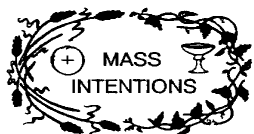


FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

WEEKDAY MASSES DECEMBER 21-25

Monday: St Peter Canisius No Mass

Tuesday: No Mass

8:30 AM @ SA Communion Service

Wednesday: No Mass St John of Kanty

8:30 AM @ SA Communion Service

Thursday: Vigil of Christmas

4:00 PM @ STA Mass: † May LaBree by the LaBree Family

4:00 PM @ SAG Mass: † Katherine Weber

6:00 PM @ SA Mass: † Cecilia Doyon by the Family

6:00 PM @ SFX Mass: † Deceased Family & Friends of Mr & Mrs Warren Cain

Friday: Nativity of the Lord

8:30 AM @ SA Mass: † Carole Clukey by the Family

10:30 AM @ SAG Mass: † Heather Barrows by her parents, sister and family

11:00 AM @ STA Mass: † Joan Rizzo by Jane & Terry Young

WEEKEND SCHEDULE DECEMBER 26 & 27

Saturday: St Stephen

4:00 PM @ SAG Mass: † Heather Barrows by her parents, sister and family

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

6:00 PM @ SA Mass: † Evelyn Pullyard by Graydon & Jane Gilbert

Sunday: Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph

8:30 AM @ SAG Mass: † David Daigle by Nancy Daigle

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

11:00 AM @ SFX Mass: † Charles Russell by Our Lady of the Snows Parish

DECEMBER 20, 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



Sanctuary Lamp:

St. Anne's December 20th Burns In Memory of Peter Nelson by the Family

Please pray for our sick

Chris Ames, Anthony Baldi, Richard Bergevin, Nick Caivano, Roland Clukey, Martha Danforth, Vernetta Dechaine, Eugene DeLorenzo, Brenda Edgerly, Jim Favolora, Mary Flynn, Raymond Fortin, Douglas Gilbert, Gail Goulette, John Greaney, John Greenier, Eva Hejducek, Jarod Johnson, Robert Kelly, Nancy Kerwin, Barbara Laferriere, Zeph Landry, Hilda Lankist, Reuben Lumbra, 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, Todd Supka, Dick Sylvia, Matthew Troy, Milton Troy, Ed Wilbur

Please see last page for more information

Readings for the week of: December 21st

Monday: [Sg 2:8-14](#); [Lk 1:39-45](#)

Tuesday: [1 Sm 1:24-28](#); [Lk 1:46-56](#)

Wednesday: [Mal 3:1-4, 23-24](#); [Lk 1:57-66](#)

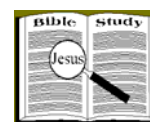
Thursday: [Is 62:1-5](#); [Mt 1:1-25](#)

Friday: [Is 52:7-10](#); [Jn 1:1-18](#)

Saturday: [Acts 6:8-10](#); [7:54-59](#); [Mt 10:17-22](#)

Sunday: [Sir 3:2-6, 12-14](#); [Lk 2:41-52](#)

In preparation for Mass, open your Bible or logon to United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website www.nccbuscc.org and click on Daily Readings.



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Vocations:

Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 20, 2009

"It is by God's will that we have been sanctified." How is God calling you to grow in holiness? If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, call Fr. Bob Vaillancourt @ 207-773-6471 /

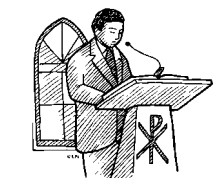
robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org or Sr. Rita Mae Bissonnette @ 207-773-6471 / ritamae.bissonnette@portlanddiocese.org.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 20, 2009
YEAR FOR PRIESTS 2009 ~ JUNE 19 ~ 2010**

In our times, as always in the Church, heralds of the Gospel are needed who are expert in humanity, profoundly knowing the heart of contemporary man, who share his joys and hopes, his fears and sorrows, and, at the same time, who are contemplatives in love with God. The Holy Father, specifically referring to the re-christianization of Europe but in terms valid everywhere, affirms that «the saints were the great evangelizers of Europe. We must pray the Lord to increase the spirit of holiness in the Church and to send saints to evangelize the contemporary world. Many of our contemporaries, it must not be forgotten, arrive at ideas of Christ and the Church above all through their contact with her sacred ministers. Hence the need for their authentic witness to the Gospel becomes all the more pressing since it is «a living and transparent image of Christ the priest». (Pope John Paul II, "THE PRIEST AND THE THIRD CHRISTIAN MILLENNIUM, 1999)

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.



LECTORS

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.

The Office will be closed on Christmas Day & New Year's Day.
Holiday Office hours:
Closed 12/28
Open 12/29 & 12/30 from 9-12
Closed 12/31
Peace and Joy to you!



Activities for this Week

- Sunday 12/20** K-6 Religious Ed 9:30 AM @ SFX
K-5 Religious Ed 10 AM @ STA
Jr Youth Greening of the Church @ STA
Greening of the Church 10 AM @ STA
Our Lady's Kitchen 12-1 PM @ SA
- 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
- Sunday 12/27** Our Lady's Kitchen 12-1 PM @ SA

Finance and Administration Weekly Collection Report

Offertory for: December 13, 2009	Our Lady of the Snows	
Weekly Budget Goal	\$4,865.00	
Envelopes	153	\$3077.81
Non-envelopes	\$562.25	
Total Collected	\$3640.06	
Overage (Deficit)	(\$1224.94)	
YTD Budget Goal	\$116,760.00	
YTD Collected	\$103,701.69	
YTD Overage (Deficit)	(\$13,058.31)	
Retired Religious	\$870.05	

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.



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



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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

(A Faithful Servant)

December 20, 2009

Reading 1: [Micah 5:1-4a](#) (A Ruler Shall Come)

Reading II: [Hebrews 10:5-10](#) (Doing God's Will)

Gospel: [Luke 1:39-45](#) (Mary and Elizabeth)

Adults

How has the Holy Spirit stirred me to recognize God's presence?

Children

What can I learn from Mary's visit to Elizabeth?

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.



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

Knights of Columbus

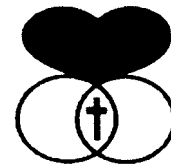


Red Cross Blood Drive

December 21st 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



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.

December 20th 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.

Christmas Pageants December 24th



STA

Please join us at St Thomas on Christmas Eve for a short
Christmas Pageant performed by the children at 3:45 PM.
Children must arrive by 3:15 PM on Christmas Eve to
prepare for the Pageant. All children that would like to sing
can participate.

SA

Please join us at St Anne on Christmas Eve for a short
Christmas Pageant performed by the children at 5:50 PM.
Children, please arrive by 5:30 PM. All children are invited
to participate.

Prayers For The Sick List

We are updating our prayers for the sick
list. If you know someone who needs
our prayers, and would like to be added,
or if someone on the list has recovered
with the help of our prayers, please call
the office.

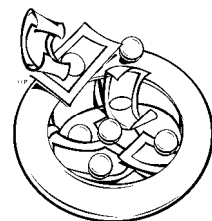


Thank you!

Thank you to all who donated food for our
Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets. And to those
people that bought gifts for our Snow Angels.

Snow Angels

There was an abundance of need this season.
In order to fulfill all of the wishes of our Snow
Angels we had to use funds from the Social
Justice & Peace Committee. At the entrance
of St Anne & St Thomas you will see a
basket. **If you are able to donate a small
amount to help meet that need, it would be
greatly appreciated.**



We thank all of those that have already been very
generous.



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