

**WEEKEND SCHEDULE DECEMBER 5 & 6**

**Saturday:**

4:00 PM @ SAG Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest  
 4:00 PM @ STA Mass: † May LaBree by the LaBree Family  
 6:00 PM @ SA Mass: † Peter G. Nelson by Doug & Joan Clukey

**Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM @ SAG Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest  
 9:00 AM @ STA Mass: For All Parishioners  
 11:00 AM @ SFX Mass: † Betty Valin by Burke & Barbara Soileau

**WEEKDAY MASSES DECEMBER 7-11**

**Monday: St Ambrose**

4:00 PM @ SAG Mass: † Pauline & Louis McCluskey by Jean D. Ashley

6:30 PM @ STA Mass: † Cathy Caldwell by Jane Young

**Tuesday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 AM @ SA Mass: † Joanne Hibbard by Robert & Ellen Wolfe

10:30 AM @ SFX Mass: † Arlene Watters by Irene & Earl Lucero

**Wednesday: No Mass**

8:30 AM @ SA Communion Service

**Thursday: St Francis Xavier**

8:30 AM @ SA Communion Service

4:00 PM @ STA Adoration

5:00 PM @ STA Communion Service

5:00 PM @ SAG Mass: † Pauline & Louis McCluskey by Jean D. Ashley

**Friday:**

8:30 AM @ SFX Mass: † Arlene Watters by Irene & Earl Lucero

**WEEKEND SCHEDULE DECEMBER 12 & 13**

**Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

4:00 PM @ SAG Mass: † Maurice Pare, Sr. by Richard Sonier

4:00 PM @ STA: Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest

6:00 PM @ SA Mass: † Joanne Hibbard by Robert & Ellen Wolfe

**Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM @ SAG Mass: † Dale Champagne by his Family

9:00 AM @ STA: Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest

11:00 AM @ SFX Mass: For All Parishioners

**Please note there is no Monday morning Mass at STA because of the Holy Day Mass schedule**

**Worship & Spirituality**

**Holy Day Mass Schedule**

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 December 8<sup>th</sup>

**Vigil 12/7/09**

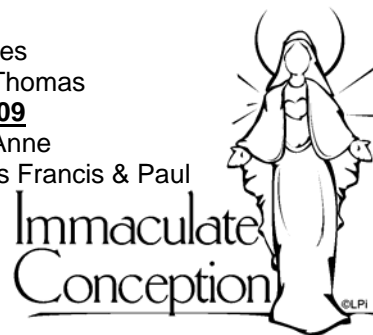
4 PM @ St Agnes

6:30 PM @ St Thomas

**Holy Day 12/8/09**

8:30 AM @ St Anne

10:30 AM @ Sts Francis & Paul



***Please pray for our sick***

Chris Ames, Richard Bergevin, Caden Buzzard, Nick Caivano, Roland Clukey, Martha Danforth, Vernetta Dechaine, Eugene DeLorenzo, Brenda Edgerly, Jim Favolora, Mary Flynn, Raymond Fortin, Tiffany Fowles, Douglas Gilbert, Gail Goulette, John Greaney, John Greenier, Eva Hejducek, Kelly Hutchinson, Jarod Johnson, Robert Kelly, Nancy Kerwin, Barbara Laferriere, Zeph Landry, Hilda Lankist, Kay Libby, Donald Martin Jr, Jim Matthews, Josephine Morrison, Jonathan Mullis, Barbara Munsell, Gloria Nadeau, Casey Oakes, Rae-ann Paradis, Suzanne Pearson, Jane Reid, Angelo Rizzo, Kenneth Robertson, Elizabeth Ronco, Timmy Ryan, Benjamin Speed, Keith Strout, Todd Supka, Dick Sylvia, Milton Troy, Ed Wilbur

Readings for the week of: December 7<sup>th</sup>

Monday: [Is 35:1-10](#); [Lk 5:17-26](#)

Tuesday: [Gn 3:9-15, 20](#); [Lk 1:26-38](#)

Wednesday: [Is 40:25-31](#); [Mt 11:28-30](#)

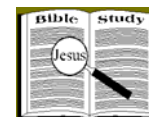
Thursday: [Is 41:13-20](#); [Mt 11:11-15](#)

Friday: [Is 48:17-19](#); [Mt 11:16-19](#)

Saturday: [Zec 2:14-17](#); [Lk 1:26-38](#)

Sunday: [Zep 3:14-18a](#); [Lk 3:10-18](#)

In preparation for Mass, open your Bible or logon to United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website [www.nccbuscc.org](http://www.nccbuscc.org) and click on Daily Readings.



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[www.ourladyofthesnowsme.org](http://www.ourladyofthesnowsme.org)

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**Vocations:**

**Second Sunday of Advent -- December 6, 2009**

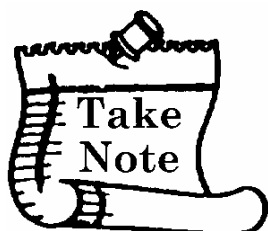
Are you seeking "knowledge and full insight to help you determine" your vocation in Christ as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Call Fr. Bob Vaillancourt @ 207-773-6471 / [robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org) or Sr. Rita Mae Bissonnette @ 207-773-6471 / [ritamae.bissonnette@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:ritamae.bissonnette@portlanddiocese.org).

**Second Sunday of Advent -- December 6, 2009  
YEAR FOR PRIESTS 2009 ~ JUNE 19 ~ 2010**

As Church and as priests, we proclaim Jesus of Nazareth Lord and Christ, Crucified and Risen, Sovereign of time and of history, in the glad certainty that this truth coincides with the deepest expectations of the human heart. In the mystery of the Incarnation of the Word, that is, of the fact that God became man like us, lies both the content and the method of Christian proclamation. The true dynamic centre of the mission is here: in Jesus Christ, precisely. The centrality of Christ brings with it the correct appreciation of the ministerial priesthood, without which there would be neither the Eucharist, nor even the mission nor the Church herself. In this regard it is necessary to be alert to ensure that the "new structures" or pastoral organizations are not planned on the basis of an erroneous interpretation of the proper promotion of the laity for a time in which one would have "to do without" the ordained ministry, because in that case the presuppositions for a further dilution of the ministerial priesthood would be laid and possible presumed "solutions" might come dramatically to coincide with the real causes of contemporary problems linked to the ministry. (Pope Benedict XVI - March 2009)

**Greening of the Church @ St Thomas**

Get in the spirit of Christmas by attending the greening of St. Thomas Aquinas on **December 20th at 10 am**. There will be a light meal available after decorating. Come help get the church ready for Christmas and spend time getting to know your church family.



Ministry schedules were emailed. A few paper copies are available at the entrance

**Activities for this Week**

- Sunday 12/6** Our Lady's Kitchen 12-1 PM @ SA  
Jr & Sr Youth 4-6 PM @ STA
- Monday** Matthew 25 3 PM @ MUYDC  
RCIA 6:30 PM @ STA
- Tuesday** Bible Study 2 PM @ CLC  
Parish Council 6:30 PM @ SA
- Wednesday** Praying of the Rosary 8:05 AM @ SA  
Matthew 25 1 PM @ MUYDC  
SA Choir 7 PM @ SA
- Thursday** Praying of the Rosary 8:05 AM @ SA  
Alzheimer's Support Group 1:30 PM @ SA  
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- Saturday** K-5 Religious Ed 4:30 PM @ SA
- Sunday 12/13** K-6 Religious Ed 9:30 AM @ SFX  
K-5 Religious Ed 10 AM @ STA  
Parent Breakfast 10 AM @ STA  
Our Lady's Kitchen 12-1 PM @ SA  
Jr Youth 4-6 PM @ STA

**Finance and Administration Weekly Collection Report**

Offertory for: November 22, 2009	Our Lady of the Snows	
Weekly Budget Goal	\$4,865.00	
Envelopes	163	\$3479.50
Non-envelopes	\$463.33	
Total Collected	\$3942.83	
Overage (Deficit)	(\$922.17)	
YTD Budget Goal	\$102,165.00	
YTD Collected	\$92,435.91	
YTD Overage (Deficit)	(\$9,729.09)	
Attendance	437	
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$798.63	

Offertory for: November 29, 2009	Our Lady of the Snows	
Weekly Budget Goal	\$4,865.00	
Envelopes	158	\$3341.50
Non-envelopes	\$469.30	
Total Collected	\$3810.80	
Overage (Deficit)	(\$1,054.20)	
YTD Budget Goal	\$107,030.00	
YTD Collected	\$96,246.71	
YTD Overage (Deficit)	(\$10,783.29)	
Attendance	394	
Thanksgiving collection	\$253.00	

**Next Week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:  
Retired Religious**

## Faith Formation

### Question of the Week?

This is a reflective question that pertains to this week's readings. Take the time during the week to answer these questions with your family. A great place to start would be in the car on the way home from Mass, while the information is fresh in everyone's mind. Encourage discussion; you may be amazed by your family members.



#### Second Sunday of Advent

(Prepare the Way of the Lord)

December 6, 2009

Reading 1: [Baruch 5:1-9](#) (God Will Show Your Splendor)

Reading II: [Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11](#) (Be Pure and Blameless)

Gospel: [Luke 3:1-6](#) (John the Baptist)

#### Adults

How can I become a better herald for Christ, one who announces his coming?

#### Children

What can I do to better prepare for the celebration of Christmas, the birth of Jesus?



#### God Squad

St. James is now visible in the Church with a collection box for your loose change. This Patron Saint of Pilgrimages is our inspiration in accumulating the funds to send us on our pilgrimage to Spain in 2011 for World Youth Day! **Thanks for your help and prayers.**

The God Squad is still taking your unwanted, recyclable bottles and cans! Please bring them in to the Church or see a God Squad member and arrange for pick up. Every nickel counts!



Let us all pray for peace. Please keep our service women and men in your prayers.

## Knights of Columbus

**Cardinal Mercer Council 2625** Business meeting & dinner  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, social hour begins at 5:30 PM



#### Red Cross Blood Drive

December 21<sup>st</sup> at K of C Hall in Dexter from Noon to 6 PM

#### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Your marriage is important to you, your family and the Church. Spring sure seems a long way off right now. But with families, busy jobs and schedules, long term planning is important. Your marriage is important. We have two Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends planned for the upcoming spring. The first is Marc 19-21 at the Lewiston Ramada Inn, primarily for the convenience of those living in the southern part of the state, and a weekend scheduled for the Bangor Ramada Inn for those in northern part of the state. The weekend is designed as a private experience between husband and wife that develops deeper communication, restores hopes and dreams, renews passion, affirms the uniqueness of each couple and inspires good marriages to grow into even better marriages. Plan now to join us for an amazing 44 hours of renewal - all sacramental relationships deserve such a treat. The registration fee is \$50 and a freewill donation will be accepted at the end of the weekend. For more information or to register contact Dave & Ellie at 207-933-4237 or go to [www.womenewengland.org](http://www.womenewengland.org)



## Social Justice & Peace

### Our Lady's Kitchen

### Korner



...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me... (Matt 25:35)

**A hot meal will be offered between 12 and 1 PM at St. Anne's Parish Hall 60 Free Street in Dexter every Sunday. A great way to get out of the house and share a meal with others. All are welcome.**

November 29<sup>th</sup>, Team 5

Thank you Team 5 for your participation to help others and to express your good will to all. We were missing a few people on Team 5, but had a husband and wife team that filled in very well. It seems when things are needed there is always someone that lends a hand or provides what is necessary. Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, the Holy Spirit is ever present at each meal. Please pray for us to keep the Holy Spirit ever present.

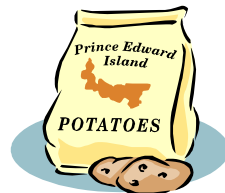
**December 20<sup>th</sup> will be our Christmas Meal.** Bring your children, for it is all about the birth of Christ. Festivities start at 11 AM and the meal is 12-1 PM. Thank you all for your generosity and prayers.



### Do You Know Someone in Need?

There are many of us that are in need of assistance and are too proud to ask for help.

As a parish community, we are asking for names of individuals and/or families that would benefit from a **Christmas Food Basket**. We are also looking for people and families in need that live in our communities that we could provide **Christmas gifts** for. We will add them to our giving tree coming in November. All names are kept confidential. Please contact the Parish Office at 924-7104 to provide names of individuals or families.



**FOOD COLLECTION BOXES**  
At St. Anne's and St. Thomas

**The item for next week is:**  
Potatoes, squash, turnip, onions

**Food Collection at Sts Francis & Paul** is taken to the Ecumenical Food Cupboard. Thank you for your donations.

**Peace On Earth  
Good Will To All**



Our Parish  
Endowment Fund   
*of the Catholic Foundation of Maine*

### Gifts from Retirement Plans

Name the Catholic Foundation of Maine for the benefit of xxx as the beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k) or other qualified plan. Your retirement savings escape both income and estate tax and you have the satisfaction of knowing that your hard-earned retirement assets will support our parish when you are gone.

For more information, contact Chris Reilly of the Catholic Foundation of Maine, 207-321-7820 or Christopher.Reilly@portlanddiocese.org.

Explore ways to give wisely at [www.portlanddiocese.planyourlegacy.org](http://www.portlanddiocese.planyourlegacy.org)

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