

Saint Dunstan's Basilica Parish

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2011

PASTORAL TEAM:

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Mass Readings for Sunday, December 18, 2011

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1 - 5, 8b - 12, 14a, 16

2nd Reading: Romans 16.25 - 27

Gospel: Luke 1.26 - 38

Hymns for December 10/11:

Gathering: O Come, O Come, Emanuel (CBW # 440)

Psalm (Luke 1): My Soul Shall Exult In My God

Prep of the Gifts: Holy Is Your Name (CIS # 6.23)

Communion: Taste and See (MI # 331)

Recessional: O Come, Divine Messiah (CBW # 441)

ST. DUNSTAN'S PARISH CHOIR rehearsals are Thursdays, 7 - 9 pm in the church. All are welcome.

BULLETIN: Bulletin announcements accepted to Wednesday at 12 Noon in written form or by e-mail: saintdunstans@gmail.com

LOST & FOUND: Check with janitorial staff or parish secretary regarding items lost in the church.

BAPTISMS: Will be held the 2nd Sunday of each month at 1 pm. Please contact the Parish Office for information.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: "Our Father's Adoration Chapel" is open daily from 6 am - 11 pm except for cleaning on Sunday, 9 am - 12 pm. You may request to have a candle burn in the Adoration Chapel during this time. The stipend to request an intention is \$7. Please contact the Parish Office. This week the candles in the Chapel burn for: In Memory of Beatrice Foley; Special Intention (1).

LAST SUNDAY OFFERING: \$5,421.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL \$1,745.00
DIRECT DEPOSIT \$ 395.00
LOONIE COLLECTION \$ 445.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!!

SCENTS: Please be mindful that we have parishioners who are sensitive to fragrances and other scented products. Thank you for respecting this.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

Penitential Service

With Visiting Priests Monday, Dec. 12, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays 11 a.m. (Basement)

Saturdays, Dec. 10 & 17 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS:

December 24 Christmas 6:00 p.m.

December 24 Midnight Mass 12 Midnight

December 25 Christmas Day 10:30 a.m.

December 26 Boxing Day NO MASS

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEARS):

December 31 New Year's Eve 5:00 p.m.

January 1 New Year's Day 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER: Every day in Advent, morning and evening prayer will be celebrated in the adoration chapel at 7:30 am and 6:30 pm. All are invited to make this prayer of the Church a part of your Christmas preparation. Sunday evening prayer, a solemn sung vespers (celebrated only on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of Advent) will be celebrated in the main Church.

OUR FATHER'S ADORATION CHAPEL: "I myself am the living bread come down from Heaven." John 6.51. Please think about becoming an adorer, as there are many hours available. Take an hour for a special intention, open hour - Tuesday, 3 pm. If interested in becoming a substitute for the chapel, please contact Joyce White, Coordinator, 367-5701.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Donation may be made "In Memory of Loved Ones" towards the cost of Christmas flowers by placing their name and your name & envelope # in the collection basket or drop into the Parish office. **Only names submitted to the office by December 13 will be printed in the Bulletin.** Loved ones will be remembered at the Christmas Masses.

PARISH ENVELOPES: 2012 envelopes are now available. Anyone wishing envelopes for the new year, may contact the parish office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The next regular monthly meeting of the St. Dunstan's St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Thursday December 15, at 7:30 pm in the church basement. Anyone interested in learning more about the work of our group in helping the poor are welcome to attend.

KING AND QUEEN'S COUNTY YOUTH MEET: Second Meeting of the Kings and Queens county youth of the diocese of Charlottetown will be held this Sunday, December 11, 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at Holy Redeemer Parish Centre, (Jack Blanchard Family Centre). Let us make this a remarkable event with Music, skit, video presentation, sharing and time for fun in this Christmas season. There is no cost for this event.

CHORAL CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR: The choirs of Holy Redeemer Parish and St. Dunstan's Basilica will be combining forces to present "The Wonders of His Love", an exciting new cantata which gives traditional Christmas carols a "face-lift" while spinning its own magic with its catchy original material. Accompanied by a 25 piece orchestra, this exciting work will be featured at Holy Redeemer Church on Sunday December 18, as part of their annual Candlelight Carol Service, and repeated at St. Dunstan's Basilica on Monday December 19. The Sunday night service will also showcase highlights from Holy Redeemers' traditional fare, while Monday's concert explores the history of Christmas music throughout the ages. Performances are at 7:30 pm and admission is free.

LOOKING FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT? If you wish to purchase a copy of "My Two Cents" by Fr. George, we have copies in the office, or they are available at the Pastoral Care Unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, or by calling Fr. George at (367-9398) for \$20 per copy.

UPDATE ON DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL SURVEY: Currently the names of candidates are being submitted to Bishop Richard to form a Diocesan Catechetical Committee. The hope is to have representatives from the four Zones. With the first meeting being targeted for late January or early February, this new Diocesan Committee will be charged to implement the recommendations that were based on a Catechetical Survey that was conducted in June.

A SALUTE TO YOUR GENEROSITY: Your response to the tragedy unfolding in the Horn of Africa has been truly overwhelming. According to the latest report from Development and Peace, the Catholic people in the Diocese of Charlottetown have contributed \$98,908.98. Congratulations! The total of all Catholic Dioceses in Canada amounts to \$6,729,973.84.

IRAQI REFUGEE INITIATIVE: The Diocese of Charlottetown has undertaken an initiative to sponsor 3-4 Iraqi refugee families. Ultimately this can be accomplished only with the collaboration of a number of parish communities. Please give serious consideration to becoming involved in this important cause. We are prepared to come to your parish and provide additional information about the details of sponsoring a refugee family. Please contact Gerry Gabriel at 368-8005, ext.226 or geraldfgabriel@gmail.com to make arrangements for a short presentation by the Iraqi Refugee Initiative Team.

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL of the CWL and the Knights of Columbus encourage parishioners to write a personal letter to Premier Ghiz and Hon. Doug Currie asking that the status quo concerning abortion not be changed. Their address is PO Box 2000, Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8.

PEI RIGHT TO LIFE ASSOCIATION would like to invite you to take part in a Day of Prayer and Fast for PEI. Our friends in New Brunswick are supporting us this Friday. We would like all Islanders to have our own day, Friday, December 16. Please give the unborn your prayerful support and spread this message to your friends and family.

AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS: The classic Christmastime music-drama is coming to four Island churches: Dec 27 - Central Queens United, Hunter River (preview), Dec 28 - St. Paul's Anglican, Charlottetown, Dec 29 - Trinity United, Summerside, Dec 30 - Cornwall United. All performances start at 7 pm. The magical story of a shepherd boy and the three kings on their way to Bethlehem. An inspirational family experience for the holiday week. Presented by Coro Dolce, the PEI classical choir. Tickets are available from the four host churches. \$14, \$8 (12-and-under children). Information: 675-3672.

APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA: (Blue Army Devotions) Sunday, December 11, St. Dunstan's Basilica at 2 pm.

"I rejoice heartily in the Lord," the prophet says in the first Reading. And why wouldn't he? He has glad tidings. The poor will be taken care of, the brokenhearted will be healed, the captives will be freed, and the prisoners will be released. Who wouldn't rejoice in these things?

As the winter dark and cold encroach on our days and the birth of the baby Jesus draws near, we hear these beautiful words everywhere. But the problem is that, for many people, this is a time of depression, not of joy.

And why? Well, because the poor are still poor; people are broken-hearted; and the captives and prisoners are not released. The bank forecloses on the house of a person who has lost his job; a friend is treacherous; a spouse succumbs to alcoholism. What has happened to the promise of the beautiful words? How is joy possible?

The answer lies in Mary's words in the Magnificat. "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior," she says. Does anyone think that she took these words back when she stood by the cross as her son was crucified?

How can Mary maintain the words of the Magnificat even at the foot of the cross? The answer is that the greatest love of the Lord was there. The words of joy that Mary spoke before the Lord was born are only more true in the suffering she bears at his cross. His love doesn't take away her suffering at his crucifixion. How could it? But her suffering is enveloped in his great love, and so it is transfigured.

Joy in the Lord is compatible with waiting for the final redemption from our suffering and our sin because Christ is Emanuel, God with us. Even now, because his love suffuses all our suffering, our souls can proclaim the greatness of the Lord, and our spirits can rejoice in God. Our Lord transfigures the suffering of our lives in his love.

Eleanor Stump

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun.: 5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph MacDonald(A)
Mon.: 12:05 p.m. John & Georgie Dillon (A) & DFM
Tue.: 12:05 p.m. William Rooth (A)
Wed.: 12:05 p.m. Grover Smith
Thurs: 10:00 a.m. Andrews Lodge - Spec. Int
Thur.: 12:05 p.m. Joseph Bourque
Fri.: 12:05 p.m. Beatrice Foley (A)
Sat.: 9:00 a.m. Mary L. Doyle
Sat.: 5:00 p.m. Bernadette McGuigan & DFM

A: Anniversary IO: Intention Of
DFM: Deceased Family Members

Please Note: The 9 a.m. Mass on Saturday is cancelled when there is a funeral, but please remember that anyone can attend the funeral of a brother or sister in Christ. The Mass Intention scheduled for that day will then be offered at a later date.