

In the first reading, Micah prophesies that from Bethlehem will come one to rule Israel. In the second reading, we hear that the sacrifice of Christ consecrates us, making us acceptable to God. In Luke's Gospel, we hear of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, who praises the Blessed Mother for her faithfulness to God,

**On behalf of the Bishop, His Excellency Nichola DeAngelis, Fr. Luis Lapinid, Fr. Craig Cruikshank, Fr. Andrew Begin, our seminarian Nicholas Carvalho and the staff of the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains we wish you and your family, a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and Every Best Wish in the New Year.**

**Christmas Vigil – The Nativity of the Lord** – Isaiah speaks of the Lord's vindication and the glory it will bring. The second reading says that God's promise of a Savior has been fulfilled in Jesus. In the Gospel, Matthew provides a re-cap of that promise—a genealogy from Abraham through David, to Joseph and Mary, to Jesus. It gives an account of how the birth of Jesus came about.

**Christmas – Midnight – The Nativity of the Lord** - Luke tells the details surrounding the birth of the Messiah. Paul's letter to Titus reminds us of the kindness of God in coming to save all people. The words of Isaiah the prophet are applied to the coming of Jesus. He says: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: For a child is born to us.

**Christmas Day – The Nativity of the Lord** – Isaiah exhorts the people of Jerusalem to rejoice, for God will redeem them and bring salvation to the world. The reading from Hebrews reminds us that God has spoken to us in the fullest way possible through his Son. The Gospel teaches us that the Son of God became flesh to dispel the darkness of sin and bring salvation to those who believe.

**Confessions - Advent Schedule**

St. Alphonsus – Dec. 21: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

**Christmas Collection – Just a reminder that 25% of the collection goes to the Priest's Benefit Fund. They were there for us when we needed them. Will we be there for them**

**in their hour of need. Please be very generous.**

**Assignments**

Fr. Emmanuel Okpataku SMMM, will be assigned as Associate Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, in Bowmanville.

Fr. Placid Obiji, SMMM, will take on the duties of Pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Hastings as of mid-February.

Fr. Stan Chu Ilo will assume the post of Pastor of St. Thérèsa in Courtice as of mid-February.

Fr. Vic Valles will be appointed as Director of VEYO as of mid-February.

In early 2010 Fr. Norbert Glasmacher will be returning to Aachen, his home diocese in Germany to look after family affairs. We are sorry to see Fr. Norbert leave. He leaves with our appreciation for the great work he has accomplished in our diocese. Many will miss Fr. Norbert.

**Marriage Preparation Course**

St. Mary's Parrish in Lindsay will be offering a Marriage Preparation Course on Friday March 5, Saturday March 6 and Sunday March 7, 2010. To register please call the parish office at 705-324-4848.

**The Annual Christmas Dinner**

The annual Christmas Dinner for the clergy was a success again this year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the ladies who worked so hard to serve the beautiful and delicious dinner with all the trimmings. Thank you to Joan Adamson, Ann-Marie Adderley, Sheila Berthelot, Jackie Burke, Edna Kwongsee, Georgina Lecour, Maria Fitzgerald, Brigitte Kurowsiki-Wilson, Adele McNamara, Teresa Hickey. Also, thank you to Nic Carvalho and Daniel Hughes for all your hard work. A special thank you to Magdalen Adderely for organizing and preparing for this special event.

Also, thanks to Herbie Michel and the Dead Beats for the very lovely singing of

Christmas Carols enjoyed by all during the meal.

**A Reminder to our Parishioners**

The Government of Canada has very strict regulations concerning the issuing of receipts. Therefore, we will only issue a receipt for donations deposited in the year 2009. Any donations deposited after December 31, 2009 will be considered donations for the year 2010 and will not receive a receipt until the end of that year. Thank you so much.



The office will be closed from Monday December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**There will not be a Prayer Group from December 15, 2009 to January 5, 2010.**

**Please pray for the sick:** Corine Conlin, Vince Beresford, Agnes O'Donnell, Dorothy Pennylegion, Joanne Tanski, and Terry Woods

**2010 Envelopes**

You will find next year's envelopes at the entrance of the Church. Please write your name, address and phone # on the first few (as an additional check for the secretary). Please do not use them before January 2010 and please discard any envelopes you have from previous years. Thank you.



There is a Promise of Marriage between **Kevin Anthony Blodgett**, son of Donald Blodgett and Marie Spencer & **Elizabeth Martella**, daughter of Stefano Martella and Imma Pettoirelli.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS  
EVE MASS**

All children are invited to sing at the Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The children will be singing up in the choir loft on

Christmas Eve and should arrive at 3:25 pm, as they will be singing before Mass begins. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Joyce at 743-8706.

**The Choir will be singing prior to the Midnight Mass starting at 11:30 p.m.**



**VEYO 749-0330– BXVI  
Retreat 2010– Online  
Registration Now Open - Jan.**

28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at the Cathedral and adjacent Bishop Doyle Hall, the BXVI Retreat is an apologetics retreat open to young people ages 15 to 30. The topics: anti-Semitism; the Eastern schism; faith & science; the persecution of witches; the Church, power & politics; St. Joan of Arc; evolution and Catholic teaching; Galileo and the Church; and more. Please visit the *VEYO* website, [www.veyopeterboro.org](http://www.veyopeterboro.org).

**Christmas Schedule**

**Dec. 24/09**

**4:00 pm** – Ranald Pearson, Dan Joyce

**5:30 pm** - Christine Clarke, Beth Bedard

**7:30 pm** – Sheila Berthelot, Edna Kwongsee

**Midnight** – Dave Barry, Bonnie Nolan

**Dec. 25/09**

**10:00 am** - Val Bertram, Marie Devlin

**11:30 am** - John Hatherly, Nic Carvalho

**Dec. 26-27**

**5:00pm** – Bryan Davies, Christine Clark

**8:30 am** – Edna Kwongsee, Sheila Berthelot

**10:00 am** – Bonnie Nolan, Joseph Gamble

**11:30 am** – Brigitte Kurowski-Wilson,  
Lynette Schick

**New Years Schedule**

**Dec. 31/09**

**5:00 pm** – Darlene Shaughnessy  
Margaret Shaughnessy

**Jan. 1**

**8:30 am** – Pat Hoskins, Jack Zeyen

**10:00 am** – Kevin Keating, Kelly Keating

**11:30 am** – Paul Roy, Jackie Roy

**LECTORS**

**Extra-ordinary Ministers  
of Holy Communion**



**Dec. 24**

**4:00 pm** – Georgina Lecour, Shirley Pearson

**5:30 pm** – Tony Bustos, Marlene Bustos

**7:30 p.m.** Tom Fleming, Edna Kwongsee

**Midnight** - Jim Lynch  
**Dec 25**  
**10:00 am** - Jack Cerveney, Marilyn Cerveney  
**11:30 am** - Nic Carvelho  
**Dec. 26-27**  
**5:00 pm** - Mary Lou Dancel, Georgina Lecour  
**8:30 am** - Sheilagh Breskey, Barb Galvin  
**10:00 am** - Jack Cerveney, Marilyn Cerveney  
**11:30 am** - Janet Beth, Karen Ryan  
**Dec 31**  
**5:00 pm** - Kathy Christie, Mary Lou Dancel  
**Jan. 1**  
**8:30 am** - Beth Bedard, Betty Mumford  
**10:00 am** - Val Bertram, Sheila Berthelot  
**11:30 am** - Tony Fernandez,  
 Anna Marie DiGiovanni

Offertory Dec. 13, 2009 \$7,663.00  
 Thank you for your continued to our parish.

We pray this Sunday for:  
 St. Alphonsus Parish in Peterborough

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Monday Dec. 21 St. Peter Canisius</b>	
<b>7:30am</b>	Andrew MacDonald - Ann & David Bowen
<b>12:10 pm</b>	Richard Murray - Family
<b>Tuesday Dec. 22</b>	
<b>7:30 am</b>	Fr. Wayne McCarthy - Louise Houston
<b>12:10 pm</b>	James Leahy - Barbara & Mary Logo
<b>Wednesday Dec. 23 St. John of Kanty</b>	
<b>7:30 am</b>	Andrew MacDonald - Pre-Op Teaching Staff P.R.H.C
<b>12:10 pm</b>	Tom Wynn - The Family
<b>Thursday Dec. 24</b>	
<b>7:30 am</b>	Jeanne O'Brien - Petrere & Rose O'Sullivan
<b>4:00 pm</b>	In Thanksgiving - Parishioner
<b>5:30 pm</b>	Alex MacMaster - Wife & Family
<b>7:30 pm</b>	Kay Cayley
<b>Midnight</b>	For the People
<b>Friday Dec. 25 The Nativity of the Lord</b>	
<b>10:00 am</b>	Philip & Greg Ronco - Anne
<b>11:30 am</b>	Edmour Boulianne & Annette Parent - Ginette Bailey
<b>Saturday Dec. 26 St. Stephen</b>	
<b>9:00 am</b>	Cynthia (Zeyen) Zabka - Mom & Dad & Family
<b>5:00 pm</b>	Deceased Members of the Mayock & O'Donnell Families - Agnes O'Donnell
<b>Sunday Dec. 27</b>	
<b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, &amp; Joseph</b>	
<b>8:30 am</b>	Mary Helen Wolff - Family
<b>10:00 am</b>	For the People
<b>11:30 am</b>	Delbert Foster - John Foster and the Foster Family