

Rectory Hours this week

Mon. Dec. 22 - 9am to 5pm
Tue Dec 23 - 9am to 8pm
Wed Dec 24 - 9am to 3pm
Thu. Dec 25 - Closed
Fri. Dec 26 - Closed
Mon Dec 29 - 9am to 5pm
Tue Dec 30 - 9am to 5pm
Wed. Dec 31 - 9am to 3pm
Thu Jan 1 - closed
Fri Jan 2 - 9am to 5pm

Junior/Senior Kindergarten School Registration

The Durham Catholic District School Board will be holding registration for Junior and Senior Kindergarten in all Catholic schools in Durham Region during the week of January 12-16, 2009.

St. John the Evangelist 905-668-4011
- Wed. Jan. 14, 2009

St. Luke the Evangelist 905-665-5828
- Wed Jan. 14, 2009

St. Marguerite d'Youville 905-666-9301
- Mon. Jan. 12, 2009

CRITERIA:

1. Children registering for Junior Kindergarten must be 4 years of age on or before December 31, 2009.
2. Children registering for Senior Kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2009.
3. To register your child, one or both parents/guardians must be Catholic and registered Separate School supporter(s).

Please note: Parents must bring proof of age in the form of a Baptismal Certificate and one of the following: Birth Certificate, Birth Registration or Passport. Parents are requested to bring available health records on immunization, allergies etc. To determine the location of your area school, please visit the Board Website at <http://locator.dcdsb.ca>

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS
2008 – 2009
FIRST EUCHARIST
Grade 2
Registration: Jan. 8 /09
A copy of your child's Baptism Certificate is required to register & \$12 for program expenses
CONFIRMATION
Grade 8
Sessions: Jan. 17-24-31
Feb. 7 & Jun. 5/09

2009 St. John The Evangelist Calendars

The 2009 parish calendars are available at the back of the church, compliments of W.C. Town Funeral Chapel. Please take one

Toronto Serra Clubs

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this, email Fr.Liborio. vocations@vocations.ca

2009 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The offertory envelopes will be available this weekend and next, *however not during the Christmas Masses*. You may take any box number. Please print your name and address on the first two donations and our secretary will record it for income tax purposes. You may also use an address sticker for convenience. Through the year, it is no longer necessary to record your name and address, however it would be very helpful if you would *record the donation amount* on the envelope.

It is very important to DESTROY ALL ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS as the old number belongs to someone else in 2009 and you risk your tax credit going to someone else.

**THE ADVENT WREATH****Fourth Week of Advent: Family Liturgy**

1. A family member lights three purple candles and one pink candle.
2. A family member reads the bible reference

for the day.

3. Together recite the Fourth Week of Advent prayer:

Dear Lord, pour your love into our hearts so that we may love more fully all those you love. Help us to be understanding of the needs of others, as you were understanding when you sent your Son Jesus Christ to redeem us. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

4. Together recite the Our Father and Sign of the Cross.
5. Youngest family member extinguishes the candles.

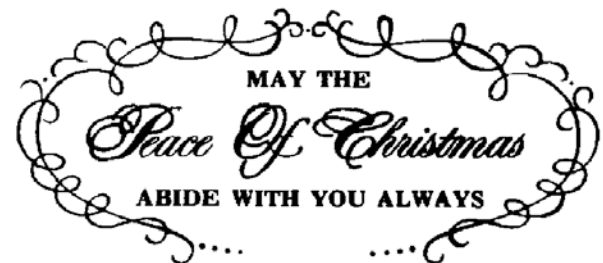
The Readings for the 3rd Week of Advent

Sun. 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16; Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Mon. 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Responsorial Psalm: 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8; Luke 1:46-56

Tues. Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66

Wed. 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16; Luke 1:67-79



St John's Parish Skate Day

Sunday January 11, 2009

1:30- 2:30pm

New location this year

McKinney Centre Arena #1

222 McKinney Drive, Whitby

(Taunton Rd east from Brock St,
turn north on McKinney Drive)**CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND**

Each year you are invited to assist with the cost for decorating the Church for Christmas and throughout the Christmas Season.

Special envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose. You can deposit them in the regular collection over the next few weeks. Just put your envelope number or name on the front for income tax purposes. As always, we appreciate your support and assistance at this time of year!

Wednesday, December 24

Vigil of Christmas

7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

Thursday, December 25

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Nativity of the Lord

9:00am, 11:00am

Friday, December 26

Feast of St. Stephen

9:00am

Wednesday, December 31

Vigil, Mary Mother of God

5:00pm

Thursday, January 1

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

9:00am, 11:00am

**Winter Warmth for Seniors**

We are looking for mitts, hats and scarves for Seniors living

at Fairview Lodge. Containers will be at the back of the church at all three Masses on January 3rd & 4th 2009 for your donations.

Thank you from the Social Action Committee

**Durham Regional Catholic Women's League
Regional Retreat**

Guest Speaker: Archbishop Thomas Collins

Theme: Learn How To Pray

Date: Saturday, January 24, 2009

Location: St. Gertrude's Parish

690 King Street East, Oshawa, ON

Time: 8:45am

Tickets: \$10.00

Contact: Joan Atherfold (905) 571-7424

Limited seating, book early

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TAUNTON MILLS COMMUNION MINISTERS

Please pick up the new schedule in the folder at the back of the church.

The magic of Christmas doesn't come in a box.

It can't be bought, but can be given;

**Friendship, Understanding, Kindness, Love,
Compassion.**

Keep Christ in Christmas



Knights of Columbus



Masses For The Week

Sat. Dec 20 – 5:00 pm

+Fr. Anthony Iacobelli req. by The Rome Pilgrims

Mon. Dec 22 – 8:20am

+Deceased Members of the Richardson Family req. by The Richardson Family

Wed. Dec 24 – Vigil of Christmas - 7:00pm, 9:00pm, & 11:00pm, No Intentions**Thu. Dec 25** - Nativity of the Lord - 9:00am, 11:00am
No Intentions**Fri. Dec 26** – Feast of Stephen 9:00am+Deceased Members of the Vonk & Van Hezewyk Families
Req. by Gerry & Betty Van Hezewyk**Sat. Dec 27** – Feast of John the Evangelist – 5:00pm

+Mary Catherine Morgan req. by G. Morgan & Family