

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday, Feb. 6</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Saturday, Feb. 6</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Marjorie, John &amp; Bridget Sweeney; Cyril Jackman; Bride Fitzgerald; William Dohey; Marg Ashford; Evelyn Mansfield; Kevin Kent</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb. 7</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish</b>

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 31, 2010:** “Before you were born, I consecrated you.” If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact: Fr. Steve Courtney 726-3660, or [stjohnsvocations@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsvocations@gmail.com).

**EMERGENCY FUND FOR HAITI:** Thank you for your generous contributions to the Haiti Relief Fund. For those who still want to contribute you can still place your envelope in the collection next week. Please continue to show your support and remember the victims in your prayers and petitions. We are continuing this special collection to which all proceeds are directed to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace for emergency campaign for Haiti. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**RELIEF FOR HAITI BENEFIT CONCERT:** **Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**, 3pm at Gower Street United Church. Some of the leading musical ensembles in the community will be collaborating with Oxfam Canada to put off a benefit concert to fundraise for relief in Haiti. Hosted by CBC's Ramona Dearing, featuring the Philharmonic Choir of the NSO, Bill Brennan and friends, and some of the finest musical talent in St. John's will be featured at this concert. The cost is a suggested donation of \$15, tickets available at door. Oxfam Canada will issue receipts, and donations by visa will be accepted. Full details are available at [www.munoxfam.com](http://www.munoxfam.com).

### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION - JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

<b>Offertory (100 Envelopes) .....</b>	<b>\$1069.00</b>
<b>Haiti Fund.....</b>	<b>\$1968.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<b>SATURDAY, FEB. 6</b> <b>5.00 P.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, FEB.7</b> <b>10:30 A.M.</b>
<b>READERS:</b>	<b>Karen Seward</b> <b>Ashley Curnew</b>	<b>Ros Hurley</b> <b>Sister Phyllis</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	<b>Pat Murphy</b> <b>Brenda Sweeney</b>	<b>Christine Quinlan</b> <b>Shirley Murphy</b>
<b>PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:</b>	<b>Irene &amp; Kevin Delahunty</b>	<b>Bev &amp; Sid Rees</b>
<b>USHERS:</b>	<b>George Jackman</b> <b>Keith Pitts</b> <b>Pat Murphy</b> <b>George Hickey</b>	<b>Tom Cole</b> <b>Kevin Delahunty</b> <b>Ray Whalen</b>
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b>		<b>Diane Delaney</b>

**HOME RELIGION PROGRAM:** The next meeting of parents and children is scheduled for **February 14 at 2 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Please bring along the scrapbooks again at that time. The **Themes for Lent** will be distributed then. **Please Note:** For children registered in **Years 2 and 3** of the program, we will be holding **additional focus meetings during Lent** to ensure proper coverage of the materials prior to reception of the sacraments. **We will keep you posted in the Church bulletin.** We would also like to remind you that attendance at Mass and Children's Liturgy on Sunday mornings during Mass is crucial for the faith development of your children. The children enjoy it so much, and they learn so much in the process. Again, we ask God's blessings on all the parents and children completing the Home Religion Program.

**DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE SALE!!!** Big, Big sale at the Diocesan Resource Centre during the month of February!

**HOLY HOUR:** All are welcome to gather and spend an hour in prayer, praying for vocations in the archdiocese, Tuesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> at MQP Chapel.

**LEGION OF MARY:** St. Paul calls us to PRAY ALWAYS, and so we must. The Legion of Mary counts on prayer and the presence of the Holy Spirit always. We all need to pray, so on Wednesday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> (a week before Ash Wednesday) from 2:30 to 3:30 the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and a Holy Hour will take place at St. Teresa's Church. All Legion of Mary members, their families and all people connected to the Legion are encouraged to attend this time of prayer.

**VISITATION OF SICK AND SHUT INS:** Sister Phyllis will be visiting the Sick and Shut-Ins of the Parish on **Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please prepare for their visit. If you are not going to be home on that day, please notify the Parish office at 488-2525, as this will give them extra time to spend with others who are in need.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOUR:** K of C members will have an opportunity this year to visit New Haven, Connecticut where Father Michael J. McGiveny founded the order in 1882. The eight day trip, September 27<sup>th</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup>, also stops in Boston and New York. Price is \$1983.00 per person, based on double occupancy and includes air fare, hotels, 2 meals per day, tour coach and guides. Space may be available for non K of C members. For more details please call K of C member Bill Maher 739-9956 or Tour Leader Brian Bursey 576-4551.

**COUNSELLING SERVICES:** One call to 579-0168 brings help. To register call Sr. Loretta Walsh or Helen MacKinnon at 579-0168 or email: [flb@nf.aibn.com](mailto:flb@nf.aibn.com). For listing of all programs refer to our website: [www.stjohnsarchdiocese.ca/flb](http://www.stjohnsarchdiocese.ca/flb).

**BEREAVEMENT TEAMS:** Our bereavement teams are vital to our Parish. They help families at one of their most difficult times to become involved in planning the liturgies for their loved ones. There is a need to increase the number of teams in our Parish. Please give some serious consideration and call the Parish office 488-2525.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 – MADRID, SPAIN:** For all those interested in finding out more about World Youth Day: Pilgrims must be 18yrs as of August 2011 to attend. Information session will be held on Wednesday Jan. 27th, 7:00pm at the Pastoral Centre, Archdiocese of St. John's.

**MUN CHAPLAINCY:**

**Weekly Mass:** St.John's Chapel at MUN - **Sundays at 6:00 pm**. Priests from the Archdiocese will preside at the subsequent masses. If you know a University student, please pass on this information, however ALL ARE WELCOME. For further information or to register for these events please contact the office at 726-3660 and speak to Noreen, Anne or MaryLou.

**CABOT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Now accepting applications from interested partner families for a four-home build to take place in Pleasantville in 2010. If your family meets the financial requirements, is willing to contribute 500 hours of sweat equity, has the ability to pay an interest-free mortgage, does not currently own or have previously owned a home, and have a need, you are invited to submit the enclosed application to Cabot Habitat for Humanity by February 12, 2009. Eligibility criteria and applications available at [www.cabothabitat.ca](http://www.cabothabitat.ca) or by calling 737-5743.



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## ***FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

***JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2010***

### ***REFLECTION:***

#### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19**

*I appointed you a Prophet to the nations.*

God's intimate knowledge of his chosen instruments is accompanied by his promise of victory over and deliverance from those who oppose his word. Although we may at times protest God's call, we are called to trust in his intimate knowledge of our lives and his pledge to deliver us from evil.

#### **SECOND READING: Corinthians 12: 31, 13: 13**

*Faith, hope and love abide; the greatest of these is love.*

Paul's concept of love as a spiritual gift underscores the poignancy of his claim that love seeks and spends itself for the good of the other, and that love never fails. May we know love's gift and share in the same reckless way that Jesus revealed the love of God.

#### **GOSPEL: Luke 4: 21-30**

*Like Elijah and Elisha,*

*Jesus was not sent only to the Jewish people.*

Jesus challenged his own people with a message concerning the acceptance of God's word and the working of his power among foreigners and outsiders. As Jesus' own community, let us rejoice when non-Christians live in goodness and truth, and let us ask for greater openness to God's word in our own lives.

**Sanctuary Candle in Memory of Anne (Sis) Fowler**