

- **Hands Across the Sands:** The parish is sponsoring a family of four refugees, comprised of a husband, wife and two adult children. The response to the request for furniture and household items has been extremely generous. **Thank you!! Please see the beige insert for an updated list of items which are still needed.** Donors may e-mail Allan Risk at allanrisk@gmail.com to arrange delivery of packed and labelled items to his storage facility. **We ask your prayers for the family's safety during this time of uncertainty, and for their journey to Canada.**
- **O'Neill Centre Nursing Home:** Our Ministry at the O'Neill Centre Nursing Home continues **Tuesday, 14 February at 2.30 pm.** Please consider joining this ministry of sacrament and presence. **For more information, speak with Fr David or Fr William.**



# THE CHURCH of ST. MARY MAGDALENE

## EPIPHANY II

15 January 2012

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 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.**

- **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.
- **2012 SMM Calendar:** Copies are now available downstairs after the 9.30 and 11.00 masses at a cost of \$5.
- **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, 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.**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Our January Solemn Evensong & Benediction will be held NEXT Sunday, January 22nd at 4.30 pm.** The music this evening will be augmented by special choral and instrumental music. **Please consider attending and bringing a guest!**
- **Candlemas (The Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple): Thursday, February 2nd.** Said mass at 7.15; La Messa at 10:00; Procession & High Mass at 6:00 pm, followed by a pot-luck supper.

### SMM CALENDAR 16 - 22 January 2012

16 Monday	6.00 pm Mass	<b>Richard Meux Benson, Ref., 1915</b>
17 Tuesday	7.15 am Mass	<b>Antony, Ab., 356</b>
18 Wednesday	10.00 am Mass	<b>Confession of S. Peter</b>
19 Thursday	7.15 am Mass 10.00 am La Messa	Feria
20 Friday	6.00 pm Mass	Feria
21 Saturday	10.00 am Mass	<b>Agnes, M., 304</b>
22 Sunday	8.00 am Mass 9.30 am Sung Mass 11.00 am Solemn Mass 4.30 pm Solemn Evensong and Benediction	<b>Epiphany III</b>
<b>Epiphany III Readings</b> Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20		

Confessions are heard by appointment.

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

- **Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 12th.** There will be two masses that morning -- Said Mass at 8.00 am and **Solemn Parish Mass at 10.00 am**, followed by the meeting. **Please ensure Vestry Reports are received in electronic format in the SMM Parish Office NO LATER THAN Tuesday, January 31, 2012.**
- **The Chant Club** would like to invite anyone interested in learning about chant to join in. Upcoming sessions are scheduled for **TODAY** and January **29** and generally **every second Sunday after that. Sessions run from 1.15 pm to 3.15 pm.** 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.**

## OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

- **SMM Annual Vestry Meeting:** Everyone is most welcome to attend our Annual Vestry Meeting on **Sunday, 12 February** (see notice above). **Those wishing to vote at the meeting will be asked to sign the following declaration at the beginning of the meeting:** "I solemnly declare that I have been a member of the Anglican Church of Canada and of this congregation for at least three 3 months,, that I have attended regularly scheduled services of worship with this congregation at least three (3) times in the past year, that I am of the full age of sixteen (16) years and that I have not voted as a member of any other vestry during the previous three (3) months, not do I intend to vote in any other vestry during the ensuing year." [Diocese of Toronto Canon 14]

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH for CHILDREN:

- **Sunday School during the 9:30 mass: We reconvene TODAY and go until the beginning of Lent on 26 February.** The program focuses on the nativity through the eyes of Joseph and includes many dreams, the birth of Jesus, the visit of the Magi, the flight into Egypt and the experience of refugees. We plan to create some gifts for the family of Iraqi refugees we are sponsoring, as well as another large frieze. **Newcomers welcome!**

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH for ADULTS:

- **Wednesday Morning Discussion Group:** This group, which **meets from 11.00 to noon on Wednesday mornings** (following the 10.00 mass), has decided to begin a study of a book entitled *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene: Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity*, by Episcopalian priest Cynthia Bourgeault. **We will begin the study on Wednesday, January 25th. Newcomers are always welcome to the group.** If you'd like to purchase a copy of the book (approximately \$20) **please speak with Fr. David or Ted Parkins.**

- **The Centre for Christian Spirituality Returns: On Saturday 11 February, 2012 from 1.30 to 3.00 pm, Fr David will lead a session on Sabbath Renewal** entitled *STOP!* Even God rested on the seventh day of creation! This session will explore the riches of the sabbath tradition and invite participants to consider how to keep sabbath in their own lives. The session will also allow space for participants simply to be still and quiet -- to stop.
- **Lenten Opportunity:** With Christmastide concluded, our attention will soon be drawn to the season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 22nd). Lent is the traditional time for catechesis (that is, instruction in the faith), culminating in baptism and the renewal of baptismal vows at the Great Vigil of Easter. This year **I am proposing that we form a group of parishioners interested in catechesis.** This group would meet weekly on Wednesday nights for learning and spiritual conversation. Who might be interested? Anyone! This includes those interested in baptism, in exploring an emerging faith, or in deepening a well-established faith. I've asked Fr. John Hill, a retired parish priest with a great deal of experience and wisdom in catechesis, to help us discern the shape of our catechesis. Anyone interested in learning more, or having input, is invited to meet with me and Fr. John on **Wednesday, January 25th from 7.00 to 9.00 pm.** In the meantime, please speak with me to learn more, or to express your interest in this opportunity for faith formation during Lent. *David+*

## OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE:

- **Archbishop urges action on Toronto budget cuts:** Budget cuts proposed for the City of Toronto for its 2012 budget have caused widespread concern involving cutbacks to homeless shelters, child care centres, TTC services, affordable housing, and much more. The cuts threaten to make the lives of our disadvantaged neighbours even more difficult. Archbishop Colin Johnson spoke on this issue at a City Hall meeting last week, and has sent a letter to councilors expressing his concern. Other Anglicans are involved in this issue. **Please add your voice before city council begins voting on the budget on January 17.** Contact information for your councilor can be found at [www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca) (click on "Accessing City Hall.")
- **Community Dinner:** A reminder that our first Community Dinner (formerly known as Out of the Cold) will be happening on **Friday, 20 January at St. Thomas's church** hall on Huron Street (just below Bloor). We will be serving hot meals, buffet style with an emphasis on protein and rich carbs (think scallop potatoes). We can heat up dishes on site. When possible, precooked dishes are a big help. We will also need fresh fruit (mandarins and bananas especially favored) so we can be sure to send people home with something else to eat. **We will be serving meals promptly at 6 pm.** There are **many ways one help out** in addition to food preparation: serving dishes, meeting and greeting people, clean up, and so on. If you would like to help out, **please contact Brian Clarke** at [b.clarke@utoronto.ca](mailto:b.clarke@utoronto.ca); (h) 416-534-5456 or (w) 416-585-4547.