

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 16th, 2007

St. Benedict, St. Edward, St. Mary Star of the Sea, Pray for us.

Saturday (15th) Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

4:00 St. Mary: Lucille Lague (2nd) by the family and for Clyde & Herbert Tiedeman by Natalie Carter

6:00 St. Edward: In thanksgiving by Alphonse & Yvette Patenaude

Sunday (16th) Is 35:1-6a,10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

8:30 St. Edward: Stanley Comeau by the Family

10:00 St. Mary: Micheline Proteau by the Proteau family and for Roger Dagesse by Laurier Shirley & family

11:30 St. Benedict: All Parishioners

Monday (17th) Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

8:30 St. Edward: Gilles Grenier by a friend and for Gloria Fortin by M/M Michael Randall

5:15 St. Mary: Steve Pooler by his wife and for Rose Alix by the Estate

Tuesday (18th) Jeremiah 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

8:00 St. Mary: Flore Moore by Raymond and Louiselle Carrier and for Rhina Letourneau(29th) by the Family

11:00 NHCC:

6:00 St. Edward: Leo Ducharme by Family and for Tony Letourneau by a parishioner

Wednesday (19th) Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

8:00 St. Mary: Felix Chaput Sr. by Leontine Belisle and for Tony Letourneau by C. Veilleux

7:00 St. Benedict: Tony Letourneau by M/M Andre Letourneau

Thursday (20th)

Is 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38

9:00 Michaud: Gloria Fortin by Raymond Fortin

5:15 St. Mary: Marie Anne Lamarche by the Comtois Family

Friday (21st)

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45

8:00 St. Mary: Rachel Campbell by Dennis and Sylvie Seguin and for Felix Chaput Sr. by Claudette Chaput

6:00 St. Edward: All Souls and for Gloria Fortin by M/M Leo Patenaude

Saturday (22nd)

Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

4:00 St. Mary: Cosmo Fedele by Bob and Rita Porter and for Mildred Laframboise by the Family

6:00 St. Edward: All Parishioners

Sunday (23rd) Is 7:10-14 (10a); Romans 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

8:30 St. Edward: Olive Brouillette by her children and their families and for Gloria Fortin by Rosaire and Claire Voyer

10:00 St. Mary: For all Former Students and Staff of SHS by the Students and Staff of Bishop Marshall School and for Karin Zisselsberger by her husband and sons

11:30 St. Benedict: Damien Couture (2nd) by the Family

St. Mary's Sanctuary Candles

Sacred Heart of Jesus: Special Intentions

St. Joseph: Intentions of Fr. Dallas

St. Mary: In Memory of Arthurine Ste Marie

St. Anne: For the Healing of a special friend

Chapel: In Thanksgiving for the Healing of Richard Ste Marie

Please pray for the sick and shut-ins of our parishes

Louise Manzi	Ben Martin	Marcel Therrien
Maureen Connolley	Jeannine Poulin	Brian Bartley
Sylvia Sheltra	Myrna Nadeau	Frances Bouffard
Berthe Lahar	Beverly LaBounty	Mary Wright
Lorraine Patenaude	Alan Aiken	Doug Woods
Romeo Blais	Belle Brochu	Dr. Robt. Sofferman
Daniel	Leontine Belisle	Lillian Souliere
Olivia Aiken	Beth Robinson	Germaine Brault
Amal Yassine	Stan Warner	Marie Holmes
Earl Kimball	Cecile Arel Smith	Cora DeLaBruere
Pam Sizemore	Donald LaPierre	Fr. John Hamilton
Karl Fauteux	Jean Riccio	Theresa Cruz
Suzanne Savoie	Nancy Gallucci	Christine Menard

“Lord, look upon _____ with eyes of mercy, may Your healing hand rest upon him/her. May Your life giving powers flow into every cell of their body and into the depths of their soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.”

Fruits of Your Generosity

	St. M	St. E	St. B
Offertory	\$ 2934	\$1735	\$ 290
Rel. Retirement	757	644	128
Imm. Conception	678	154	19
Repairs	65	63	15
Fuel	65	151	315

A donation of \$1000 was made to St. Edward's in Memory of Tony Letourneau.

Thank you for your generosity.

Deanery Advent Penance Services

Barton, St. Paul	12/16/07	2:00 pm
Island Pond, St. James	12/17/07	7:00 pm

Individual confession times:

St. Edward	12/17/07	9:00-10:00 am
St. Benedict	12/19/07	5:30-6:30 pm
St. Edward	12/20/07	12:00-1:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Jesus instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts. (Mk 6:8)

In the Gospels, Jesus tells His apostles to travel light. Life is too short to be weighed down with excess baggage. The reason for traveling light is not because things are evil. We're not supposed to tiptoe through this world and avoid the contamination of material things. A religion that believes in the Resurrection cannot have a negative attitude toward material things. The reason for traveling light is not because we are supposed to have some sort of pious discomfort with material things. We are not. We are called upon to use and enjoy the things of the earth.

So why travel light?

First the accumulation of things can get in the way of one relationship with people. Things are important. People are always more important.

Secondly, concern for things bogs us down. Our time and energies are consumed in acquiring or maintaining the things we have collected – our car, our boat, our lawn, all our 'stuff'.

I was created by God to grow, to move, to journey on the great adventure of life.

The more things I pile up, the less I am able to move in this or that direction. I become less an adventurer...and more of a watchman.

Decorating St. Mary's

Church decorating for Christmas will take place on **Saturday, December 22nd** beginning at **8:00 am**. Please come and help. Many, many hands make the work lighter (and shorter)! Thank you.

PRACTICE FOR THE 6:30 PM CHRISTMAS PAGEANT MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Practice will be on Saturday December 22nd at 10:00 am in the Church.

We need angels, shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and a newborn baby!

2007 Booties for Life Update

The campaign was a great success. Vermont Right to Life is very appreciative of your most generous response. A grand total of \$2207 was collected from all three churches.

St. Benedict \$213

St. Edward \$989

St. Mary \$1,202

St. Benedict Parish 60th Anniversary Celebration

*Everyone is invited to join the **St. Benedict parish family** as we celebrate our **60th Anniversary** in our present Church. This celebration will take place at our **11:30 am Mass on December 30th**. A *Pot Luck luncheon* will follow.*

Pope Benedict XIV to Visit the United States

Our Holy Father will be celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in Yankee Stadium on **Sunday April 20th, 2008**. The Chancery Office would like to know how many parishioners MIGHT be interested in attending this event. Please let the parish office know by December 19th. They are looking for approximate figures to give the Archdiocese of New York for the availability of tickets. More information to follow.

Comments from ***Voice from the Pew***

Suggestion: Could we temporarily eliminate the Sign of Peace during the cold & flu season?

Response: Eliminating shaking hands as we have done in past years was mentioned at Mass last week. Please continue to acknowledge those around you with some form of non-contact greeting.

Suggestion: Pray the Hail Mary correctly.

Response: Fr. Yvon addressed this concern at the Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is for "**us**" sinners—not "**our**" sinners. *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for **us** sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen*

More suggestions and responses will be included in our bulletin in the new year.

For those of you who would like to send a card or greeting directly to Fr. Dallas, his address is:

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