

Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 9th

Thanks for favour *requested by*
a parishioner

Collection during Mass for the formation and support of the laity

Tuesday, January 11th

Vera Beauchemin *requested by*
Yvette & Guy Boucher



Faith First Questions of the Week

Adults: In what ways has the Holy Spirit helped me bring peace and justice into the world?

Children: What can I do this week to bring peace into my family?

Week of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 16th,

Thanks to the Blessed Virgin Mary
for a favour received
requested by a parishioner

Tuesday, January 18th,

Therese Diab requested by
Lorette & Christopher Noble

Please note: All parishioners and any visitors are reminded that there is a wooden box marked for any donations on the back table every Sunday and that envelopes are available to use to ensure tax receipts.

Children's Liturgy: Any child in kindergarten to grade 5 is welcome to attend the sessions offered during Mass-there is no registration, cost, or previous experience required. (Preschoolers should be accompanied by an adult.) The Gospel of the day is read and explained in their own language and discussion is geared towards their level and experiences. Activity sheets are also made available and extra pages are left on the back table. Let's all help pass on the *Good News* to our little ones!

CWL: Our First CWL Meeting of the new year will be held tomorrow evening, January 10th at 7:30. Alex DiLallo will be presenting on "Speech Therapy" and Lorette and Ethel will be addressing the issue of the future of our Diocesan Council. We hope to see you there for the start of another wonderful year. If you need a lift do not hesitate to contact Marge Vocino - Organization Chairperson. **Thank you to all** who supported the Catholic Missions in Canada calendar sales. \$120.00 was raised! For more information on their work and needs: www.cmic.info .

Catholic Girls' League - From your donations over the past two years THINKrecycle has returned \$185.36 to support our CGL. In addition, many trees have been planted (1 for every 24 eligible items). Thank you for your support.

Mark Your Calendars! The CRAC Candiac Soft Ball league is holding its third annual Super Bowl party fundraiser on February 6th, 2010 at the Complex Romeo V Patenaude, 135 chemin Haendel, Candiac. The proceeds will go to St Raymond's Parish, CRAC softball league and Ecole St Lawrence. The Super Bowl Party will begin at 2 pm. At 3 pm the Canadiens vs Devils game will be broadcast on giant screen TVs followed by the Super Bowl game at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$7 per child. A chicken dinner is included with the price of admission. Several pools will be available for both the hockey and the Super Bowl game. Food and beverages will be sold throughout the day. For tickets or information: Donald Emard 514-250-3976.



St. Marguerite Bourgeoys: Feastday January 12 (Canada)

Marguerite had survived many threats in the twenty-six years she had been in the wilderness of Canada. She had lived through Iroquois attacks, a fire that destroyed her small village, plagues on the ships that she took back and forth to France, but nothing threatened her dreams and hopes more than what her own bishop said to her in 1679. He told her that she had to join her Congregation of Notre Dame with its teaching sisters to a cloistered religious order of Ursulines. This was not the first time she'd heard this command. Whether from a misplaced desire to protect her Sisters or from discomfort in dealing with an active religious order of women, bishops had long wanted to fit her into the usual mold of cloistered orders.

But Marguerite had overcome many challenges to get to this day and was not deterred. In her own native France, she had belonged to a sodality of women who cared for the sick.

The stories of hardships and dangers in Montreal that made other people shiver had awakened a call from God in her to serve the Native Americans and settlers who endured this adversity. She met with the governor of what was then called Ville Marie and convinced him she was the person he was looking for to help start a school for the children of Montreal.

When she arrived in Ville Marie, as it was called then, she found that few children survived to school age. She helped the remarkable Jeanne Mance, who ran the hospital, to change this tragedy. When she finally had children to teach, she had to set up school in a stable.

So she was not ready to surrender to the bishop. There was too much at stake. She reminded him that the Ursulines because they were cloistered could not go out and teach, as her Sisters had done. The poor and uneducated would not and could not travel to a Quebec cloister over miles of frontier at the risk of their lives.

But her Sisters were more than willing to live in huts in order to fulfill their call from God. She had set up schools all over the territory, not just for children. When the king, in well-meaning ignorance, had sent untrained orphans over to be colonists she had set up a school for the women to teach them how to survive and thrive in Canada.

How could they do the work for God that they had done so well in a cloister?

The bishop replied, "I cannot doubt, Mother Bourgeoys, that you will succeed in moving heaven and earth as you have moved me!" The Congregation remained an active teaching order, one of the very first of its kind for women. Their rule had to go through one more attempt at turning them into a cloister but Marguerite lived to see the triumph when their rule was made official in 1698. She was canonized in 1982 by Pope John Paul II.

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