

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions for Week 12/5 thru 12/13

Saturday (First) Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
7:30 am St. Mary: In Thanksgiving
4:00 pm St. Mary: All Parishioners
6:00 pm St Edward: John & Valeda Labrecque

Thursday Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
8:30 am St. Edward: Tony Letourneau †
9:15 am Michaud Manor: The Residents Past & Present
5:15 pm St. Mary: Joe Fontaine †

Sunday Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
8:30 am St. Edward: Special Intention
10:00 am St. Mary: Deceased Members of Leblond †
 & Frizzell Families †
 Joel Perron (7th) †
11:30 am St Benedict: Vocations to Religious Life
1:00 pm Michaud Manor: Those who no longer
 practice their Faith
7:00 pm St. Mary: St. Anthony

Friday St Damasus I Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
8:00 am St. Mary: In Thanksgiving
6:00 pm St Edward: Rheal Blais (10th) †

Saturday Our Lady of Guadalupe Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:39-47
7:30 am St. Mary: Souls in Purgatory
4:00 pm St. Mary: June Messier †
 Laura Messier †
6:00 pm St Edward: Ron Gardner †

Monday St. Ambrose Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
8:30 am St. Edward: The Nadeau Family †
4:00 pm St. Mary: Larry Belisle †, Arthur Belisle Jr †
6:00 pm St. Edward: The Unborn

Sunday Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
8:30 am St. Edward: Henry Fortin †
10:00 am St. Mary: In Honor of the Blessed Mother
 Clement Chenier (11th) †
11:30 am St Benedict: All Parishioners
1:00 pm Michaud Manor: Those who no longer
 practice their Faith
7:00 pm St. Mary: The homeless and unemployed

Tuesday Immaculate Conception of the BVM Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
8:30 am St. Edward: Regina Gaudreau (24th) †
10:00 am St. Mary: Rose Alix †
11:30 am St Benedict: Vocations to Religious Life
1:00 pm Michaud Manor: The Residents
7:00 pm St. Mary: Special Intention

Holy day of obligation Tuesday, December 8th, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please note time change of vigil and holy day Masses

Wednesday St. Juan Diego Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
8:00 am St. Mary: Souls in Purgatory †
7:00 pm St. Benedict: Virginia Holbrook †
 Helen Cota †

Pray For One Another

Prayers have been requested for the following people:

Pamela Anderson	Wendy Wooden	Lloyd Barry
Paul Bouffard	Cody Bussiere	Yves Brasseur
Peter Bouffard	Laurie Cheney	Michael Cole
Bernard Comtois	Paul Daigle	Angeline Davio
Fernand Forcier	Jennifer Gaudreau	Fr. John Whalen
Alain LeBlanc	Germaine Moeykens	Agathe Morin
Marielle Morin	Myrna Nadeau	Mario Paul
Jeannine Poulin	Peggy Poulin	Jean Riccio
Virginia Rice	Sydney Ring	Shirley Rivard
Theresa St.Onge	Jayne Corey	Penelope Tice
Christopher Ward	Dan Westlake	Trisha Westlake
Dan Bullis	Adrien Patenaude	Lori Beaudry
Kaye Young		

“Lord, look upon all the above with Mercy. May Your Healing Hand rest upon them. May Your life-giving powers flow to the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to health of mind and body.”

St Mary's Choir practice for Christmas Day Mass
 No Practice Tuesday, Dec. 8th –Immaculate Conception.

St. Mary's 24-Hour Sanctuary Candles

Chapel: Youth Ministry

Tabernacle Vigil Light: Protection of the Unborn

Thank you for your generosity.

<u>Offertory Needed</u>	<u>St. B</u>	<u>St. E</u>	<u>St. M</u>
To Meet Budget:	\$318	\$1,827	\$3,461
Offertory received	\$334	\$1419	\$2793
Religious Education	\$17	\$45	\$159

Second Collection next weekend will be for the **Retirement Fund for the Religious**. Basket will be passed once.

Communion for the Homebound is only distributed by Official Eucharistic Ministers. If you wish someone to receive Communion at home, please come to the Sacristy after Mass or call the Rectory.

Penitential Service St. Mary Star of the Sea
Sunday December 6 at 2:00 p.m.

A Prayer for Priests and Priestly Vocations
Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.

The Knights of Columbus will be selling fuel raffle tickets and Christmas cards after the masses. Raffle will be Dec. 9th, and proceeds will benefit our Parish Family and other worthy causes. Please support their efforts.

The youth have returned from Steubenville East and are on fire with God's Holy Spirit. Please pray for the following Youth's intention:

"I need strength to fight addiction."

St. Mary's Giving Tree still has a few pink and blue Angel ornaments for local needy children available. The angels include information for needs and wishes of the children provided to us by the Parent-Child Center in Newport. If you would like to provide a gift for a needy child, please take an angel home and return your unwrapped gift **no later than December 14th**. Please be sure the angel is attached for identification and distribution. Your generosity is much appreciated by the children.

St. Edward's Giving Tree

The St. Edward's Giving Tree is decorated with its traditional angel ornaments. The tree honors residents in area nursing homes by bringing them Christmas cheer. Each ornament has a number representative of a resident with their wishes listed on the ornament. Please take an ornament, wrap the gift and attach the ornament to the package. All gifts need to be back under the tree by Dec. 20th. Thank you for your charity and love this Christmas season.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

St. Mary Star of the Sea has **poinsettia envelopes** in the pews for donations towards Christmas decorations of flower pots or wreaths in memory of loved ones.



St. Edward's Ladies Altar Society will have a collection at the doors after Masses this weekend to decorate the church for Christmas.

If you would like to have a Poinsettia plant in memory of a loved one for Christmas season, place the names and your donation in an envelope (make checks payable to St. Edward Altar Society) and place in collection basket. FMI Evelyn 766-5119.

***Please help us to identify military members of our parish family who are being deployed overseas. We would like to add their names to our prayer intentions. Please call the rectory.**

There will be a Blood Drive Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Elks Club in Derby from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm hosted by Jay Peak. All blood types are needed. Walk-ins are welcome. For appointments call 1-800-843-3500. Red Cross red nail polish and free ski passes to Jay Peak will be given.

Eucharistic Adoration: St. Edward's has a slot to fill on Mondays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please call Cecile 766-2648.

Michaud Manor Christmas Party sponsored by St. Edward Ladies Altar Society will be Wed, Dec 9th from 1:30-3:30.

St. Edward's Senior meal will be served December 10th at 12:00 noon at St. Edward's Parish Hall, Derby Line, VT. Menu consists of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, coffee or tea and apple crisp

Blue Army gathers at Christ the King. The Burlington Diocesan Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima will gather **Tuesday, Dec 15 at Christ the King Church**, 136 Locust St., Burlington. Rosary at 4:45 pm and Mass at 5:15 followed by dinner and short business meeting at a local restaurant. All are welcome; bring a friend. Call Clairette 878-3214 for information and carpool help.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Vigil Sunday, Dec 13, 2:00 pm. Catholic pro-life leaders will conduct a peaceful hour of prayer at abortion centers in Barre, Burlington and Rutland as part of an annual nationwide plea to our Blessed Mother to intercede for an end to abortion. No protest, no signs, clinics not open. Dress warmly, bring rosary beads. Burlington: Planned Parenthood Center on Mansfield Ave. Bob & Lee Garvey 802-862-3427. Barre: Planned Parenthood Center Washington St/Highland Ave; Gerry Callan 802-244-6406.

Ongoing monthly meetings:

- 1st Tues. 6:30 pm St. Edward Parish Council
- 1st Wed. 7:30 pm St. Benedict Parish Council
- 1st & 3rd Wed. 7:00 pm Ultreya (St. M)
- 1st Thurs. 7:00 pm Daughters of Isabella (St. M)
- 2nd Tues. 6:30 pm St. Edward Altar Society (St. E)
- 2nd Wed. 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (St. M)
- 3rd Tues. 6:00 pm St. Mary Parish Council
- 4th Tues. 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus (St. E)

"Prepare the way of the Lord,



Make straight his paths." Lk 3:46



2009 Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Benedict Labre

December 24th @ 8:00 pm

December 25th @ 11:30 am

St. Edward the Confessor

December 24th @ 6:00 pm (Children's Mass) and 10:00 pm

December 25th @ 8:30 am and 10:00 am

St. Mary Star of the Sea

December 24th @ 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm (Children's Mass)

December 25th @ 10:00 am and 7:00 pm



The Saga of the Radiators of St. Mary's

Like all great events in history there have been many variations of the facts, rumors and myths surrounding the removal and repair of the church radiators.

In the overall master plan for the church's restoration there was a project to replace the carpeting after all the interior work was done on the plaster and the murals. This "master plan" was a two year plan at the time that the centennial approached. That plan was revised because of the economy and little of the plan, if any, for the church interior would be accomplished in time for our great celebration. It was decided, after seeing how the handicap entrance would affect a large area of carpeting just inside the door, to replace all the carpeting to enhance the beauty of our church for the Centennial Mass.

Replacing the carpeting meant pulling the radiators. Having the radiators out gave rise to the opportunity to have them tested and evaluated. As with reworking old structures of any kind this process incurred a domino effect. The radiators proved to be in severe disrepair. Some did not work at all, some leaked and some worked way below their capability levels. They were plugged with rust and 100 years of accumulated deposits from the steam. There was no choice but to have them refurbished or install a new heating system in the church. Simply putting back broken radiators made no sense. Their minimized heat output was also taxing the furnace and wasting fuel as the system tried to push the steam through the ever narrowing and plugged channels in the radiators.

Another consideration was that we are bound by the Secretary of State's guidelines for historic preservation when making repairs or changes to the church as we have accepted over forty thousand dollars in grant money that went into supporting the external restoration done last year. We will pursue and need more grant money as the larger, interior restoration project moves forward. The guidelines are specific but in brief they say that every reasonable consideration must be made to use original materials and craftsmanship in making any repairs to the church going forward. (1).

Fortunately Marc found a Canadian firm that restores these radiators and has a supply of newer, look-alike models that fall within the state's guidelines as mentioned above. Twenty eight radiators were tested under pressure and checked for leaks, fourteen out of the twenty eight were irreparable. As the repaired ones are returned to us they are being reinstalled. If you have sat near one of the reinstalled radiators you have felt the heat from them. They are running at full capacity. You can really feel the difference.

Of course none of this is free. The overall cost of this project is estimated at fifty five thousand dollars. Our resourceful Finance Committee has found the funds for this. Albeit they may "rob Peter to pay Paul" initially but there will be no need for a major capital campaign at this time. As it is, this cost would have been incurred anyway as a sub-project of the interior restoration. As we move forward on fund raising for the interior restoration the money spent now will be reseeded appropriately. We simply were forced to act ahead of schedule with the radiators. This will provide for a warmer environment for Mass this winter instead of next.

If you are moved by the warmth of the church this winter and the restored beauty of the radiators or just from your own charity to make a contribution to help defray the current cost, please do so.* It would be appreciated and all contributions will be ear marked for this particular cause only. All funds donated now will not have to be sought after in the future and would be most appreciated.

(1), *The Secretary of State's guidelines for repairing historic places are available to you to review in the rectory.*

*You may wish to "Adopt a Radiator" for \$2100 [a recognition plate with your or your family's name or the name of a loved one will be affixed]