

First Sunday of Advent

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin Advent, we mark the beginning of a new liturgical season to experience God's grace. The word Advent means coming. We are invited to open our minds, hearts and souls to a mysterious process where God promises to come to us. Advent takes us through a four-week preparation for the great feast of Christmas.

The focus of the first two Sundays of Advent is the end of the last liturgical year and the second coming of Christ. The second two Sundays focus on the great mystery of Jesus coming in a certain period in history. He came at a certain time, a certain place, and entered into the world.

Christ came to reveal to us the face of the Father who is merciful and loving. God desires to be a part of our lives. The challenge is to awaken us to be attentive to this great mystery. Let us use these four weeks of Advent to spiritually prepare our hearts for the birthday of Christ.

*Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. Roy*



Please pray for those who are sick and those who love and minister to them:

Gail Burgess, Mike Welgan, Marta Lou, Tony Coleman, Fr. Elias Chichati, Frank Kelly, Sara Minatel, Giel Jonkhout, Debbie Howley, Ben Ternes, Donna Fantasia, Amalia Sirothc, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Alana Brown-Wallace, Teresa Sedore, Martin VanLierop, George Ferguson, Connor Thompson, Peter Chatterton, Gladys Padley, Lorna Hedley, Anne Allen, Stanley Boudreau, Judy Jimenez, Gertrudis Henriquez, Rino Palumbo, Fr. Joe Curcio, Anne Dorian, Jim Marrelli, Mary Sorrentino, Christopher Nabuurs, Vincent Masci, Margaret Williams, Theresa Lim, Pam James...

To add a name to the sick list please call the parish office.

PARISH RECONCILIATION
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish
Wednesday, December 12th
Starting at 7:00pm



Liturgical

1. Baptism: We welcome to our parish community those who were baptized this past weekend:

**Amber Proctoy
Sarah Dealy**

**Racquel Walter
Jasmine Zelger**

2. Vocations: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" If God is calling you to ministerial service, call Fr. Liborio Amaral 416-968-0997 or email vocations@vocations.ca website www.vocationstoronto.ca

3. Baptism Preparation: **Thursday, December 13th @7:30pm.** These sessions are for parents and Godparents; we ask that you make arrangements for your children, as they cannot be accommodated during this program. Please call the parish office to register.

4. Marriage Preparation Course: We are pleased to once again offer this course through the parish. It will be held on the Evenings of April 3rd, 4th (7 – 10pm), and ends on Saturday April 5th, 2008 (9:30am to 5:30pm). Please call the parish office to register.

5. Advent Day of Retreat: At Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Miss. On Sat. Dec. 8, 9am-4pm. Advent challenges us to be alert to the unfolding of the Spirit's movement in our lives. Through prayer, ritual, story and silence, this day invites us to wait and listen for the God who yearns to be reborn in us. This is a powerful way to prepare ourselves for Christmas. For information call 905-278-5229.

The Giving Tree



Make a difference in someone's Christmas this year!

Take a "STAR" this weekend, please return all gifts by December 8th- 9th.



Children's

1st Reconciliation Service

Monday, December 5th at 7pm
Followed by a Reception in the Hall



2008 Collection Envelopes

Collection Envelopes are ready for pick up in the Church foyer after all the Masses, envelopes are in alphabetical order. All envelope #'s over 900 are asked to go to the office to pick up your envelopes. *If it is more convenient don't forget we offer Pre-Authorized payment plan.*

Sunday, December 2nd, 2007



Organizations & Ministries

1. Development & Peace: Our Church teaches that all people have the right to participate fully in and have control over decisions that affect their lives and communities. Thanks to the more than 500 people who signed the recent action cards supporting the Development and Peace campaign for *A Voice for the Voiceless*.

Catholic Women's Guild

We invite all families in the Parish to join us on Tuesday Dec. 11 @ 7:30pm in Seton Hall for our **Annual Pot Luck Supper for the Rose of Sharon**. As well as bringing a dish of your choice (enough to feed 6 people) we would also appreciate a donation for the Rose of Sharon in the form of an unwrapped gift for a baby/young child, toiletry items, list posted on bulletin board in lobby of the church, or even a monetary donation.



On December 8th & 9th
(after each Mass)
Come to Seton Hall for our:
Poinsettia Sale

6" Poinsettias - \$8
10" Poinsettias & African Violet mix - \$20
Christmas Cacti (hanging basket) \$15
Proceeds to the Rose of Sharon

Christmas Trees For Sale



Our Knights of Columbus will be selling their beautiful Christmas Trees again this year. Trees will be available December 1st, in the Parish parking lot. Reserve yours today.



Parish Album!

In order to complete the Parish Album, we would welcome pictures you may have of special events in the parish. For example: World Youth Day(s), group pictures of Baptisms, 1st Communion, Confirmation. Please submit pictures to the office by December 9th. Thank you!

Something to think about!

How can prayer help me embrace God's will and cope with day-to-day challenges?



Social & Other

1. Town of East Gwillimbury Toy and Food Drive: If you know of any individuals or families who would benefit from this Toy & Food drive please contact Joanne Comeau @ 905 478-4282 ext. 235 by Friday Dec. 7th.

2. Challenge Club: 'Thank you to all the Challenge Club members, team leaders and moms who made the 'Looking Good from Inside Out' seminar a great success!'



Christmas Cake Sale

Made from quality ingredients these traditional homemade fruitcakes are delicious gift idea.

\$25 for 1350g box packaged in a decorative round tin,
\$15 for 775g box per loaf

All proceeds go to Campaign Life Coalition;
For inquires call Jennifer McAvoy 905-898-4899.



Keep Christ In Christmas

The Knights of Columbus will be selling religious Christmas cards, in the hall or foyer, after all the weekend Masses.

Mass Intentions

Mon. Dec 3

8:00am Minnie Fenniger (D) The Family

Tues. Dec. 4

9:00am Jose Rocha & Maria Dutra Laurenco Family (D)

7:00pm Mary Courtemanche (D) Ann Lynch

Wed. Dec.5

8:00am Tarsilla Campagnolo (D) Agnes Aquino&Family

Thur. Dec.6

9:00am Denis Daly (D) Sheila Clotworthy

7:00pm Kelly Wright (I) Janice Senger & Maryanne Knetson

Fri. Dec.7

8:00am Kelly Okjoo Aylett (D) Mackenzie Family

Sat. Dec. 8

9:00am Nunzio Cicci (D) Carmine & Dominica Cicci

4:30pm Tom & Marie Murphy (D) Marian Brown

Sun. Dec. 9

8:00am Rheal Valade (D) Francine Fowles

9:30am Anthony AnhHuuNguyen (D) Lai & Tammy Tran

11:00am Christopher Hillen (D) 11 am Choir

7:00pm Roger West (D) Margaret West