

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

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, November 27 Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37	Mass - 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Our Parish Community Our Parish Community Our Parish Community	
Monday, November 28 Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 8:5-11	No Mass		Fr. Vernon Cullaton
Tuesday, November 29 Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24	Mass - 7:00 p.m.	Raimondo Agro, Norina Ciofani, Maria Giovanelli, Deceased Members of the Morson & Furlanetto Families Deceased Members of the Osakowicz & Waskiel Families For the Spec. Int. of the Marcuzzi Family	Fr. Ron Cote
Wednesday, November 30 <i>Saint Andrew</i> Romans 10:9-18 Matthew 4:18-22	Mass - 8:30 a.m. Mass - 9:30 a.m. Assumption School (church)	Baby Denver Gilio Zuccolin	Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)
Thursday, December 1 Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21, 24-27	Mass - 8:30 a.m. Mass - 10:30 a.m. St. Mark School (gym)	Robert Rivet Désiré Bourque	Msgr. William O'Brien
Friday, December 2 - First Friday Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31	Mass - 8:30 a.m. 9 - 11 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Benediction at 10:50 a.m.)	Norm Latimer	Fr. Leo Burns, CSB
Saturday, December 3 <i>Saint Francis Xavier</i> Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	Fr. Michael Sullivan
	Mass - 5:00 p.m.	Ludmila Andries Antonio & Silvia Capretta Helen Scafetti, Giovanna Bono, Cesare Nardini	

The Week in Preview

Monday, November 28

7:00 p.m. CWL Choir

Tuesday, November 29

9:30 a.m. Scripture Study

6:15 p.m. Legion of Mary

7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council

Wednesday, November 30

7:00 p.m. RCIA

Thursday, December 1

6:30 p.m. Children's Choir

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Regular - \$6,301.50

Renovation Fund - 10.00

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

Events & Meetings.....

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.

Collection for November 19 - 20, 2011

**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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**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE**

Congratulations, Assumption Parish! Your contributions to the Victorian Christmas Marketplace resulted in our most successful bazaar ever, with proceeds of \$8,479.46. THANK YOU to everyone who donated items, big or small. Thank you to "Booth Conveners": Germaine McCormack, Anna Sagan, Maria Serra, Marlene Bodden, Mary Mojeski, Rita Ricottone, Jobie Brady, Dini Ebbers, and Ursel Burchert... and their "staff". Winners of the Penny Sale & Silent Auction are posted on the bulletin board at the church entrance; the winner of the Quilt Raffle was Linda Crawford of Troy, ON, with #0681; winners of the 50-50 draws were Sandra Vanni (Sat. \$88) and Bernie Klunder (Sun. \$72); and finally, the winner of the children's "nativity draw" was Anthony Ragonetti. *On behalf of the entire CWL and the organizing committee, our appreciation and best wishes to ALL!*

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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.

During the Advent Season confessions will also be provided on:

Saturday, December 10th, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 17th, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20th, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Also a reminder that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy New Year! Of course, I am not referring to the calendar year but the new liturgical year which begins with the First Sunday of Advent. This year 2011-2012, we begin "Year B" which is also known as the "Year of Mark". Most Sundays of this coming liturgical year will include a reading

from the gospel of Saint Mark. This weekend we also begin the celebration of the new translation of the Mass. As I have been saying over the past few weeks, this is nothing to panic over - it is a beautiful translation. Some of the responses have changed but once we get used to these responses, it will be as if nothing has changed.

This season of Advent is a wonderful way in which we can prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord Jesus once again at Christmas. We all know that this can be a stressful time - Advent allows us to quiet ourselves and to reflect on who Jesus is for each one of us. One of the ways we can do this is by coming to our parish Advent Celebration on Sunday December 11th at 7:00 p.m. Our Parish Music Ministry is coordinating this evening of prayer, scripture, seasonal reflections and of course, music. This is a wonderful way to get into the meaning of this holy season.

We will also be having our "Advent Novena" once again this year. It will begin on Friday December 9th and will conclude on Saturday December 17th. Once again, it will take place at 6:00 in the morning! This is a wonderful way to begin our days! Bishop Douglas Crosby OMI, the Bishop of Hamilton, will be the celebrant at the closing Mass on December 17th. Please consider coming to the novena.

I have noticed that many copies of our parish hymnals - both Gather and Catholic Book of Worship - have gone missing. If you have "borrowed" a copy, I would just ask that you bring it back to the parish. Not only are these books expensive but they are out of print, so we cannot order any other copies to replace the ones we have. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Over the past few weeks, our grade two students and our grade eight students have achieved important spiritual milestones in their lives. Our grade twos made their first reconciliation in October and over the last two weekends, our grade eight students were confirmed by Monsignor Vincent Kerr, the Chancellor of our diocese. These young people were well prepared and confident in receiving these sacraments. I thank the schools for their support and for preparing these young people for these sacraments. I am grateful for all that our schools do.

As of January 2012, I will be getting some assistance to help in the celebration of the Masses on the weekends. The Franciscan Fathers from Saint Raphael Parish in Burlington, will be sending a priest every other weekend to celebrate and preach at two masses. I am thankful for their offer of help and I look forward to them coming to the parish. Please welcome them when you meet them. Have a good weekend!