



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Anyone who is interested in joining our EASTERN EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE to Prague, Salzburg, Vienna, Budapest, Wadowice, Krakow, and Czestochowa on April 30 - May 11, 2012, please come to our next meeting on Sunday, December 4th at 3pm in the church basement. Priscila Estrada and Cynthia Cruz of Sampaguita Travel will be available to give more information.

This weekend we are introducing the new translation of the Mass. Please, follow along in your Missals, or the cards found in you pews.

During the Clergy Study Days, Archbishop Miller encouraged us to try to do our best in implementing these changes. He also mentioned that it may be a long process and that we should take our time to adjust to them. Therefore, we should not become too obsessed if either the priest or a congregation member makes a mistake... the Mass is still valid and reverend.

There will also be a few changes in the liturgical practices at our Parish:

To begin with, there will be no announcements at the beginning of Mass. The introduction and welcoming song will be announced from the choir. Parish announcements will be read by the celebrant at the end of the Mass.

Beginning this Sunday, the "Our Father" will always be recited. It is a prayer and not a song. It may be either recited or chanted.

No blessing will be given to the people bringing up the offertory gifts. They should wait until all gifts are handed over to the priest, then turn around and go back to their pews.

Last, but not least....Please, leave the pew cards and Missals in the church; they are the property of our parish.

For the 18th year, the Christmas tree in the foyer is a reminder of the beginning of our annual SHARE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. We continue our tradition of sharing a little of our own blessings with those in need. Last year, our parishioners gathered approximately \$11,000 in food donations, distributed by Sisters, located in the Downtown Eastside who serve the poor. On behalf of those they serve, the Sisters graciously welcome our generosity again this year. If you would like to participate in this program, please take a card from the Christmas tree and register it with a volunteer. Please bring the card and your food donation to the School Gym next weekend on Saturday, December 3, before and after the 5:00pm Mass and on Sunday, December 4, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. By doing so, you become not only a donor, but a volunteer helping to gather this large quantity of food to share with many in need. May God bless you for your participation. Any questions call Louann at 604-291-7414.

May God bless you all,

*Fr. Maciej Wos, SDS*

## MASS INTENTIONS /REQUESTED BY

November 28 - December 4, 2011

- Mon. 8:15am ++Teofilo, Tomasa & Elisa Alpajora /Teresita De Chavez
- Tues. 8:15am Special Intention Ken & Marlene Wray
- Wed. 8:15am PARISHIONERS
- Thurs. 8:15am +Charles Landry /Graham Darling
- 9:15am SCHOOL MASS /Grade 2 "ADVENT"
- ++Annunziata Liberatore & Maria Rosati /Family
- 10:30am PARISHIONERS (FELLBURN HOSPITAL)
- Fri. 8:15am ++Rudolecki Family Members /Inga
- 7:30pm +Ahira Mary Lee /7th Sister & Family
- Sat. 9:00am Special Intentions for Francis Javier & Family Members /Benjie & Virgil
- 5:00pm Special Intention for Peter & Andrea Buonassisi (30th Wedding Anniv.)
- Sun. 8:00am +Giuseppe Sciortino /Family
- 10:00am ++Mr. & Mrs. Rocca /Perina Ceron
- 12Noon ++Di Fine Family Members /R. Filomena Di Fine
- 7:30pm Special Intention for Gioia /Parishioner

December 5 - 11, 2011

- Mon. 8:15am Thanksgiving & Special Intention for Father Maciej Wos, SDS /Parishioners
- Tues. 8:15am ++Members of Pavich & Milan Families/ Family
- Wed. 8:15am ++ Jose Maximino Anonas & Jesus Ferrer /Cruz Family
- Thurs. 8:15am +John Hong /Angie & Ed Han
- 7:00pm Sp. Int. for Our Chaplain & Assistant Pastor Fr. Chris Pastuszka/Knights of Columbus
- Fri. 8:15am +Spanno Giovanni (1st Anniv.) /Conchetta Devico
- 7:30pm Thanksgiving /Diana Alfonso
- Sat. 9:00am +Mark Baldonero /Family
- 5:00pm +Donato Decesera/Family
- Sun. 8:00am +Giovanni Sartori /Marie & Elvine
- 10:00am ++Noelia Castro, Maria & Fernando Medeiros /De Castro Family
- 12Noon ++Bartoli Family Members /Glavina Family
- 7:30pm ++Maria Luisa Recto & Jonathan Danao /Danao Family

## PROJECT ADVANCE 2011

Total Number of Gifts 389/1,410 28% Participation  
Total Amount Pledged \$81,189.00 as of November, 2011

*Touching Many Lives - Donate to Project Advance  
Visit Project Advance on the archdiocesan website at [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org)  
to see information on the 2011 archdiocesan appeal and get answers to your Project Advance questions.*

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Our Parish weekly budget is \$9,460.00

	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Total</u>
November 13	\$7,482.60	\$1,026.57	\$8,509.17
November 20	\$7,039.66	\$ 805.51	\$7,845.17
Home Missions	\$2,540.56	\$ 382.32	\$2,922.88

*Thank you very much for your generosity!*

- MONEY COUNTERS** Nov. 27 Marlene Wray & Nicole Pek
- Dec. 04 Liliana Sartori & Grazia Maggiore
- ALTAR WORKERS** Dec. 10 Jeanette Sabourin & Marie Zanetti
- Dec. 24 Bozena Szucs & Annie Boulanger

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

November 28 - December 4, 2011

- Mon. 7:00pm Iconography Workshop (Classroom)  
7:30pm HC Prayer Group (Music Room)
- Tues. 7:00pm PREP (School & Church Basement)
- Wed. 7:30pm Bible Study (Music Room & Kitchen)
- Thurs. 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting (Church Basement)
- Fri. 6:30pm Challenge for Girls Club (Church Basement)  
Conquest for Boys Club (Church Basement)  
7:30pm Divine Mercy Novena (Church)
- Sat. 9:00am Divine Mercy Cenacle (Classroom)  
3:00pm RCIA (Classroom)  
5:00pm Share Christmas Food Drop Off/  
CWL Bake Sale (Gym)
- Sun. All Masses Youth Ministry Archdiocesan Collection  
CWL Bake Sale - (Gym)  
8 - 1pm Share Christmas Food Drop Off (Gym)  
12 Noon BAPTISMS  
3:00pm Eastern Europe Pilgrimage Meeting (Church Basement)

December 5 - 11, 2011

- Mon. 7:00pm CWL Executive Meeting - (PREP Office)  
Iconography Workshop (Classroom)  
7:30pm HC Prayer Group (Music Room & Kitchen)
- Tues. 7:00pm PREP (School & Church Basement)
- Wed. 7:30pm "A Biblical Walk through the Mass" DVD (Music Room & Kitchen)
- Thurs. 7:00pm Youth Ministry (Gym)  
Knights of Columbus General Meeting & Christmas Dinner (Church Basement)
- Fri. 6:30pm Challenge for Girls Club (Church Basement)  
Conquest for Boys Club (Church Basement)  
7:30pm Divine Mercy Novena (Church)
- Sat. 9:00am Divine Mercy Cenacle (Classroom)  
10am-4pm Challenge Girls (Music Room & Kitchen)  
3:00pm RCIA (Classroom)

## SCHOOL CORNER

HCS' ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

Sun., Nov. 27, 8am-2pm & Mon., Nov. 28th, 8am-6pm

Mon., Nov. 28, 8:45am-5:45pm

- PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

- ADULT COAT, MITTS, TOQUES, & SOCKS DRIVE  
Drop off in the school gym.

Nov. 29 - Dec. 6 - TOY DRIVE FOR RAY-CAM CENTRE  
in Lower Eastside of Vancouver

Thurs., Dec. 1, 9:15am - SCHOOL MASS /Grade 2 "Advent"

Dec. 8 - 13 - FOOD DRIVE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES  
in our community

REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN for September  
2012 will begin in early January 2012. More info to follow.

WHITE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - As it has been a tradition to decorate our altar for the Christmas Season our theme for this year is White and Gold. We will receive donations of white poinsettias on Tuesday, Dec. 20th and Wednesday Morning, Dec. 21st at the Rectory during office hours: 9am - 12 Noon and 1pm - 4pm. Thank you so much for helping make our celebration of Christmas fit for Jesus!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please help to support PRO-LIFE work in our diocese by purchasing Christmas cakes on sale after all Masses starting November 26th & 27th until December 4th, 2011. Traditional Christmas cakes: Deluxe tinned cakes (900g - \$22.00); Bar cakes (680g - \$15.00) Proceeds to Campaign Life Coalition. Call Louann, 604-291-7414.

"A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS" DVD will be shown on Wednesday evenings, Dec. 7th & 14th, at 7:30pm in the church basement. Learn the biblical background to the words, prayers and gestures of the Liturgy in the context of the revised Mass translation. Gain helpful insights for getting the most out of every Mass. All are welcome!

C. W. L. BAKE SALE will be held on Sat. Dec. 3rd and Sun. Dec. 4th, following all the Masses. We are asking the ladies of the League and all the ladies of the Parish for donations of baked goods. Make your favorite cookies, cakes, pies, squares, loaves etc. and bring them to the gym before Mass. All donations will be gratefully accepted and greatly appreciated. Thank you to all!

YOUTH MINISTRY SUNDAY ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTION The purpose of this Archdiocesan collection on Dec. 4 is to assist the work of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry ("oyyam") by providing formation, training and support. Parishes with active youth ministry programming will receive a rebate from this collection. Please be generous in supporting the youth of our Parish and Archdiocese.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH at the Orpheum on December 10th. Archbishop J. Michael Miller extends a heartfelt invitation to all parishioners and friends to join him for a performance of the world's Christmas favourite, Handel's Messiah. Visit [www.rcav.org/messiah2011](http://www.rcav.org/messiah2011) <<http://www.rcav.org/messiah2011>> to purchase tickets online.

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY would like to invite all prospective 2012-2013 Grade Eight candidates to apply for the ENTRANCE EXAM on Saturday, December 10, 2011. Applications are available on school website [www.lfabc.org](http://www.lfabc.org) or by contacting Kathi Wilson, 604-738-9016 ext. 114.

HOMELESS SHELTER DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE is in need of the following used clean items for homeless adults: blankets, winter coats, gloves/mittens, boots, socks, toques, and scarves. Please tag your donation bag (shelter) and place it in the Homeless Shelter box at the entrance of the church. The last day of collection is January 15, 2012. Thank you for helping the homeless.

STAMPS AND EYEGASSES DRIVE. Over the coming Christmas season, please save the stamps from your cards and letters (trimmed to under 1 cm all around), and your used eyeglasses. The Knights of Columbus will be collecting them on the last Sunday of January. The stamps will be sold in support of vocations, and the eyeglasses sent to poor countries.