



Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015

Mass Intentions

Sunday

8:00 AM †Bouchard, Barlow, Harlan & Misztal families / Steve & Peg Misztal
10:30 AM Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish

Monday

8:00 AM †Tom Bouchard / Steve & Peg Misztal

Tuesday – Feast of Immaculate Conception

(Holy Day of Obligation)
8:00 AM Canonization of Frederick Ozanam
7:00 PM Living & Deceased Parishioners

Wednesday

8:00 AM †Anita Warriner / Scott Family

Thursday

8:00 AM Barbara Fortunati / B. & M. McCandless

Friday

8:00 AM Barbara Kuntz / Family

Saturday

5:00 PM †Chris Dailey / Rhetta Guili

Sunday

8:00 AM Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish
10:30 AM Al & Judy Urbanski / B. & M.L. Partridge

Please contact the secretary for Mass intentions for a deceased loved one or for a special intention.

Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Kindly pray for our parish family and all those who are journeying in a special way with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Larry Bovat, Paul Bruechner, Patricia Caudill, Deacon Pat Clemens, Ginny Cook, Ed Dubin, Ed & Eleanor Feeney, Harry Fletcher, Jo Flynn, Antonieta Geronilla, June Henderson, Dot Holman, Margie Kings, Joe Lacoy, Cece LaManna, Germaine LaPlante, Mary Link, Monk Manning, Sara Manning, Mary Miller, Bob & Margaret Nail, Vera Patterson, Marvin Peterson, Claire Patton, Marsha Porter, Sr. M. D. Richardson, Babe Rohan, Anita Sanford, Ruth Sas, Margaret Schaff, Kristie Toohey, Rick Van Norden, Bootsie Williams

~ Prayer Requests ~

Terry Danson – (251-961-2165) or tsdanson@gmail.com

If you are ill or know someone who is ill, due to have surgery, or in the hospital and would like a visit from the pastor, please call the rectory.

First Friday Memorial Mass Association

Our Loved Ones – Bob & Margaret Nail

Living & Deceased Kaiser, Klein & Murphy Families

Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families

Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families

Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families

Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families

Living & Deceased Shields & Self Families

Living & Deceased Cretaro Family

† James E. Link

† Deacon John

Cartaro

† Anita Warriner

† Joseph LaManna

† Doris Mullek

Mignon Kilday

Living & Deceased Kilday Family

Living & Deceased Chubb & Burns Families

Living & Deceased Fehn Family

Living & Deceased Lacoy & Clancy Families

Living & Deceased Kearns & Paterson Families

Living & Deceased Altar Society Members

For the Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith

The Holy Souls in Purgatory

This Week's Schedule

Sunday	9:00 AM	“Coffee with the Padre”
Sunday	2:00 PM	Benedictine Oblate Holy Hour for vocations – Church
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Faith Formation – Bible Study
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Choir Practice – Church
Wednesday	4:30 PM	Catechism Class – IM Hall
		Confession for Children
Thursday	6:30 PM	RCIA Classes – IM Hall
Saturday (Dec. 12)	6:00 PM	Parish Christmas Party (See Below)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5 PM = 68 8 AM = 75 10:30 AM = 105 Total = 248

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory gift for November 29 = \$2,263.00

Maintenance = \$.00

SVdP Special Collection = \$786.85 Many Thanks!

2nd Collection – NEXT WEEK – Retired Religious (envelopes are in the pews)



OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS “POTLUCK” DINNER

Saturday, December 12, after the 5 PM

Mass is in celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe and will be followed by the Filipino Carolers at 7 PM. Please bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share. Meat, bread and beverages will be provided. Come join us for good food, fun and fellowship! To RSVP and for more details, call Margie Schwieterman at 256-0123.

◆ MARK YOUR Calendar ◆

Dec. 21 – Advent Confession Service – 5:00 PM

Dec. 24 – Christmas Vigil Mass – 6:30 PM

Christmas Night Mass – 9:00 PM

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass – 9:00 AM

Dec. 27 – 50+ Wedding Anniversary Renewal and Reception – IM Hall



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sandra Perkins, mother of our Vanessa Williams, who died this past week. Our sympathy to the family. May her soul rest in peace. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Gospel Reflections

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the East. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.



CSS CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM

Many thanks to all who participated. Questions? Call Sally McKinney--961-2620.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SONG FEST

TODAY – 3:00 PM – Lillian Community Club

There will be nine churches participating. We have a group of singers representing our parish. PLEASE come and support their efforts. Saint Benedict Catholic School Performance Choir will also be performing. This event is sponsored by Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church.

KEEPSAKE PARISH COOKBOOK REMINDER ~ We will be collecting recipes until December 31. Collection sheets are available on the table in the vestibule. For more information, please call Harriet at 251-961-1611.



SINGERS ARE NEEDED for our **Christmas Eve Prelude** before the 9:00 PM Mass. If you can help, please call the office or Kim Kaminski at 850-458-0304 to set up a time and date for practice.

TO BE Options for Pregnant Women

“Baby Bottles” will be picked up after all Masses TODAY. Thank you to all who participated.

St. Margaret of Scotland's parish celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe is December 12 – Rosary Procession: 11:30 a.m., Holy Mass at noon celebrated by Archbishop Rodi, and Festival: 1:00 p.m., which includes food, music and traditional dances.

Catholic Social Service Food Pantry

December is our month to provide nonperishable food for the CSS food pantry in Robertsedale. Please place items in the container provided in the vestibule. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please make checks payable to CSS. For more information, call Sally McKinney at 961-2620.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION ~ TODAY

VOTE ~ Return ballots TODAY in the containers provided at church entrances. **Your participation can make a difference!** Thank you for your interest in helping our parish grow.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – December 27

After the 10:30 AM Mass, we would like to congratulate all those who have been married 50 years or more. A reception will follow in Immaculate Mary Hall. Please call the office and give us your names before the 20th of December.



Christmas Flowers - Please fill out an envelope located in the pews and place it in the offertory collection. Thank you for all you do to help beautify our church.



“Coffee with the Padre” – Our hosts this month are members of our Parish Council. If you would like to help any of the host groups, please let us know by signing the schedule on the table in the vestibule or calling the office. All are invited to join us for fellowship every 1st and 3rd Sunday in the Parish Hall.

ANNUAL SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 10 at 6:30 PM – in the Performance Hall (gym). Program includes songs by the PK3 and PK4 classes, music from the Performance Choir and a musical performed by middle school students with choral and dance numbers by students in grades K-8. This year's production, **An Out-of-the-Box Christmas**, is a unique look at the meaning of Christmas. Though the costumes are all wrong, the message is ALL RIGHT. The Nativity story is not about what the biblical characters wear, but about the “Good News” of Jesus' birth.

We hope that you will attend and enjoy this energetic, unusual production.

“Ora et Labora, Pray and Work” - To love God and others through academic excellence.

REMINDER ~ “Divine Mercy for America”

Novena begins on the first day of each month. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany of the Saints for respect for the dignity of all life, sanctity of traditional marriage and families, and threat to our religious freedom – for the glory of God and salvation of souls.

The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

For my sins I can't atone, unworthy indeed am I.
For my sins He paid the price, on Calvary' cross did die.

NOTICE: The rooms, auditorium and kitchen in Immaculate Mary Hall are available for rent. For more information, please contact the parish office.