

**Sun. Dec 6***Social Sunday**Feed the Hungry*

1:00 – 2:30pm Children's Christmas Choir rehearsal, PC main

Mon. Dec 7

7:30pm CWL Mtg., PC #1

7:30 – 9pm SVDP, PC#2

7:30 – 8:30pm Advent Prayer, St. Jos Rm.

Wed. Dec 9

6:00 – 6:50pm PHCP, Gr1-8, PC all, St. Jos/St. Alb Rms

7:30pm – 8:30pm Pastoral Council Mtg, PC main

Thur. Dec 10

7:30pm Reconciliation Svc, 5 priests

Fri. Dec 11

10am Mass at Taunton Mills

Sun. Dec 13

2010 Envelopes available for pickup

1:00pm – 2:30pm Children's Christmas Choir rehearsal, PC main

4pm Mass in Spanish, Coffee to follow, PC main

**ADVENT PRAYER GROUP****MONDAY EVENINGS:****December 7, 14****7:30 – 8:30pm**

Take some time out for yourself during this busy season. Join us in preparing for the celebration of Christ's birth, and both a beginning and end of the Church's year.

We come together to read the Sunday scripture and discuss questions based on their meaning in our life today and to discuss a range of other questions.

"The bible challenges us to persevere in faith and inspires us to understand what God is saying to us here and now." Come to all or any of the four evenings and participate at a level comfortable for you.

*Spiritual Committee,
Pastoral Council*

We will have coffee, marmalade, chocolate bars, teas and cocoa, all fair trade certified. Give in a socially responsible way.

Just For Life*Sponsored by Priests for Life*

On the weekend of December 5/6 our parish will be promoting the value of all human life by having a "Just for Life" information event. Information on life and family will be available at the back of the church after each of the masses. There will also be a free draw for a beautiful statue of Mary and the Infant Jesus. This event is sponsored by Priests for Life Canada www.priestsforlifecanada.com. If anyone is interested in helping out with this event please call Monique DeBrouwer at 905 430 7319.

Old Tyme Christmas Carols

Christmas Carol Singing Saturday 19th December, after 5pm Mass at the north doors of the Church. This is the 3rd year the Pastoral Council is inviting everyone to join us to prepare to celebrate Christmas, by singing the Old Tyme Christmas Carols with other families from St John's. Dress warm. Hot Chocolate and song sheets will be provided. Hope to see there.

SPANISH LANGUAGE MASS AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 4pm, there will be a Spanish Language Mass here at St. John the Evangelist Church (Confessions in Spanish from 3:00pm to 3:45pm)

This is the first of six monthly Masses to be celebrated in Spanish at St. John the Evangelist Church as a pilot project evaluating the need/desire for Hispanic Ministry in the Durham Region. All are welcome to attend.

**CWL****Christmas Pins**

The CWL will have Christmas Pins on sale in the Parish Centre during Social Sunday. Pins cost \$1.00 and relay the true Christmas message.

2010 Calendars

The CWL is fundraising for our Region and have put together a calendar of the CWL Spiritual Directors in Durham Region. For the cost of a calendar, \$10.00, you can find out which month is our own Father Anthony and get acquainted with some of our region's parish priests. Don't be disappointed, limited supply, buy one at Social Sunday.

Religious Articles

Religious Articles Ministry needs your help!!!. A team of parishioners is needed to supply and sell rosaries, holy medals, cards and statues. Without your help the store will close in Dec. 2009. If you feel called to this ministry please call : Mary Louise LaBarre 905-430-1332 e-mail: mlabarre@sympatico.ca

Right to Life Christmas Cards

You can purchase Right to Life cards at Social Sunday in the parish center, or contact Mary Louise LaBarre mlabarre@sympatico.ca

Please Pray For All The Sick

Please remember in your prayers this week, our parishioners and family who are ill, and those who care for them: RAY HAYES, LINA SPENCER, ASHLEY HUININK, FRANK PLUE, MICHAEL LAVIOLETTE, LEONARD CLARKE, SHANNON CRAWFORD.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY 10 Mondays**January 11 – March 15, 2010****7:30 – 9:pm, Parish Centre****Fee \$20 (for books)**

Topic: The Acts of the Apostles
BRING: Your Bible, a notebook and a friend!

To register: phone the Parish Office (905) 668-3676



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR

Development and Peace

Development and Peace
Fair Trade Christmas Gift Packs

On December 6th, at Social Sunday in the Parish Centre, come and fill up your own gift pack,. We will do the wrapping.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Thursday December 10, 2009
at 7:30pm in the Church,
5 priests



THE ADVENT WREATH
Second Week of
Advent: Family Liturgy

Together say: "In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

1. A family member lights two purple candles.
2. A family member reads the Bible reference for the day.
3. Together recite the Second 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 the Sign of the Cross.
5. A family member extinguishes the candles.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE SECOND
WEEK OF ADVENT
 The theme is **WAITING**

Sunday:	Romans 15: 4-13 or Luke 3:4
Monday:	Psalm 43: 3-6 or Luke 5:23
Tuesday:	Psalm 27: 1-4 or Luke 1: 30
Wednesday:	Psalm 119: 105-106 or Matthew 11:28
Thursday:	John 12: 35-36 or Matthew 11:11
Friday:	Ephesians 5: 6-14 or Matthew 11:19
Saturday:	1 Peter 2: 5-9 or Matthew 17:11

2010 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2010 Offertory envelopes will be available for pickup Dec 12/13 & Dec 19/20 & Jan 2/3. 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.

It is very important to NOT USE OLD YEAR ENVELOPES. DESTROY ALL ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS as the old number belongs to someone else in 2010 and you risk your tax credit going to someone else.

Used 2009 Church Calendars

Please do not discard your used 2009 Church calendars at the end of this year. The pictures can be used for Catechism classes in the Missions. The church will collect them in early January. Information to come!



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

Knights of Columbus
St John the Evangelist Council 4895

NEW YEARS
EVE PARTY

December 31, 2009 – 8:00 pm
 Knights of Columbus Hall
 133 Brock Street N

Prizes, Favours Cash Bar,
 Late Night Buffet

Tickets: \$60.00 per Couple

(Reserved table with group purchase of 4 or more tickets.) **For Tickets & Information – Contact:**
John or Chris: (905) 668-5608 or
509kent@gmail.com



Masses For The Week

Sat. Dec 5	- 5:00pm +Maurizio Misasi, <i>req. by Mario & Anna Misasi</i>
Mon. Dec 7	- 8:20am +Dominic Nikolic <i>req. by The Carcich Family</i>
Wed. Dec. 9	- 7:00pm +Mary Kaczorowski <i>req. by Will & Karen Burke & Family</i>
Thu. Dec. 10	- 8:20am +Maria & Joseph Byers <i>req. by Their Estate</i>
Fri. Dec. 11	- 8:20am +Helen Lecours, <i>req. by Bridget & Pat</i>
Sat. Dec. 12	- 5:00pm +Janina Malyjasiak, <i>req. by Linda Pilon</i>

St. John the Evangelist's
10th Annual Coffee House

Will be held at All Saints C.S.S.
January 16, 2010 at 7pm

Tickets \$10/adult and \$5/youth
 Cash Bar

Tickets available At Social Sunday
 December 6th in the Parish Centre and
 after Mass December 19/20 & January
 9/10 in the foyer or by calling
 Robert D'Cruz (905) 438-3734.

What is the Coffee House?

The Coffee House is a fun-filled evening for adult and youth displaying various forms of talent from within the parish such as:
 Bands and solo performers from a varied genre of music
 Standup comedy; Plays: Poetry; Dances
 It's the parish's biggest event and we invite all our parishioners to come out and join us!

CHRISTMAS MASS
SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24

Vigil of Christmas 5:00pm
 8:00pm
 11:00pm

Friday, December 25

Nativity of the Lord 9:00am
 11:00am

Saturday, December 26

Feast of Stephen 9:00am
 Sunday Liturgy 5:00pm

Sunday, December 27

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,
 Mary & Joseph 9:00am
 11:00am

Thursday December 31

Seventh Day in the Octave
 of Christmas 8:20am
 Vigil, Blessed Virgin Mary,
 Mother of God 5:00pm

Friday, January 1

Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
 Mother of God 9:00am
 11:00am