

**CHRISTMAS 2008, NEW YEAR'S & EPIPHANY 2009
AT OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH**



Wednesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Masses

5:00 pm. Family Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas High School

Repose of soul of Noella Bennett by the family

8:00 pm. For the healing of Justin McKenna by the Steele family

10:00 pm. For the special intentions of the Parishioners

Thursday, December 25th - Christmas Day

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Mr. & Mrs. Mulholland by the James family

10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Barbara Rockburne by the Steele family

Friday, December 26th: Feast, Saint Stephen

No Adoration before Mass

10:00 am. For the repose of the soul of Sophie Devaux by the Crouzat family

Saturday, December 27th

4:30 pm. For the repose of the soul of Lucyna Gajdowski by Helen Zurowski

Sunday, December 28th : Feast, Holy Family

9:00 am. For the special intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

10:30 am. For the intentions of the Lehman family by the James family

Wednesday, December 31st

4:30 pm In prayerful memory of Gable Berard Beaupre by his family

Thursday, January 1st, 2009 - Mary, Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace

9:00 am. For the intentions of Bea & Tom Mascaro by the James family

10:45 am. For the special intentions of Colette & Marcel Vaillancourt by Donna McKlusky

Friday, January 2nd, St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors

8:00 - 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 am For the intentions of the Barnes family by the James family

Saturday, January 3rd

9:00 am For the intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

4:30 pm For the healing of Justin McKenna by his family

Sunday, January 4th

9:00 am For the intentions of the Wolfert family by the James family

10:45 am For the special intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

Normal Mass schedule resumes on Thursday, January 8th, 2009.

The next bulletin will be on January 11th, 2009

PLEASE NOTE

♦ **WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS:** If you are new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, welcome to our Parish. Please take a moment to fill in the registration form found on the table in the Church Foyer. Say "hello" to Fr. Tim and share fellowship with parishioners at one of our events.

OFFICE CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Parish Office is closed between Christmas & New Year's. Regular office hours resume Mon., Jan. 5th, 2009. A Joyous Christmas & God's Blessings in the New Year!



YOU'RE INVITED....

Father Tim cordially invites you to celebrate a Christmas Season Social on January 3rd, 2009. Please come from 7-9 pm, to the Rectory at 235 Castor Street. You will enjoy food, refreshments and fellowship. For information call 613-445-3054.

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Wed., Dec. 24th -

5:00 pm Nicolas E. Cameron, Nathan

8:00 pm Alex, Zachery

10:00 pm Michael C, Daniel C, Sarah

Thurs., Dec. 25th - 9:00 am Richard, Luke, Morgan

10:45 am Caitlin, Eva, Adam G.

Sat., Dec. 27th - 4:30 pm Luke, Richard, Adam G.

Sun., Dec 28th - 9:00 am Hannah, Morgan, Brody

10:45 am Annie, Ben, Sarah

Wed., Dec. 31st - 4:30 pm Adam

Thurs., Jan 1st - 9:00 am Morgan, Alex, Zachery

10:45 am Cameron, Caitlin, Hannah

Sat., Jan 3rd - 4:30 pm Ben, Marie-Eve, Jacob M.

Sun., Jan 4th - 9:00 am Jacob L. Morgan, Samuel

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass.

♦ **PLEASE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THE SICK among our family and friends:** Colette Vaillancourt, Ken Gaydamack, Norita Trottier, Tom Egan, Cory VandenHabenberg, Marguerite Black, Teresa Morris, Jack Tyo and Gilles Benoit. If you would like a name added to this list please call the office.

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OUR PARISH WEBSITE: www.olmm.ca

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

"Happy Holidays" to all of you - just joking! I mean "Merry Christ-mas!" No other feast of the year seems to stir the human heart with such a feeling of wonder and awe that the Creator of the universe would become a human being for love of you and me! The Child Jesus calls us back to the innocence and simplicity of childhood, and reminds us of the great dignity of every human person created in the image of God, from the first moment of conception.

I pray for every one of you - our regular parishioners and our visitors - that Christ will be born for you today, into your hearts and your homes. May the One who came to make all things new give us all a new heart, a childlike heart, filled with gratitude for all God's gifts. Let us pass on to others the love we receive today from Christ in Holy Communion. In a world of shadows, anxieties and insecurities, may we radiate the light and hope of Christ to others. Peace to all of you this Christmas Day - remember Christmas Day lasts 8 whole days, so keep up the festivities until January 1st, and keep the lights bright at least until Epiphany! Fr. Tim

P.S. And thanks so much for all your cards, gifts and prayers. Your love and support mean more to me than you know!

The Third Joyful Mystery

The Birth of Our Lord

(Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 1:18-25)

Our father...

1. An edict from Caesar Augustus in imperial Rome starts Joseph and Mary on the road to Bethlehem. *Hail Mary...*
2. Arriving there, they can find no room in the inn. "He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him" (John 1:11). *Hail Mary...*
3. At last they find shelter in a hillside cattle shed. *Hail Mary...*
4. There, in the stillness of the star-sprinkled night, Mary brings forth her Son, whose only Father is God. *Hail Mary...*
5. She wraps him in the swaddling clothes she has woven in preparation for his coming. *Hail Mary...*
6. She lays him tenderly in the manger's straw. *Hail Mary...*
7. There, she and Joseph adore their infant God. *Hail Mary...*
8. On a nearby hillside, shepherds watching over their sheep are startled by angel voices bringing tidings of great joy. *Hail Mary...*
9. They leave their sheep and come running to the feet of the Lamb of God. They kneel in simple faith to adore the tiny Good Shepherd. *Hail Mary...*
10. All the while, Bethlehem and the wide world are sunk in unheeding slumber. They do not know the Savior, Mary's Son and the Father's, is in their midst. *Hail Mary...*

Glory be to the Father...

