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We warmly welcome all visitors this morning. If you are new to St. Barnabas or would like to participate more fully, please complete the yellow form on the back of the pews and put it on the collection plate.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 14, 2008

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Book of Common Prayer p. 67
Collect, Epistle and Gospel *(the readings are printed below)*

Presiding: The Rev. Jagdutt Singh
Lay Assistant: Jo Ruelle
Sidesman: John Ruelle

Collect: God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24: ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets. ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil. ²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

John 1:6-8, 19-28: ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹ And they asked him, "What

then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²² Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶ John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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**A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WITH LESSONS AND CAROLS**  
**Third Sunday in Advent - December 14, 2008, 10:15 am.**

*Hymns are from "The Old Blue Book"*

**Processional Hymn No. 62** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
(vss. 1-3)

The Lighting of the Advent Candles (*see insert*). *The children come forward; after the lighting they return to their seats.*

Bidding Prayer

**First Lesson** Isaiah 7:14, 9:2, 6, 7  
*Christ's Birth and Kingdom are foretold by Isaiah*

**Choir Anthem** "Look to the Rose" Martin

**Second Lesson** Luke 1:26-38  
*The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Choir Anthem** "The Angel Gabriel" Basque Carol

**Third Lesson** Luke 1:39-45  
*The Visit of Mary to Elizabeth*

**Hymn No. 63** "Hark a Herald Voice is Sounding"

**Fourth Lesson** Luke 1:57-66  
*The Birth of John the Baptist*

**Choir Anthem** "No Room" Nickel

**Hymn No. 734** "Away in a Manger, No Crib for a Bed"

*Senior Choir processes to the Chapel by the side aisle.*

**Fifth Lesson** Luke 2.1-7  
*St. Luke tells of the Birth of Jesus*

**Hymn No. 77** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"  
*The Angels appear.*

**Sixth Lesson** Luke 2:8-20  
*The Shepherds go to the Manger*

**Hymn No. 76** "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

*The Shepherds come to adore the Christ Child.*

**Seventh Lesson** Matthew 2:1-12  
*The Wise Men are led by the Star to Jesus*

**Hymn No. 748** "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

**Holy Gospel** John 1:1-18  
*The Mystery of the Word*

*The Magi take up the collection; the Choirs return to chancel.*

**Offertory Hymn No. 82** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Closing Prayers

**Choir Anthem** "And There Were Shepherds" Wilson

**Hymn No. 60**

“Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending”

*The Angel Gabriel leads the pageant participants from the church.  
The crucifer follows, leading the Choirs.*

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The flowers are given in loving memory of Tony Goddard.

*Following the worship please join us for refreshments and
“Carol Sing-A-Long” in the Lower Hall.*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Presiding:	The Rev. Jagdutt Singh
Organist:	Margaret Kosa St. Barnabas Choir
Sunday School Coord.:	Alethea Power
Crucifer:	Brenda Watts
Sidesmen:	Mike McCracken’s Team
Altar Guild:	Moni Singh, Susannah Kurian and Elizabeth Knafla
Bidding Prayer:	Margaret Hall
1 st Lesson:	Nan Schneider
2 nd Lesson:	David Dickinson
3 rd Lesson:	Cheryl Shiels
4 th Lesson:	David James
5 th Lesson:	Joy Halvorson
6 th Lesson:	Cathy Noullett
7 th Lesson:	Lora Riep
Holy Gospel:	The Rev. Jagdutt Singh
Angel Gabriel:	Neil Mackenzie
Mary:	Kerra MacLeod
Joseph:	Greg Lebsack
1 st King and Attendant:	Mike and James McCracken
2 nd King and Attendants:	Don, Eva and Eric Lee
3 rd King and Attendant:	Sean and Liam Collyer
Elizabeth:	Tracy Pannett
Angel Leaders:	Terri Collyer
Shepherd Leaders:	Dustin Riep

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

LET US PRAY FOR CHRIST'S HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH:

We pray for Kumi in Uganda.

In our Diocesan prayer calendar we pray for St. Mary and St. Timothy, Sylvan Lake.

We pray for our companion Diocese, the Windward Isles.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING GIFTS:

Eva David, Doris Ford, The Rev. Mervin Wolfleg,
The Rev. Canon John Flagler, Chyrine (COR-REEN)
Thompson, Donald Sawatzky, Taylor James,
Elizabeth Hardcastle, Elizabeth Finlayson, Robert Darwent,
Margaret Baird, Willy, Doris Piper, Darrell, Jim Watts, Mark,
Linda, Matthew and Laura Curran, Eddie and Joan Norris,
John Mallinson, Coralie Arthur, Larry Hewitt, Veronica White,
Russell des Cognets, Parvati Narain, Jean Spencer,
Cathy King, Mandy Leet, Paul and Daphne Bennett, Kiera
Peters, Suzanne Roberts, Grace Hart, Mark Dickinson,
Bernie Baird, Hari and Kamla Singh, Sharon Crockett,
Reta Lee, Cam Fahrner, Benjamin, Claire Flynn, Ed Yates,
Neil McKenzie, Fran Wilshaw, Greg Johnston,
Beverly Roberts, Terry Penelhum, Gwen Coupland,
Don Alexander, Karen K, Win Saunders, and
Edith Penelhum.

UPCOMING AT ST. BARNABAS

TODAY “In Between Times” at 9:20 in the Upper Hall.
Wednesday, December 17 **Soup and Scripture** at 6 pm.
Thursday, December 18 **Eucharist** at 10 am followed by Bible Study.
Theology for all of us will resume on January 15, 2009
Choir Practice at 7:30 pm – everyone is welcome.
Sunday, December 21 **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Eucharist: 8:30 am – Eucharist at 10:15 am

**The Christmas letter has been mailed out. If you did not receive one please pick one up from the table in the narthex.



SOUP AND SCRIPTURE – On Wednesday Dec. 17 Jagdutt will be hosting the last Advent soup and scripture night. Please come to the parish hall at 6 pm and join us for a bowl of soup and fellowship. We will then move to the Chapel for a time of reflection and the opportunity to share in the Eucharist.

On Friday January 9th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. we will be hosting a **dinner and silent auction** in the Lower Hall. This is an event open to all Church members, as well as friends and family! It will be a night of fun, fundraising and fellowship. We will need volunteers and silent auction items. Please contact Joe or Rebecca Jacobs @ 403 234 0262 or 403 617 9123 for more information, to volunteer, or to purchase tickets. Tickets are available for \$15.00 per person.

An Undercroft Outreach Update

Three campaigns are planned for 2009. The winter campaign will benefit **Inn From the Cold**; items will be collected in January. The spring initiative is for **The Women’s Shelter**; items will be collected in May. Fall will see us collecting for the **St. Barnabas Food Bank** and **Rector’s resources**; the collection will be in

September. For the **Women's Shelter** we will be collecting toiletries. We request that if you are traveling between now and May, please remember to bring home the hotel provided toiletries (unopened). Thank you.

St. Stephen's Church in Calgary is pleased to present: **The Jubilee Circle: a model for Small Group leadership with Donald Grayston, founder of the Jubilee Program in Spiritual Formation and Direction, January 16-17, 2009.**

As more and more churches realize the value of small groups for spiritual formation, they also struggle to find a model that is structured, engaging, yet also adaptable to local settings. The Jubilee Circle is such a model. Pioneered by the Jubilee Program for Spiritual Formation and Direction, and honed by over twenty years of experience, this model offers a simple approach that affirms individuals in their spiritual journey while also calling them deeper in their relationship with God and God's world. The model provides a way of connecting church members and seekers alike as they share their questions and their wisdom, listen to the movement of the Spirit in their midst, and build empowering bonds of fellowship with one another.

The weekend workshop consists of a Friday evening session from 7 to 9 and a Saturday session from 9 to 3. The cost for each participant is only \$20 (for food and refreshments). For more information about the Jubilee Program please consult their website at: <http://www.jubileeassociates.ca/>. For more information about the Jubilee Circle workshop at St. Stephen's, or to register, please contact St. Stephen's Church at: st.stephens.anglican@shaw.ca; or call the office at: 403/244-4879.

Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre is excited to announce our annual Greccio Christmas Celebration taking place here on Tuesday, December 16th at 7:30pm. All are welcome to come out and enjoy our live, outdoor, re-enactment of the Nativity, complete with real, live farm animals and actors. There also will be Christmas Carolling along with a live band and hot chocolate and Christmas cookies as well. There is no cost for this event, however we will be accepting donations on behalf of the local food bank. No pre-registration is required but please feel free to phone us here for more information: 403-932-2012.