

## WIDER COMMUNITY

- **PARA Newspaper:** There are a few copies of the PARA (Palmerston Area Residents Association) newsletter at the back of the church for anyone interested about neighbourhood developments. These include **two notices involving SMM.**



## THE CHURCH of ST. MARY MAGDALENE

### CHRIST THE KING

20 November 2011

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

SMM CALENDAR			
21 - 27 November, 2011			
21 Monday	6.00 pm	Mass	Edmund, K. and M., 870
22 Tuesday	7.15 am	Mass	Feria
23 Wednesday	10.00 am	Mass	Clement of Rome, Bp., c100
24 Thursday	7.15 am 10.00 am	Mass La Messa	Feria
25 Friday	6.00 pm	Mass	Feria
26 Saturday	10.00 am	Mass	BVM
27 Sunday	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Said Mass Folk Mass Litany and Solemn Mass	Advent I
Advent I Isaiah 64: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9, Mark 13: 24-37			

Confessions are heard by appointment.

Submissions for Sunday Announcements should be sent to the church office by email ([office@stmarymagdalene.ca](mailto:office@stmarymagdalene.ca)). The deadline for submissions is Wednesday morning.

Welcome to the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

We invite you to stay following the 9.30 and 11.00 masses for refreshments in Hiscocks Hall, which is located in the basement. It can be reached by the door next to the baptismal font. There is a wheelchair accessible lift and washroom in the office area on the main floor, which can be reached by the door in the north-east corner. **Please speak to a sidesperson for assistance.**

- **A word from Father David about *Our Faith -- Our Hope*:** Thanks to our steering committee, and in particularly to the leadership of its chair, Heather McGregor, our participation in the diocesan fundraising campaign is going very well. Our parish goal is to raise \$328,000 over a five-year pledge period, and **to date our total pledged is \$252,400. Forty percent of the funds we raise will stay in the parish to support our own priorities.** One of these priorities is to **support ministry for children and youth.** This continues to be an important area of growth for us. **Last Sunday, we had sixteen children under the age of ten at the 9.30 mass!** We also have young people who attend the 11.00 mass, although we are not able to offer programs for them at this time. **Communication is also a priority.** We have liturgical and musical treasures here, including the wondrous tradition of our 11.00 mass, and we need to do as much as we can to communicate these treasures to others. **Thank you for your continued support of our campaign.** *David+*
- **SMM Parish List & Communications:** You are invited to add your name to our Parish List, which is the database of all of those who consider themselves members of the parish. **Please send your names, address, phone number and email address to [office@stmarymagdalene.ca](mailto:office@stmarymagdalene.ca), or fill in one of the pew envelopes and put it on the collection plate.** If you are already on the Parish List but would like to be added to the **SMM Email list**, in order to receive periodic news updates, **please email David Widenmaier at [singbass@hotmail.com](mailto:singbass@hotmail.com).**

- **Prayers of the People.** Specific requests for prayers to be incorporated into the Prayers of the People at mass can be offered by writing them in the **black book on the stand at the back of the church.** The list is renewed at the beginning of every month.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **The First Sunday of Advent: NEXT Sunday, 27 November:** 8.00 Said mass, 9.30 Folk Mass, 11.00 Litany in Procession & Solemn Mass
- **The Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Thursday, 8 December.** Said masses at 7.15 am & 10.00 am (in Italian). Procession & Solemn Mass at 6 pm, followed by **pot-luck supper.** **Our guest preacher will be Fr. Rob Mitchell,** Superior of the Our Lady of Hope ward of the Society of Mary and Associate Priest at St. Thomas's, Huron Street.
- ***In Dulci Jubilo:* Friday Dec. 9th 8pm York Baroque Ensemble** (Our own **Matthew Whitfield** and **Josh Colucci** are members of this ensemble) presents *In Dulci Jubilo*, a pre-Christmas concert at SMM. Come as you are: pay what you can.
- ***The Children's Messiah:* Saturday, 10 December from 4 pm - 5.00 pm.** Pax Christi Chorale, under the direction of Stephanie Martin, with Pax Christi orchestra, and soloists along with our own Gallery Choir, presents *The Children's' Messiah* at SMM. Designed especially for youngsters, this is a condensed version of *Messiah* in all its glory in a casual, child-friendly setting and **will be narrated by Father David.** Admission is free for children and youth and pay-what-you-can at the door for adults.
- **Solemn Evensong, Benediction & Advent Carols. Sunday, 11 December at 4.30.** A wonderful liturgy to invite a friend, colleague or neighbour to join us.
- **Chant Club** has started its fall season and would like to invite anyone interested in learning about chant to join in. Sessions are generally **every second Sunday and run from 1.15pm to 3.15pm.** (We start at that time to allow members from other parishes to make their way to SMM). Our approach is very informal and supportive. **You need no previous singing experience -- all you need is the desire to sing chant.** This season we are learning the **Marian Anthems** and the music for **Candlemas**, where members of the Chant Club will be able to join with the Ritual Choir to sing that service. **Everyone is welcome.**

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH for CHILDREN:

- **Sunday School during the 9:30 mass:** The 9:30 Sunday School concludes its focus on Moses this Sunday. The children have been working on a frieze over several months, and will bring it up for display and comment at the end of today's service. **Next Sunday (Advent 1, Nov 27) is Folk Mass.** We are in the midst of planning a children's program for the remaining Sundays in Advent, and a child friendly service at 10 am, Christmas Day.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH for ADULTS:

- **Wednesday Bible Study:** The Wednesday morning Bible study continues. We **meet from 11.00 pm to noon**, following the 10.00 mass. We are studying St. John's gospel.
- **Advent Study -- Wednesdays nights during Advent:** We will be using a new resource produced within the Diocese of Toronto -- ***Advent: From Chaos to Love.*** This resource creates the opportunity for participants to examine both their individual and community lives in light of the extravagant incarnation of God into our world. The study incorporates video material, printed resources and roundtable conversations. **Wednesdays November 30th, December 7th, 14th & 21st, from 7.30 to 9.00.** For more information, visit the website at [www.chaostolove.com](http://www.chaostolove.com) or speak with Fr. David.
- **Lenten Retreat:** We have booked a **return visit to St. John's Convent for the SMM Lenten retreat.** The dates for **Friday, 2 March until Sunday, 4 March, 2012.** Our leader will be **Sister Constance Joanna**, and the topic will be **how our image of God affects the way we pray – and vice versa.** Space is limited to ten people and there are **only three spots** remaining. To reserve a space, **please speak with Fr. David.**

## OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE:

- ***Hands Across the Sands:*** Our offer to sponsor an Iraqi refugee family has just received official approval! We will receive our family's profile this month and expect they will arrive early in the new year. We encourage our donors to redeem any unpaid pledges at your earliest convenience. Offers of both **temporary and permanent accommodation, and everything needed to set up a household**, would be greatly appreciated.
- **O'Neill Centre Nursing Home:** Our Ministry at the O'Neill Centre Nursing Home continues **Tuesday, 13 December at 2.30 pm.** Please consider joining this ministry of sacrament and presence. **For more information, speak with Fr David or Fr William.**