

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH**

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, December 4 Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3.8-14 Mark 1.1-8	Mass - 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Our Parish Community Our Parish Community Our Parish Community	
Monday, December 5 Isaiah 35.1-10 Luke 5.17-26	No Mass		Fr. Angus Smith
Tuesday, December 6 <i>St. Nicholas</i> Isaiah 40.1-11 Matthew 18.12-14	Mass - 7:00 p.m. Mass - 10:30 a.m. St. James School (gym)	Armando Riga, Jozef Pona Eva Dups, Umesh Bhat Spec. Int. of Gerry Guinto Larry Eccleston	Fr. Mike Myroniuk
Wednesday, December 7 <i>St. Ambrose</i> Isaiah 40.25-31 Matthew 11.28-30	Mass - 8:30 a.m. Mass - 11:00 a.m. -Heritage Green	Cesare, Giuseppina & Alex Nardini Raimondo Agro	Our Parish Community
Thursday, December 8 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Genesis 3.9-15, 20 Ephesians 1.3-6, 11-12 Luke 1.26-38	Mass - 8:30 a.m. Mass - 10:30 a.m. St. Matthew School (gym)	Carolynne McGowan Lucy Colavita	Fr. James Boudreau
Friday, December 9 <i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</i> Isaiah 48.17-19 Matthew 11.16-19	Mass - 6:00 a.m. (Advent Novena) Mass - 10:15 a.m. Ridgeview Nursing Home	Anna Massicci Raimondo Agro	Fr. Stephen Csiszar
Saturday, December 10 Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11 Matthew 17.10-13	Mass - 6:00 a.m. (Advent Novena)	Anna Laskowska	Fr. Timothy Higgins
	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
	Mass - 5:00 p.m.	John Joch, Giovanna Bono Giovannina Sgarbossa, Sante Zenone Deceased Members of the Capretta Family	

The Week in Preview

Monday, December 5
7:00 p.m. CWL Choir

Tuesday, December 6
9:30 a.m. Scripture Study
6:15 p.m. Legion of Mary
7:30 p.m. CWL General
7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, December 7
7:00 p.m. RCIA

Thursday, December 8
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Exec. Meeting

Sunday, December 11
1:00 p.m. Baptisms
7:00 p.m. "Come Lord Jesus" - Lessons & Carols



Collection for November 26 / 27, 2011

Regular	-\$6,008.00
Building/Maintenance	- 1,000.00
Flowers	- 23.00

**St. Paul Catholic School
Family Advent Night**

Thursday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall

Liturgy and Advent hymns at 6:00 p.m., with light refreshments to follow. While enjoying refreshments parents and students will be wrapping and decorating gifts for families in need of support. All families are invited to attend.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Christmas trees are set up at the entrances of the church. The trees are decorated with gift tags printed with various ages, including infants, children, teens and adults. Please select a tag, return it attached to a present and place it under the tree by **Sunday, December 18th**. These gifts will be used to assemble hampers for those in need. The Christmas hampers will be assembled on Sunday, December 18th in the parish hall and delivered to homes. You and your family are invited to participate in this Christmas activity.

Due to the economy, we are helping the Good Shepherd Centres with the purchase of Christmas gifts. These tags are also on the Christmas trees at the entrances of the church and the gifts must be received here by **Sunday, December 11th**.

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**ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS**

**Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

An ancient tradition to prepare for the birth of Jesus is a beautiful paraliturgy composed of scriptural readings, seasonal reflections, music and prayer. All our parish choirs will participate. A free will offering will be taken to assist the marginalized of our community. You and your family and friends are invited to attend.

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PARISH PENANCE CELEBRATION

Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Several priest confessors from the area will be available for the celebration of individual confessions.

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**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

We are planning to have Christmas pageants again this year at the 5 and 7 p.m. Masses on December 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping or have children that would like to take part please call Susan at the parish office - 905 664-7651.

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ADVENT NOVENA OF MASSES

Our Advent Novena will begin on Friday, December 9th with Mass at 6:00 a.m. and will continue for nine days to Saturday, December 17th. Please consider being part of this spiritual preparation for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Everyone is welcome.

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**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

**GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome to come and watch a demonstration on how to assemble a Christmas arrangement.

**ADVENT RETREAT**

**CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING**

The Catholic Women's League is hosting an Advent Retreat in its auditorium on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Bishop Douglas Crosby will be the guest speaker. The topic of his talk will be "Journeying with Mary through Advent". Everyone, men, women and children are invited to attend. Light refreshments will follow a question and answer period after the Bishop's talk. For more information please call Georgina Minnes at [cwl\\_ckt@yahoo.ca](mailto:cwl_ckt@yahoo.ca) or call the Parish Office at 905 522-5744.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Imagine your whole city being deported after being defeated. Every person of any means is packed up with whatever few possessions they can gather and are transported away. Only a few of the very elderly, the very poor, or the very simple are left behind. This was the experience of the population of Jerusalem in 587 BC after the city was defeated in battle by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. The inhabitants of Jerusalem were carried off in captivity to the area south of Baghdad in what is now modern-day Iraq. Such is always the way of conquerors, who treat the human population as the spoils of war.

It is in this context that the prophecies of the second part of the Book of Isaiah are written (chapters 40-55). These are the words of consolation to a people in exile. Today's first reading begins second Isaiah with the words, "Give comfort to my people." The well-known words about valleys being filled in and mountains made low reflect the arduous trek across the desert that the captives endured at the hands of the Babylonian army. A highway in the desert would have been a blessing!

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. used this same prophecy from Isaiah in his "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963. Through Isaiah's words, he expressed the hope of generations of African-Americans for the fulfillment of equality in their own land.

As giant highway projects show, we have the capacity to level mountains and fill in valleys. Building a highway in the desert was accomplished by US Army engineers early in the war in Iraq.

But the real construction of a human society rooted in God's love still needs to go on. There is much inequality that we need to address. Isaiah continually reminded the people of Israel that it would be God who acted, but that humankind must cooperate with God's grace. That challenge remains the same for us today!