

PARISH EVENTS

4th DEGREE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

ASSEMBLY: The next meeting (wine and cheese) is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 1st at 7:30 pm.**

3rd DEGREE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

COUNCIL: The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 14th at 7:30 pm.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The CWL will be holding their Annual Christmas Bake Sale on **December 5th & 6th** after all masses. In addition we will be hosting the 'first Sunday' coffee on **December 5th**. Please join us.

The CWL is also hosting an Advent Holy Hour at **6pm on December 10th** with a reception following. All parishioners are invited to attend.

A "Santa Bag" will be placed at the entrance to the Church, starting this weekend. This bag is to be filled with socks, underwear, pajamas, mitts, hats, etc. for the less fortunate children of the Children's Aid Society (CAS). Your generosity and support will be greatly appreciated.

Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 10th at 7:30 pm** following the celebration of the Eucharist at 7:00 pm.

SENIOR'S CARD CLUB: The Senior's Card Club meets weekly at **1:00 pm on Wednesdays**. Next meeting: **November 25th**. **All are welcome.**

PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Pastoral Council meets every other month. The next meeting will be scheduled in January. The Pastoral Council is looking for new members. If you wish to help, please contact Father John.

FINANCIAL COUNCIL: The next quarterly meeting of the Financial Council will be scheduled in January.

CEMETERY COUNCIL: This council meets quarterly after the Financial Council meetings.

BAPTISM: The monthly Baptismal meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 26th at 7:30 pm** and Baptisms will be on **Sunday, November 29th at 10:00 am.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED: Please



remember in your prayers all those in our parish community who are sick and in need of encouragement:

Gerard Tessier, Joseph MacDonald, Tami Thompson and

Ashley Liboiron.

MASS INTENTIONS



Wednesday 25, November

9:15 am For Michael & Loretta McGuire by Beauchamp Family

Thursday 26, November

6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm For the Soul of Agostinho Vieira by Pureza Suarez

Friday 27, November

9:15 am For Annabel Legault by Marcia Beauchamp

Saturday 28, November

5:00 pm For Marjorie Pereira by Gemma Saldanha
Catherine Mitchell by Pat & Ruby O'Brien

Sunday 29, November

9:00 am For Roberto Farese by Fred & Berthe Farese
Emily Marion by Her Family
11:00 am For Blessed Mother Kateri Tekakwitha by Ellen Robinson

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday 28, November

5:00 pm Richard Darbyshire

Sunday 29, November

9:00 am Bob Gervais
11:00 am Neville D'Cunha

LECTORS

Saturday 28, November

5:00 pm Bob Driscoll

Sunday 29, November

9:00 am Dan Lane
11:00 am Dee Fetzko

CASH COUNTERS

Sunday 29, November

Christine and Emily Ebron

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NEW WEB SITE! We are very pleased to announce the launch of our newly designed web site. The address is the same and we invite to 'browse' at your convenience: www.saintbernardparish.com.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Parishioners who know of someone who wishes to receive communion at home are encouraged to be ministers of communion to the sick. To receive a pix and short instruction, see Fr. John after any mass.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING: Beginning December 6, 2009 The UPS Store will be printing our bulletins. We are making this change to support local businesses in the area and also to allow us more flexibility with our publishing schedules. The advertisements on the back cover make our bulletin possible. **Please help support the bulletin publication and advertise your product or service.** For additional information, contact Father John at 613/738-1943 or Jackie Gorman at 613/737-3940.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Children in our Parish will be making their first confession. Please keep the children in your prayers as they make this important step in their faith journey.

Tues. 8 Dec. at 10:15 am: St. Thomas More

Wed. 9 Dec. at 10 am: St. Bernard School

Thurs. 10, Dec. at 10:15am: St. Marguerite D'Youville

CHRISTMAS DANCE AND SOCIAL: Don't forget the Adult Christmas Dance on **Sat., Nov. 28th from 8pm – 1 am** in the parish hall.

2010 MISSALS ON SALE: Missals will be available in the foyer for \$5 if parishioners wish to purchase one. Exact change is always appreciated.

INTEREST OUTSIDE SAINT BERNARD PARISH

MARRIED COUPLES: Give each other the gift of time together and rediscover the depth of your love through a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. In the Ottawa area: **Feb. 19-21, 2010.** Spaces limited. Info & registration: Louise & Tim (613-834-8348) by Jan. 8, 2010. Worldwide Marriage Encounter: (<http://www.wmcanada.org/>).

ADVENT RETREAT: Guelph, Dec. 11 - 13. Taize monastic pattern of prayer. Info: Registrar, Ignatius

Jesuit Centre, 5420 Highway 6 North, Guelph (519-824-1250, ext 266); (www.ignatiusguelph.ca).

Facing Truth

Daniel 7:13-14, Revelation 1:5-8, John 18:33-37

There is such a great temptation not to see things the way they are. It's too painful, at times, to look life squarely in the face and say, "Yes, this is the way things are. I may have a difficult time dealing with them as they are, but that is just how it is. I either face life as I find it, or find an escape and pretend that things are not as they really are".

Then we become escape artists. We do whatever we have to do in order to avoid looking at life the way it is. And the culture we live in is more than happy to give us all kinds of ways to escape facing life as it is. It seems that we are addicted to distractions. The list would be long but allow me to mention just a few of the escapes we indulge in: Television, shopping, expensive holidays, food, booze, drugs, sex, pornography, romance novels, gambling, toys for big boys and so on. If you're looking to escape facing life, you have many, many choices. But they are all on a dangerous detour called illusion. They are all substitutes for real living, for living in the truth.

When your weekends are spent with alcohol or overindulgence as their main focus, that's not real living. That's just being stupid. Do you ever wonder why people spend thousands of dollars to go away to some exotic place, only to end up sitting at the bar most of the day and night? Or become so involved in mundane, senseless television shows that they never have an intelligent thing to say about what is really going on in life. Trashy, badly written books have a deadening effect on the soul. And spending hours in front of a slot machine never made a person a better human being.

Today as we think about Christ the King, we are given the picture of Pilate and Jesus facing each other. When we are not living the truth, we are living a lie. We are living a double life.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners. Please introduce yourselves to the pastor or complete the following and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Phone: _____