

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pastor's Corner

There was no room in the Inn but the Advent Season has taught us that ours is a God who longs to dwell with us each moment of our lives.

During the Advent season we have sung "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and if we can make space for Him in our hearts and lives – He will come in - there will be room in the Inn! We can only really celebrate Christmas when we can acknowledge our need for Him to come on our behalf:

*No one can celebrate
a genuine Christmas
without being truly poor.*

*The self sufficient, the proud,
those who, because they have everything,
look down on others,
those who have no need even of God
– for them there will be no Christmas.*

*Only the poor, the hungry,
those who need someone
to come on their behalf,
will have that someone.
That someone is God.*

*Emmanuel.
God-with-us.*

*Without poverty of spirit
there can be no abundance of God.*

Oscar Romero

*May the Christ child find room in the Inn of all our lives.
Merry Christmas,*

*Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. Roy*



Liturgical



CHRISTMAS PLANT DONATION

If you would like to donate a potted plant in memory of a loved one for Christmas, please bring a plant with the persons name on a card to the parish anytime Friday, December 21st.

Catechisis & Registration for

1st Communion Dates

Parents Only

Meeting/Information and sign up for
1st Communion Mass date/time

Monday, January 21st @ 7pm to 8pm
Wednesday, January 23rd @ 7pm to 8pm

(Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to register)

Confirmation Meeting Dates

Candidates only

Monday, January 28th from 7pm to 8pm
Wednesday, January 30th from 7pm to 8pm

****Please arrive 15 minutes early for all meetings.**

If you are unable to attend the above meeting dates it is very important to notify the parish office to leave a message for Jennifer McAvoy.**

Christmas Eve Mass in French

French speaking Catholics are invited to a

Christmas Eve Mass in French

7:00pm at École Nouvelle-Alliance

249 Anne Street North, Barrie

or 10:30pm at École Cardinal-Carter

210 Bloomington West, Aurora

For more information call 1-877-974-7455

or by email at infor@ccrys.com



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, 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, Kathleen Mann, Joe Pilleci, Jim Tobin, Pam James, Liz Law, Pat Moffat...

Sunday, December 23rd, 2007



Organizations & Ministries

1. Baptism: We welcome to our parish community those who were baptized December 9th:

Sophie Trombley Dylan Smith Trevor Waite

2. Consolation and Hope: At this time the Ministry of Consolation and Hope will replace the monthly Drop-in with planned home visits. Please call the office in order to contact the Ministers of Care. We are planning to show some informational videos on grief-related topics in the near future.

3. 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 2008 (7 – 10pm), and ends on Saturday April 5th (9:30am to 5:30pm). Please call the parish office to register.

Our Pre-Authorized Giving Program

Our Pre-Authorized Giving Program has been met with great success.

Thank you to all who have signed up!

If you are interested in signing up there are blue brochures in the front foyer.

Feel free to contact the parish office with any questions



Christmas Trees

For Sale

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

RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP

Looking for that special something!
Don't forget our Religious Gift Shop.

Open after all masses



Parish Office Holiday Hours

The office will be closed from Monday December 24th to Tuesday, January 1st and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd @ 9am. Ann, Virginia, Jennifer, Nancy and Stanley wish you all a happy, healthy and peace filled Christmas season.



Social & Other

1. Yale Glee Club: On Monday January 7th, 2008 at 7pm the Yale Glee Club will be performing here at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. Tickets are available at the Newmarket Theatre Box Office, by calling 905-953-5122 or online www.newmarkettheatre.ca

2. Music in the Liturgy: CORE is sponsoring a workshop for all involved in liturgical music ministry on Saturday January 19th, 2008 from 11am to 3pm. The presenter will be Dr. Christian McConnell, Asst. Professor, Liturgical Studies, Faculty of Theology, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto. The event will take place at Blessed Trinity Parish 3220 Bayview Ave. For more information and registration please contact Connie Price at 416-934-3400 x513 or [@connieprice@archtoronto.org](mailto:connieprice@archtoronto.org)

A Big Thank you too

**Eric Jacobs and the Harmony Chorale
from St. Vincent DePaul
for your very generous donation of \$1000.,
what a tremendous help for the Christmas
season!**

Mass Intentions

Mon. Dec 24		
8:00am	No Intentions	-
Tues. Dec. 25		
9:30am	No Intentions	-
11:00am	No Intentions	-
Wed. Dec.26		
9:00am	Bruno Tolazzi (D)	Frank Tolazzi
Thur. Dec.27		
9:00am	Lena Racioppo (D)	Racioppo Family
7:00pm	No Evening Mass	-
Fri. Dec.28		
9:00am	Michael Boland (D)	Charles & Patricia Clutterbuck
Sat. Dec. 29		
9:00am	Michael Boland (D)	Jill Brennan
4:30pm	Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Seton	-
Sun. Dec.30		
8:00am	Margarita Chen (D)	Lim Family
9:30am	Salvatore & Camilla Caruso (I)	Daughter & Family
11:00am	Rosa Lim (I)	Mother
7:00pm	Michael Boland (D)	Lisa Clutterbuck

The only real blind person at Christmas time is he who has not Christmas in his heart.

Helen Keller