

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### 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 Lee & Rachel Hersey

#### **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

### WEEKDAY MASSES DECEMBER 14-18

#### **Monday: St John of the Cross**

8:30 AM Mass @ STA: † Tony Federico by Kerry Israels

#### **Tuesday:**

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

#### **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: St John of Damascus**

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

### WEEKEND SCHEDULE DECEMBER 19 & 20

#### **Saturday:**

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

4:00 PM @ STA Mass: For All Parishioners

6:00 PM @ SA Mass: † Raymond "Bill" Goulette by the Family

#### **Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM @ SAG Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest

9:00 AM @ STA Mass: † Walter Rellihan by Kathleen & Duane Huff

11:00 AM @ SFX Mass: † Betty Day by her husband Robert Day & Family

DECEMBER 13, 2009

## Worship & Spirituality

# Christmas Schedule

### **Christmas Eve**

4 PM @ St Thomas, Dover Foxcroft

4 PM @ St Agnes, Pittsfield

6 PM @ St Anne, Dexter

6 PM @ Sts Francis & Paul, Milo

### **Christmas Day**

8:30 AM @ St Anne, Dexter

10:30 AM @ St Agnes, Pittsfield

11:00 AM @ St Thomas, Dover Foxcroft

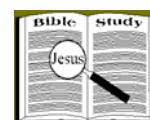


## *Please pray for our sick*

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 14<sup>th</sup>  
Monday: [Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a](#); [Mt 21:23-27](#)  
Tuesday: [Zep 3:1-2, 9-13](#); [Mt 21:28-32](#)  
Wednesday: [Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25](#); [Lk 7:18b-23](#)  
Thursday: [Gn 49:2, 8-10](#); [Lk 7:18b-23](#)  
Friday: [Jer 23:5-8](#); [Mt 1:18-25](#)  
Saturday: [Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a](#); [Lk 1:5-25](#)  
Sunday: [Mi 5:1-4a](#); [Lk 1:39-45](#)

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:**

**Third Sunday of Advent -- December 13, 2009**

"All were questioning in their hearts." Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the 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).

**Third Sunday of Advent -- December 13, 2009  
 YEAR FOR PRIESTS 2009 ~ JUNE 19 ~ 2010**

Pope Gregory the Great's exhortation to his priests is still relevant today: "The Pastor must be pure in thought, exemplary in his actions, discreet in his silence and useful in his words. He should be close to all in his compassion and, above all, dedicated to contemplation. He should be the humble ally of all who do good. In justice, he should be inflexibly opposed to the vice of sinners. He should neither neglect the interior life through exterior preoccupations nor omit provision of exterior needs through solicitude for interior good."

**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.



We are in need of Lectors in all three worship sites. Please consider serving the Lord and your parish by proclaiming the Word. See Jane Young or Deacon Fred if you are interested or have any questions.



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

**Activities for this Week**

- 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
- Monday** Matthew 25 3 PM @ MUYDC  
 RCIA 6:30 PM @ STA
- Tuesday** Bible Study 2 PM @ CLC
- 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
- Saturday** K-5 Religious Ed 4:30 PM @ SA
- Sunday 12/20** 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 Greening of the Church @ STA

**Finance and Administration Weekly Collection Report**

Offertory for: December 6, 2009	Our Lady of the Snows	
Weekly Budget Goal	\$4,865.00	
Envelopes	162	\$3454.50
Non-envelopes	\$360.42	
Total Collected	\$3814.92	
Overage (Deficit)	(\$1,050.08)	
YTD Budget Goal	\$111,895.00	
YTD Collected	\$100,061.63	
YTD Overage (Deficit)	(\$11,833.37)	
Attendance	381	
Christmas Flowers	\$976.07	

**A Message Regarding the Christmas Collection:**

For many years the Christmas Collection was given to the parish priest. The Diocese of Portland made changes to that practice a few years ago. The Christmas Collection is now counted as parish income. If you would like to give a gift to Fr Mark or Deacon Fred, it must be done in a personal card.



**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.



**Third Sunday of Advent**

(Waiting with Hope)  
December 13, 2009

Reading 1: [Zephaniah 3:14-18a](#) (The Lord Will Rejoice)  
Reading II: [Philippians 4:4-7](#) (The Lord Is Near)  
Gospel: [Luke 3:10-18](#) (Filled with Expectation)

**Adults**

When have I felt most alive in the presence of God?

**Children**

When are some times that I felt God was near me? Was I happy?

**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!**



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!

Total funds raised to date: \$843.00  
We have 9 youth and 2 young adults interested in attending. If we were to raise enough money to cover all expenses, our goal would be \$35,100.00  
Thanks to all that have donated!!  
We appreciate your continued help and prayers.

**Thank You**

A great big thank you for all those who worked on Advent Family Fun Day, the Religious Ed and Stewardship Commissions, Catechetical Teachers, Parents, Youth Ministry and Fr. Mark, Deacon Fred and Mrs. Harrigan who provided food for the soul and the stomach. We had a great turn out from all three worship sites. The kids learned about Advent and the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. They had time for prayer, crafts, games and of course snacks. If you missed out on the fun consider joining us next year. You don't have to wait that long. Join us for Mardi Gras in February. Watch the bulletin for details after Christmas!

**Knights of Columbus**

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

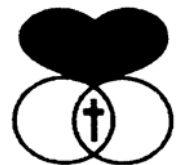


**Red Cross Blood Drive**

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.**

Thank you to Team One for preparing and serving a delicious roast pork dinner to guests of Our Lady's Kitchen, on Sunday. We welcome two new members to this team and appreciate their assistance. Welcome, again, to the family! This Team's faithfulness is an inspiration and we are grateful to you. God continues to Bless Our Lady's Kitchen and all who participate. Thank you, all, for your prayers.

Holy Mary, Conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. Amen

**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.



**Congratulations to the Christmas Fair Raffle Winners!** Pat Tobin won the Log Cabin Quilt and Elisa Barbro won the Adirondeck Chair.



The Christmas Fair made \$3,900.00 which will be given to the OLOTS Fuel Fund. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this a successful fundraiser.

### 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:

Bread or canned soups



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

2010 Parish Calendars are Available at the entrance of Our Lady of the Snows worship sites



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