# **First Sunday Of Advent**

November 27, 2011

"Keep alert, for you do not know when the master of the house will come."

- Mark 13:33-37

When there is a funeral at "either" Holy Trinity or St. Joachim's, our regular 12 noon Mass will be cancelled and the Mass intention rescheduled for another day.

#### MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

#### MASS INTENTION

**Madeline & William Ricketts** Tuesday November 29 12 noon **Thursday** December 1 12 noon **Veronica Frigault** Saturday December 3 6:00pm **Donnie Dixon** For All Parishioners & Their Intentions Sunday December 4 9:30am

# **Last Week's Offertory Collection**

<b>Parishioners Using Envelopes:</b>	107	Last Week's Envelopes:	46
		Average Envelope Donation:	\$24.02

Regular Envelopes	\$1,105.00
Loose Donation	\$135.30
Building Fund	\$10.00
Christmas Baskets	\$1,540.00
Retired Priests & Seminarians	\$277.00
Memorial Tree	\$10.00
Last Weekend's Total	\$3077.30

**Father Peter Thanks Everyone For their Generosity** 

#### **Christmas Masses**

Our Christmas Mass times for this year are as follows:

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Saturday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm
Sunday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am
Saturday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	6:00pm
Sunday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am

#### **CWL**

The CWL Annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm, followed by dinner in the Family Center. Members are asked to bring a gift for a child. Please bring a gift bag or wrapping for the gift, but do not wrap the gift.

#### **Memorial Tree**

Each year, as Christmas approaches, people think of family members and friends who have died. Many have found our Memorial Tree to be a helpful way of remembering and dealing with feelings of loss during an otherwise happy time. If this is helpful for you, you are invited to print the names(s) of deceased relatives and friends on an envelope and mark it "Memorial Tree". These names will be placed on ornaments prepared and decorated by the children in our Religious Education Program and the ornaments will be placed on the Tree. While you may also use the same envelope to make a voluntary donation to our Building Fund, a donation is not required. Deadline for submission of names is Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Christmas Party**

Our annual Christmas Party will be held in the Family Center on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> after Mass. We hope that everyone will be able to attend as there will be hot dogs, pop, ice cream, cake, guessing games, pictures with a possible special guest and lots of fun for everyone.

#### **Christmas Flower Memorial**

Again this year we are asking for your assistance as we decorate Holy Trinity for Christmas. We encourage you to make a donation towards our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. Simply write the name(s) of those you would like to remember on an envelope and drop it in the collection. Please also indicate that the envelope is for "Flowers", and include your envelope number. The names of all those being honored will be included in our Christmas bulletin.

#### **Christmas Baskets**

Requested food items for the weekend of December 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>: Instant Coffee/Canned Milk/Tea.

We also need cash donations; and these can be placed in the collection at any time. Please mark the envelope "Christmas Baskets". The entire list of food items is available on the bulletin boards and at HolyTrinitySJ.com/ChristmasBaskets.

#### **Help Needed**

Sr. Nickerson is in need of volunteers to help with Christmas Baskets on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30am - 2pm. She needs help packing the baskets in the morning and delivery drivers in the afternoon.

#### **First Friday Holy Hour And Mass**

The monthly First Friday Holy Hour will take place at St. Joachim's on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11am - 12:30pm. The Holy Hour begins at 11am and will consist of exposition, adoration, and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; concluding conclude with 12 noon Mass. All Holy Trinity parishioners are invited and encouraged to join us as we spend this special time with Our Lord.

#### **2012 Ministry Schedule**

Cindy is about to begin working on the Ministry Schedule for January, February & March. If you know that you will be unavailable at any time during those months, please contact Cindy (633-5895 or doylewil@rogers.com) before December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Christmas Ministry Schedule**

There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church. Please check off which Masses you plan on attending so that Cindy can complete the Christmas Ministry Schedule. We ask that you please check off your name before Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Pro Life**

Bishop Harris has requested that we distribute his letter regarding Pro Life Sunday - it is attached to the bulletin. He has also asked that we make available a petition to the Attorney General of Canada which is in opposition to Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide. These are available at the back of the church for you to sign.

# **HOLY TRINITY**

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#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm for family members of Holy Trinity Parish and those who are living within the geographical boundaries of our parish. To make arrangements for a baptism please call the office at 653-6838.

#### **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE / RECONCILIATION**

Confessions are celebrated in the church every Saturday from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, or at other times if you would like to make an appointment by speaking with Father Peter.

#### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

To reserve our church for a wedding, couples must first make an appointment with our pastor to discuss their plans and complete the pre-nuptial investigation forms. At least a six month notice and taking a marriage preparation course is a requirement. Because of our pastor's schedule for two parishes, weddings cannot be celebrated any later than 11 am on Saturday.

#### SACRAMENT AND MINISTRY TO THE SICK

If there is a family member or relative in the hospital who would like to receive a visit from the pastor, please inform Father Peter. Also, please let Father Peter know if there is someone sick or confined to their home who would like to receive a visit, receive Holy Communion, or be anointed with the Sacrament of the Sick.