



Finding a True Dwelling Place

Everyone has been in an uproar over the last few years because of the collapse of the housing market. When the “bubble” burst, many people ended up declaring bankruptcy and lost their houses. This is a tragic scenario, because a house is not just sticks and mortar. Your house is perhaps the most emotional and significant purchase you will make in your lifetime. But the mad rush to buy bigger and fancier houses really showed us that, too often, our houses have become the way we show off our identity to the world. King David also wanted to build God a much grander house, but God refuses. God values David to establish not a physical house, but a secure spiritual “house” for the Jews—which will eventually lead to the birth of Jesus. That great, practical, and often humorous saint, Teresa of Avila, has another view of your home in her spiritual classic, “The Interior Castle”. She describes the castle as the soul, and going through the many rooms in the castle is a symbol for going through increasing levels of spiritual growth. As you go deeper and deeper into your “interior castle,” through prayer and sacrifice, you are becoming a person of more wisdom, spiritual maturity, and holiness. Teresa says “...in the center and middle is the main dwelling place where the very secret exchanges between God and the soul take place.” Here is where we can finally feel completely secure! When we are talking, laughing, or crying out to God deep within our souls, it doesn’t matter what our physical house looks like, inside or out. And God IS within us at every moment, burning with love to communicate with us. St. Paul assures us that “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” Go in peace to love and serve our God! (Fourth Sunday of Advent – Dec. 21, 2008)

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues.	Dec.23	9:00 am	RIP Edee Szturm	Frank & Family
		9:00 am	RIP Paul Cancade	Maria Adamo
Wed.	Dec.24	4:00 pm	RIP Alex Suski	Eileen & Family
		6:00 pm	RIP Rene & Alice Houle	Your Family
		8:00 pm	RIP James Gamble	Michelle, Kyle & Kaitlin
		12:00 am	RIP Pat & Lee Golding	Golding Family
Thurs.	Dec. 25	10:30 am	RIP Anthony Fillion	Fillion Family
Fri.	Dec. 26		No Mass, No Exposition, No Benediction	
Sat.	Dec. 27	10:00 am	No Mass	
		7:30 pm	Hugh & Anita Morgan	Ken, Karen, Steven
Sun.	Dec.28	9:00 am	RIP Ignazio Scaletta	Sally & Family
		10:30 am	RIP Paul Cancade	Bea Gross
		12:30 pm	All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
Souris	Dec. 24	8:00 pm	RIP Louise Murphy	Sean & Barb Murphy & Family
	Dec. 28	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph

4th Sunday of Advent

Catechism of the Catholic Church

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Mon.	(1 Samuel 1.24-28) (Luke 1.46-56)
Tues.	St. John of Kanty (Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6) (Luke 1.57-66)
Wed.	(Isaiah 62.1-5) (Acts 13:16-17, 22-25) (Matthew 1:1-25)
Thurs.	(Isaiah 62.11-12) (Titus 3.4-7) (Luke 2.15-20)
Fri.	St. Stephen (Acts 6. 8-10; 7.54-59) (Matthew 10.17-22)
Sat.	St. John (1 John 1.1-4) (John 20.2-8)
Sun.	Holy Family (Genesis 15.1-6; 17.3-5, 15-16; 21.1-7) (Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19) (Luke 2.22-40)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Francsica Arishande, Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Jeanne Boutillier, Jim Bradford, Alice Brown, Margaret Buckmire, Irene Copet, Jules Declercq, Ann Delgaty, Juliette Desroches, Jared Dryden, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Mervin Fleury, Nora Fleury, Mary Gaab, Megan Gardham, Marcelle Granger-Gentes, Kay Gray, Brett Lawrence, Tess McLaren, Kathleen MacDougall, Paul Malabar, Alisa Moran, Joan Napper, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Philipott, Minnie Plaseski, Emily Potvin, Monica Seitz, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Doreen Thompson, Marion Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, Debbie Williams and all our shut-ins.

CWL:

2009 CWL membership is now due. Fees are \$20 and can be given to Rose Hercun or Jacquie DeCorby.

CWL General Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 6th. Mass at 7:00 pm with meeting to follow.

CWL Executive Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00 pm at the home of Rose Hercun.

Young Pianists/keyboard players: if you are interested in learning to play the pipe organ please phone the parish office 727-4728 and leave your name and phone number. A class will be given in January 2009 by Michael Malazdrewicz.

