible. In the first coming he was seen on earth, dwelling among men; he himself testifies that they saw him and hated him. In the final coming all flesh will see the salvation of our God, and they will look on him whom they pierced. The intermediate coming is a hidden one; in it only the elect see the Lord within their own selves, and they are saved. In his first coming our Lord came in our flesh and in our weakness; in this middle coming he comes in spirit and in power; in the final coming he will be seen in glory and majesty.

Because this coming lies between the other two, it is like a road on which we travel from the first coming to the last. In the first, Christ was our redemption; in the last, he will appear as our life; in this middle coming, he is our rest and consolation.”

*(taken from a sermon by Saint Bernard, abbot... office of Readings, First week of Advent)*



At Christmas we celebrate His first coming, and every day – particularly in the Eucharist – we celebrate and acknowledge His second coming, which is NOW.

May Jesus be your model of life, in every thing you do. May He bless you with His rest, and comfort you with His consolation and – finally – guide you in this life to join Him in His third coming.

**Merry Christmas**  
*Fr. John*

## **In your prayers please remember:**

Hugh Kirby, Wyatt Muirhead, Connie Moore, Peter Englehutt, Rev. Jose Pires, Charles Webb, Nick Kowdrysh, Teresa Canattani, Mary Hallam and others who have asked for our prayers.

**Christmas Flowers for the Church**

Donations of Poinsettias and Christmas flowers would be greatly appreciated. Mrs. Jane O'Brien will be setting up the crib and decorating the altar and the sanctuary on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank You.

**THE GIVING TREE**

THANK YOU! The Giving Tree was a huge success. We would like to thank the parishioners for being so generous in their gifts and financial support. We received 160 gifts, and \$9,625.00. The children and families that we helped are all from the Etobicoke area. The Etobicoke branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is very appreciative. Thank you all and

**Pew Restoration:** Over fifty years ago, many generous parishioners made St. Gregory's Parish building a reality and have been very faithful in keeping it alive with their presence and support.

Over the past five years some major work has been done to maintain the building in a dignified manner, as many of us have to do to our own residences. At this point we are about to complete the final of the three phases which included the stained glass windows, new entrances, removal of the carpet and now the restoration of the pews and floor. This is an opportunity to, in a special way acknowledge a loved one, living or deceased for many years to come. The sponsoring of a full pew is \$3,750.00 that will include a personal mention on a plaque that will be placed in the church once the work has been completed.

If you are interested and able to help in this project kindly contact the parish office or see Fr. John. Thank you



**2010 Provide-a-Meal**

The Provide-a-meal casseroles should be delivered to 28 Reigate Road between now and December 22nd

**Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule**

2010/2011

Friday	Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve	5:00 pm
		7:00 pm
		11:00 pm
Saturday	Christmas Day	10:30 am
		12:00 noon
		<b>Their will be NO 5:00pm Mass</b>
Sunday	Dec 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am
		10:30am
		12:00 noon
Friday Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Holy Hour  Thanksgiving Mass	6:30pm
		7:30 pm
Saturday	January 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:30 am
		12:00 noon
		<b>Their will be NO 5:00pm Mass</b>

Our parking lot has been both a blessing and a point of frustration. When parking your car in the church's parking lot, (the one just north of the church) please be considerate of others and move up to the car in front of yours to allow space for others. Also, please do not block the drive beside the church (on the west side) so emergency vehicles may have access to the side doors. People come to Mass to give thanks for so many things, why not include 'hassle free parking' as well?

**CWL NEWS**



St. Gregory's CWL invites all women of the parish to come and hear Sr. Francis Bisland of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood speak about God, love and her ministry at St. Bernard's Residence.

Monday, January 10, 7:30pm in the church hall.

**CWL general meeting to follow.**

There is a great need for adult diapers at St. Bernard's. A donation of products of any size or a monetary donation would be greatly appreciated.

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