

Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2015

Mass Intentions

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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) MA 00:8 Canonization of Frederick Ozanam Living & Deceased Parishioners 7:00 PM

Wednesday MA 00:8

*Anita Warriner / Scott Family Thursday

MA 00:8 Friday

Barbara Fortunati / B. & M. McCandless

MA 00:8 Barbara Kuntz / Family Saturday

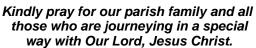
5:00 PM **Chris Dailey / Rhetta Guili

Sunday MA 00:8

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





~ 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.

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	6:00 PM	Parish Christmas Party		
(Dec. 12)		(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 I beverages will be provided. Come join us for good food, fun and fellowship! To RSVP and for more I 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.

First Friday Memorial Mass Association

Living & Deceased Kaiser, Klein & Murphy Families Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families

Cartaro * Anita Warriner * Joseph LaManna Living & Deceased Kilday Family Living & Deceased Chubb & Burns Families

Living & Deceased Kearns & Paterson Families Living & Deceased Altar Society Members

The Holy Souls in Purgatory

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 Hall (gym). Program includes songs by the PK3 and 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 Robertsdale. 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 I schedule on the table in the vestibule or calling I 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 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.

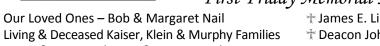
"Ora et Labora, Pray and Work" - To love God and others through academic excellence.

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.



Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families

Living & Deceased Shields & Self Families Living & Deceased Cretaro Family

→ James E. Link The Deacon John

* Doris Mullek

Mignon Kilday

Living & Deceased Fehn Family

Living & Deceased Lacoy & Clancy Families

For the Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith