

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Each Saturday at 7:30 A.M. in the Parish Hall, Men's Prayer Group meets to reflect on Sunday scriptures. All men are welcome.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY PROJECT - HELP NEEDED!!

On Saturday, December 10th, we are going to St. Patrick Church, Providence to help restore & repair this beautiful building in this challenged community. Meet at St. Thomas More at 8:15AM - go to 244 Smith Street, then return by 4:00PM. High School to older folks, who can work are welcome.



1st FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

The next Holy Hour is on Friday, December 2nd, beginning at 9:30AM. Everyone is welcome.

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE



On the weekend of December 10th & 11th, there will be a Christmas Wreath sale following all the Masses. More information to come!!

Welcome to the Newly Baptized:

Benjamin Lorenzo Tetreault
Samuel Jean Tetreault
sons of Brian & Christine

Congratulations!!

Wedding Banns

III Benjamin Leger & Kaelyn Ulrich

Religious Education Schedule

December 2011

SUN. AM: DEC. 4TH

GR. 1-4 10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V

**Sacrament of First Penance @ St. V. –
Sunday, December 4th – 1:00PM
2nd Grade only!!**

SUN., DEC. 11TH – NO CLASS

All are encouraged to attend the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, Dec. 11th at St. Thomas More following the 10AM Mass.

SUN., DEC 18TH – CLASS

10:05-10:55AM @ St. V.

MON. PM: DEC. 5TH

GR. 1-4 4:10-5:00PM @ STM

**Sacrament of First Penance @ St. V. –
Sunday, December 4th – 1:00PM
2nd Grade only!!**

MON., DEC. 12TH – NO CLASS

All are encouraged to attend the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 11th at St. Thomas More following the 10AM Mass.

MON., DEC 19TH – CLASS

4:10-5:00PM @ St. V.

GR. 5 & 6: WED., DEC. 7TH 14TH & 21ST

4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.

GR. 7 & 8: WED., DEC. 7TH, 14TH & 21ST

7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.

CONF. I: SUN., DEC. 4TH - Retreat @ St. V. – 3PM followed by a bus trip to LaSalette Shrine (Conf. I only!)

SUN. DEC. 11TH - CLASS

7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.

CONF. II: Retreat at Enders Island on Friday, December 9th (Confirmation II only!)

SUN., DEC. 11TH - CLASS

7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.

VOLUNTEER FOR MANGER SET-UP!!

We are setting-up the mangers, at both Churches, next Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Anyone interested is to meet at St. Veronica Chapel at 8:30AM. Men of all ages are needed. This is a great chance for students to get service hours!!



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The children's Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 11th, following the 10:00AM Mass & Coffee An' at St. Thomas More. All are encouraged to attend. Children's practice dates are: Thursday, December 8th and Friday, December 9th from 3:45-5PM.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

There are four Regional Penance Services and six priests will be available at each of these services to hear private confessions.

Tues., Dec. 13th – 12 Noon – St. Thomas More

Wed., Dec. 14th - 7:00PM – Christ the King

Mon., Dec. 19th – 7:00PM – St. Mary Star of the Sea

Wed., Dec. 21st 7:00PM - St. Francis of Assisi



ENTRANCE EXAMS

The Prout School will have their entrance exam on Saturday, December 3rd at 8:30AM. The cost is \$25.00 and pre-registration is required. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 789-9262 ext. 15.

Bishop Hendricken will have their entrance exam on Saturday, December 3rd at 8:30AM. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 739-3450 ext. 162.

La Salle Academy will have their entrance exam on Saturday, December 3rd at 8AM. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 351-7750.



NOVEMBER 27, 2011

Dear Parishioners,

The Lord be with you!

Every Catholic ~~knows~~ knew the response to this greeting of the priest at Mass. For the last forty years or so, the response was, “And also with you” which sounded like a personal greeting between the priest and the congregation. But after literally decades of work by thousands of people to translate the revised Roman Missal from Latin to English and months of catechesis and preparation for its implementation, this first weekend of Advent marks the beginning of the use of the new English translation. So the response to the priest when he says, “*The Lord be with you*” will now be, “*And with your spirit.*”

This response is more faithful to the original Latin, to the Scripture and highlights that when a man is ordained a priest, the Holy Spirit comes upon him in to enable him to act in the person of Christ in the celebration of the Mass and the sacraments. As we respond “And with your spirit” at four key moments of the Mass, we are invoking the Lord upon the spirit of the priest.

When Fr. T and I preached on the new translation at all the Masses a couple of weeks ago, we noted that the new wording will take some getting used to but it brings out many great truths of our faith. The new translation may even make us a little uncomfortable and that is OK. Sometimes we can get too comfortable with things and just go on autopilot. A little discomfort with the wording will be a wake-up call for all of us to reflect on the mysteries of our salvation which we celebrate in the Mass.

Advent is a season of preparation for worthily celebrating the Lord's Incarnation at Christmas and for the time when He will come again. Contemplating the mysteries of His love will lead us to a deeper appreciation of the greatest act of humility the world will ever know—when “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” As we begin the season of Advent this new translation offers us a moment of grace to enter more deeply into the celebration of the Mass so that we may fully, actively, and consciously participate in the Mass each week.

Let's take advantage of these four weeks of Advent to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord through prayer, reflection, and reception of the sacrament of reconciliation. By preparing ourselves well spiritually, we will truly have a joyous Christmas.

May God bless you.

Fr. Fissette