

Christmas 2010



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Holy Name of Jesus:

Peace of the Lord. Once again I would like to share with you a few of my reflections. We started off the year with great anticipation of the Winter Olympic Games. Although we did not organize anything special in terms of a welcome centre, we did however welcome tourists from many countries. They came and prayed with us in our Sunday liturgies. Our hospitality were much appreciated.

At the beginning of the year, we watched the news about the earthquake disaster in Haiti. Our Archbishop Miller took the lead in appealing to the whole archdiocese for financial support to assist in that country's recovery. We responded with heart-felt empathy and generosity for the needs of the Haitian people. Our monthly collections for the needy also allow us to share our blessings with those who are less fortunate than us. After the visitation of Chalice Canada's representative, we learned more about its important ministry to the needy in Africa. To put our faith in action, we bought a string of meaningful and practical goods to assist the poor there. These goods include food for family, donkey, bees and bee hives, rooster and hens, vegetable seeds and fruit trees, school uniforms, bag and shoes, a pair of goats, a unit of tools and training for farmers, fertilizer, seedlings, seeds, sheep, chicks and ducklings. I had great fun going through the Chalice catalogue and picking out the items. I am sure that the recipients will be rejoicing when they receive their gifts. *"Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me"* (Mt 25:40).

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, the feast of the Assumption, we dedicated the Magnificat new stained glass windows in honour of our Blessed Mother. The windows were professionally crafted in Germany by Sarah Hall, a Toronto artist who also designed and made the Mysteries of Light stained glass windows. Everyone who sees the windows for the first time admire the serenity and beauty that is reflected from them. We are happy to share these works of creation with everyone who comes into our house of worship. We thank the Lord for our benefactors whose generosity has made our special projects possible. Their contributions are recognized on the *Jesse Tree of Life*. May the Lord bless all of them!

This fall the Great Adventure journey bible study was initiated for the first time in our parish. Forty-five participants registered for the eight sessions. Their feedbacks were very positive. Hopefully something similar will continue to be available for anyone who wants to know more about the word of God and grow deeper in their faith.

Next year will be special for our parish. It is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church building. We plan to have a thanksgiving Mass and a catered dinner on May 28<sup>th</sup>. I hope many present and past parishioners and friends of the parish will attend this special celebration. Also, we will improve the interior lighting of our worship space. This project is a huge undertaking that has been met with a few roadblocks. However, by the grace of God we should be able to finish the retrofitting in time for our anniversary celebration. Thanks to our Project Advance rebates, we will be able to meet the costs for the project.

Let us continue to hold our parish in prayers with gratitude to our living God whose *"power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine"* (Eph. 3:20).

***Wishing you and your loved ones a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!***

*Fr. Robert, s.j.*

*Msrgr. S. Jensen*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, Dec. 26th, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM (Sunday Obligation)  
(NO 4:30 PM Mandarin Mass)

## New Year's Mass Schedule

Friday, Dec. 31st, 7:00 PM (Anticipated Mass for New Year)

Saturday, Jan. 1st, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

1:30 PM (Mandarin Mass)

**JANUARY 1st is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation in Canada.**

Sunday, Jan. 2nd, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM (Sunday Obligation)  
(NO 4:30 PM Mandarin Mass)

Monday, Jan. 3rd, 9:00 AM

Holy Name of Jesus—Our Parish Feast

**THANK YOU!** Fr. Robert, Msgr. Jensen and the parish staff would like to thank you for your cards, gifts and prayers during this festive season of joy. May our Lord bless you always. A special **thank you** to everyone who shared their time and talents at all the Christmas liturgies.

**2010 DONATIONS** To Holy Name of Jesus Parish must be received by the parish by December 31, 2010, in order for the donor to receive a tax receipt for 2010. This is a requirement by the Canada Revenue Agency.

**KUDOS** On behalf of the staff, residents and volunteers Evelyn Florendo would like to thank you for your kind response in supporting the 27th Christmas cheer at the Burnaby Youth Detention Centres. Your support in making the young offenders' holiday season extra special is much appreciated.



## MASS INTENTIONS



<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 27</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Albert Castellarin.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 28</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Tamara Leung.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 29</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Federico Labis, Sr.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 30</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Maria Dalla Zanna.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 31</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of Christine & Antony Heung.
		<u>7:00 p.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 1</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Ong Bun Tau. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Josefina Garcia.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 2</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Melko Anzulovich.

## Scripture Readings

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps. 128; Col.3:12-21;  
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



Dec. 27, Mon., 1 John 1:1-4; Ps. 97; John 20:2-8

Dec. 28, Tues., 1 John 1:5—2:2; Ps. 124; Matt.2:13-18

Dec. 29, Wed., 1 John 2:3-11; Ps. 96; Luke 2:22-35

Dec. 30, Thurs., 1 John 2:12-17; Ps. 96; Luke 2:36-40

Dec. 31, Fri., 1 John 2:18-21; Ps. 96; John 1:1-18

Jan. 1, Sat., **Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**  
Numbers 6:22-27; Ps. 67; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

## PROJECT ADVANCE 2010 REPORT



Archdiocesan Goal.....\$33,000  
Expenditures.....\$ 3,000  
Total Parish Goal.....\$100,000

*As of December 23rd, we received  
241 pledges from 520 registered households  
Total Amount of Pledges \$ 102,350*

*December 31st is the deadline for 2010 tax-receipts.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** At the Christmas eve family Mass, Matthew Young will be receiving his first Holy Communion. Let us thank the Lord the precious gift of the Holy Eucharist. Congratulations to Matthew and his family!

**CATHOLIC DIRECTORY** The new books for 2010-2011 are available for your purchase at the rectory office. Cost is \$15/book.

**MADONNA HOUSE** Invites you to join them in welcoming the Three Kings at their Annual Epiphany Party. The gathering will be at St. John the Apostle Parish hall, 5457 Trafalgar St., Vancouver, on Sunday, January 2, between 2:00—4:00 pm. Call Madonna House at 604-267-1757 or email [madonna02@shaw.ca](mailto:madonna02@shaw.ca) for more details.

## STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

*"To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Christ, the Lord. You will find a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in manger."* What an awesome mystery of God's taking our humanity to save anyone who is open to receive Jesus as Saviour. This is our faith manifested in reality through the stewardship of our living God who wants to share his unconditional love. Do we have the humility to respond with gratitude for this gift that has no match from any other gift? Let us pray with an open heart to welcome the gift of eternal life for the *"Word became flesh and lived among us....full of grace and truth."*

