

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 4/5, 2012**

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SOLITUDE

**Mass Intentions
February 4th to 12th, 2012**

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| Sat | 5:00 pm. | Fructoso Fajardo |
| Sun | 9:00 am. | Emilie Puchalski |
| | 11:00 am. | For The People |
| Mon | 8:00 am. | Special Intention |
| Tue | 8:00 am. | Ginette Johns |
| Wed | 8:45 am. | Angelo Pastore <i>At St. Christopher's School</i> |
| Thu | 8:00 am. | Martin J. Hopkins |
| Fri | 8:00am. | Duncan Campbell |
| Sat | 5:00 pm. | Danny Hall |
| Sun | 9:00 am. | For The People |
| | 11:00 am. | Tony Dellavecchia |

Offertory Jan 28/29: \$2,119.87

K of C BREAKFAST

A breakfast, hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council #1394 will be held in their Hall (235 Church St.) every Sunday from 9 am to 12 noon throughout the month of February.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

A board-wide Open House will be held on Wednesday February 1st between 9 am and 7 pm at all schools in the Niagara Catholic District School Board for parents interested in registering their children for Junior or Senior Kindergarten next September. For more information about our local school (St. Christopher's) call 905-684-3963. Registrations will be accepted throughout the entire month of February.

**YOUR 2011 TAX RECEIPTS ARE
READY TO BE PICKED UP IN
THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH.**

CELEBRATION OF LOVE

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre (7021 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls) will be hosting its annual 'Celebration of Love' on Tuesday February 14th at 6 pm. It begins with Mass and a renewal of marriage vows, followed by a candlelight dinner in the dining room. Advance reservations are required. Cost is \$100 per couple. For tickets or information call 905-356-4113.

RIGHT TO LIFE DINNER

The dinner will be held Saturday February 25th at 6:30 p.m. at John-Michael's Conference Centre (Hwy #58 Thorold). Guest speaker, author and Life Training Institute President Scott Klusendorf, will help equip us to defend the sanctity of life. For information and to reserve tickets (\$45, \$25 for students), call 684-7505 or Phyllis Bonomi at 641-0877.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

The Office of Religious Education will be holding a series of talks on Ecological Justice at the Diocesan Centre (3400 Merrittville Hwy, Thorold) on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm starting on February 27th and running to April 2nd (except March 12th). The presenters are Gary Bowron and Frank Fohr. Admission is

free. To register call 905-684-0154 ext 228 or 229.

VOCATIONS RETREAT

The Scarboro Foreign Mission Society will be having an overnight retreat for those interested in becoming a Missionary Priest or Lay Missioner. The event will take place at their centre (2685 Kingston Rd, Scarborough) and runs from Friday February 17th at 7 pm until Sunday February 19th at 12 noon. For information or to register, please call 416-261-7135

JERICHO HOUSE

Jericho House, a Spirituality Center, located on a 17 acre site in Wainfleet, offers facilities for individual and group retreats. For more information please call 905-834-0553.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

The 20th Annual 'Lift Jesus Higher Rally' will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building (255 Front St West, Toronto) on March 3rd from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm. The cost is \$19 for adults and \$10 for youth. A separate youth rally will be held. For tickets or information call 416-251-4255 or 905-270-2510.

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille is a program that helps couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each

other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing such difficulties in their marriage. The next Retrouvaille weekend will be held March 16th to 18th. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email: retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is interviewing men who feel they may have a call to the Diaconate. Deacon George Newman will be preaching at next weekend's Masses about the role of a Deacon and will be inviting men to think about whether they may be called to this vocation. To contact him call 905-684-0154 or email deacons@vaxxine.com.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

A Lenten Day of Recollection will be held by the Oblates of St. Benedict at St. Thomas Aquinas Church on Saturday February 18th beginning with Mass at 10 am. All are welcome.

SOLITUDE

Jesus often draws apart to pray in solitude, on a mountain, preferably at night. He includes all men in his prayer, for he has taken on humanity in his incarnation, and he offers them to the Father when he offers himself. Jesus, the Word who has become flesh, shares by his human prayer in all that 'his brethren' experience; he sympathizes with their weakness in order to free them. It was for this that the Father sent him. His words and works are the visible manifestation of his prayer in secret. (Catechism # 2602)