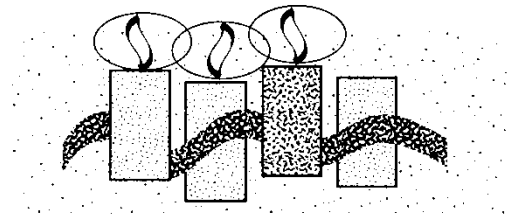


# The Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2009

Be strong and fear not,  
our God will come with glory!



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## MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	SAINT	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Mon. Dec. 14	8:30	John of the Cross	Helen Gagnon	Family
Tues. Dec. 15	5:00		Fr. Raymond Giroux (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.)	
Wed. Dec. 16	8:30		Erminia and Samuel Vitagliano	Family
Thur. Dec. 17	8:30		Almon and Amy Atkins	
	(At Pill. Manor)10:00		Aurora Nowland	
Fri. Dec. 18	8:30		Darcy Early	Family

## SUNDAY MASSES

Sat. Dec. 19	4:30		Parishioners and Benefactors	
Sun. Dec. 20	8:00		B & M Gosselin, L & M Valentine	Children
	9:30		Jim Crevier	His Parents
	11:30		Deceased Members of Tasetano and Venezia Families	

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Eighth Grade large group session is on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in the church hall from 6:15-7:45pm.

Caroling and Cookies: On Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> middle and high school students and their families are caroling at Country Park. To sign up or for more info call 864-4166 x204.

Nativity practice will be on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

The 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class will meet this Sunday, December 13th from 6:15-7:45pm in the Parish Center Hall.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class meets next Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Church Hall. We will be attending the Parish Reconciliation Service as a class. The actual service begins at 7pm.

Confirmation students and families: We are in need of students and adults to help with our Christmas party for the children and parishioners after the Nativity presentation on December 20<sup>th</sup>. It will run from 11:00-12:00 in the Parish Center Hall. We need help with crafts, in the kitchen etc. Please call or email the office if you are able to help.

Caroling is December 15th. We will meet in the church hall at 6:00pm and return around 8:00.

### YOUTH MINISTRY, CONT.

High School Christmas Eve Mass -Phil Soltau will be leading a Youth Singing Group at the Christmas Eve Mass. He is looking for students (grades 6-12) who would sing - Christmas carols before Mass and during Mass as well as the responses at Mass. The commitment would be for the Mass on 12/24 at 7:00pm and two rehearsals, one on 12/20 at 4:00pm and one on 12/23 at 6:30pm. This is a great way for our students to share their gifts and talents with all of us; we just love to hear them! Call or email. We're hoping for a big group of singers.

The Confirmation students will be hosting a Christmas party following the Parish Nativity on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in the Parish Center Hall for food, crafts, caroling and celebration. All are welcome.

### NATIVITY PRESENTATION

On December 20<sup>th</sup> we'll gather for this presentation between 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. We have roles for anyone who wants to participate. Info. sheets are on the tables at all doors or call 864-4166 x204. Everyone is welcome!

**EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES IN ADVENT!**

We have scheduled extra times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) for Advent. In addition to Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00pm, Confessions will be heard on **Fridays of Advent at 9:00am and Saturdays of Advent at 5:30pm.** Our **Advent Penance Service** will be on **Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

As you plan for Christmas, please make Mass the first and most important part of your Christmas celebration. Masses here will be on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30, 7:00 (youth) and 10:00 pm. The Christmas Day Masses will be at 9:00 and 10:30 am.

**FLOWER MEMORIALS**

If you wish to make a donation toward Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, please pick up one of the special envelopes provided for that purpose at the entrances of the church and either drop it in the collection basket at Mass or mail it to the parish office.

**STOCK DONORS PLEASE TAKE NOTE!**

If you plan to donate stock to the parish, please call the parish office for specific instructions BEFORE you take any action. If these instructions are not followed, your donation may not be accessible to the parish. Even if you have done this in the past, please call because the instructions may have changed.

**PARISH COOKBOOKS**

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a cookbook. Sales have been great! If you would like to purchase one call Cindy in the parish office at 864-4166 x201.

**BLUE ARMY**

The Burlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima will gather on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at Christ the King Church in Burlington. Rosary is at 4:45pm. Mass is at 5:15, followed by dinner and a short business meeting at a local restaurant. All are welcome. Call Clairette (878-3214) for information and carpool help.

**ST. MIKE'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Every year each parish in Vermont may nominate one of its members for an \$11,000 scholarship at St. Michael's College. The nominee must be a parishioner who intends to enter St. Mike's in the fall of 2010. Those who are interested should call the parish office (864-4166, ext. 201) to obtain the application form.

**WELCOME**

We welcome into our parish community newly baptized Maya Daniels and Elizabeth Rozich-Kusmierczyk.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

***"Funeral Meals Coordinator"***

We are in great need of someone to coordinate the meals after funerals from January to June. Doris Gaulin who usually does this is away in the winter. The coordinator is the contact person, does the shopping and oversees the food preparation. We have a wonderful crew to assist with cooking, set ups and cleaning. Call Fr. Bernie at 864-4166 for more information.

***"Outreach Coordinator"***

We are looking for someone to serve as "Outreach Coordinator" for the parish. This person would be the contact person for those seeking assistance (e.g. food or Christmas gifts for children, etc.) and the one to whom parishioners can go when they want to offer some assistance to the needy. Call Fr. Bernie Gaudreau at 864-4166, if interested.

**LAST WEEK**

Collection - \$5,805.50

Fuel - \$1,159.00

Attendance Last Week – 692

The second collection next week is for the Development Fund.

