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Mass Schedule

Sunday:4:00 PM (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 AM9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Traditional Latin), 5:30 PM

Weekdays: Monday—Friday 7:30 AM Traditional Latin Low Mass: Mon., Wed. & Fri., 12:30 PM; Tues. & Thurs., 5:30 PM, Sat. 9:00 AM.

Holy Days: if Mon-Fri., 7:30 AM., 12:30, 5:30 & 7:30 PM.; if on Saturday, 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM & 12 Midnight Christmas Day: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM January 1st: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Upon request. Please contact Father Higgins.

Penance (Confession):

Saturday 8:30-9:00 A.M. and 3:30-4:00 PM Sunday, before and after the 10:30 a.m. AM Mass, Weekdays, before and after the Latin daily Masses

Matrimony:

Engaged couples should make arrangements with the parish church so as to allow for adequate sacramental preparation (six months), including a Pre-Cana program.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick (for those who are gravely ill or facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.

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JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS



FRONT COVER: The dining room table at the rectory from last year's Epiphany Open House. Seen in the photo are parishioners Don Maloney, Patti Strom and Chris Whittle. (Photo by Paul Eldridge.) Today, Sunday, January 5th, we are having this year's Open House, from 8:30 AM-2:30 PM. Please come over to the rectory after Mass as we continue to celebrate the Feast of Christmas.

Pastor's Note

EPIPHANY BLESSING

The high-point of the Christmas Feast is the celebration of the Epiphany, when the Magi Kings from the East come to adore the Christ Child at Bethlehem. This is symbolic of all of the different nations of the earth recognizing Jesus Christ as the Universal Savior. As St. Peter says in the Acts of the Apostles: *For there* is no other name under heaven given to men, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12).

The Epiphany is also an occasion to bless our homes for the New Year. Blessed chalk is provided to you this Sunday, together with a photo-copy of the Epiphany blessing. (The sticks of chalk are by the holy water font outside the sanctuary of the church, near the Christmas crib.)

With the chalk, the head of the household writes the following inscription over (at least) the main door of the home:

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The New Year brackets the initials of the three Magi (Caspar/Gaspar, Melchior and Baltasar).

Here are the texts of the chalk-blessing and the inscription blessing:

O Lord God, bless this chalk which Thou hast created, that it may be helpful to mankind, and grant that through the invocation of Thy Most Holy Name all those who use this chalk or write with it over the doors of their houses the names of Thy Saints: Caspar, Melchior and Baltasar, may by their merits and intercession receive health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear us, O Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in this house. I call upon Thy Saints: Caspar, Melchior and Baltasar to protect our family and home from every harm and danger, and I place the marks of their holy name over the doors of our home to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that this house is truly a House of the Lord.

(Fr. Higgins)

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KNOW YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

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GOSPEL OF SAINT LUKE BIBLE STUDY Luke 5:27-32

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chance. Indeed, this is a message that is ever timely. We should always seek to be more and more converted, because we do not know when the Lord will come, or when He may take us to Himself (cf. Mt. 24:44).

This notion of preparedness and immediate responsiveness to the invitation of the Lord is the heart of St. Luke's description of the call of Levi (Matthew). Matthew was busy doing his job (he was a tax collector) when Jesus came to him. The timing could not have been more inconvenient, engaged as he was in financial transactions. Nevertheless, he gets up from what he's doing, and never looks back (v. 28). Imagine if he had said something like this: "Just a minute, Lord. Let me finish what I'm doing, and then maybe we can talk," or "Call my secretary." Jesus would have been long gone, and might have moved on to another town. Billy Graham is right, as far as Matthew's call is concerned. Matthew probably had heard plenty about Jesus (the setting of this episode is likely Capernaum). For all we know, he may have even wanted to meet Him at some point, since Jesus had already made it clear that He cared for social outcasts, such as the leper. We must remember that the Jews at this time hated tax collectors, and so, Matthew was most definitely a social outcast. This is confirmed by the objection of the Pharisees in v. 30.

Perhaps Matthew was ready to accept the Lord's invitation, because he had experienced so much rejection by others, or maybe he had tasted the dryness of greed, recognizing the fleeting nature of wealth, and was thirsting for something better. Notice that Jesus does not condemn him. All he says is, "Follow me." Matthew already knew he was a sinner. All he needed was Jesus' irresistible invitation. His immediate acceptance cannot be explained in any other way. Great joy results from this exchange, indeed, festive joy. He throws a banquet for Jesus and His disciples, and invites all his tax collector/social outcast friends (v. 29). This is the most basic (and effective) form of evangelism: inviting others to come and meet Jesus for themselves. We should be mindful, too, that Middle Eastern banquets are no mere pizza party. Rather, they are lavish dinners of the utmost hospitality. Matthew truly demonstrates his gratitude to the Lord by throwing such a party.

Lest we become haughty and judgmental of others, Jesus reminds us that we are all sinners. When the Pharisees object to Jesus' companionship with "tax collectors and sinners" (for eating a meal with someone back then implied being friends with them), Jesus replies that this is precisely the company that He intends to keep. As He explains, "Those who are healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners" (vv. 31-32). It does not take much logic for us to recognize that we are *all* in that company of tax collectors and sinners, with whom Jesus shares the joy of conversion and repentance.

(David Allen)

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WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: "THE GOSPEL OF LUKE"

David Allen, our Pastoral Associate, hosts a weekly Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke every Friday morning at 8:20 AM (after the 7:30 Parish Mass). The Bible Study meets in the Lower Rectory Conference Room (in rectory basement). It is an open group and all are welcome to attend.

Refreshments provided. Please bring your Bible.





NO CLASSES DURING CHRISTMAS VACATION, DECEMBER 29th & JANUARY 5th.

Many thanks to all of the parish children who participated in our Christmas Eve pageant this year.

Blessed Virgin Mary: Stephanie Morin St. Joseph: Douglas Greenbaum The Magi Kings: Tommy Sierra, Isabella Greenbaum & Lauren Blanch The Angelic Host: Ella Kaufman, Isabella Linscott, Amaya Lefevre, Isabella Capasso & Alexa Diaz

Jean Johnson: Religious Education Director Catechists: Kristine Dougherty & Regina Blanch

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FAITH FORMATION

A survey course on the Catholic Faith led by David Allen on **Sundays from mid-September through mid-May**, from 12:15-1:15 PM. This class is particularly appropriate for any inquirers who might be seeking to learn more about the Faith, or might desire to be baptized and/or confirmed, as well as for those who are already Catholic, and who wish to have a deeper knowledge of their Faith.

The two texts for the class are the *Catechism* of the Catholic Church, as well as Peter Kreeft's excellent book Catholic Christianity, both of which will be provided at the class for a suggested donation to the parish of \$25.00.

Where? Rectory sun porch (on first floor; please enter rectory at front door)

When? Sundays, 12:15-1:15 PM This is an open class and new participants are invited to join at any time during the course-year.



Mr. David Allen is the lay Pastoral Associate for our parish of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. He is currently working towards a Master's Degree in Theological Studies (MTS) at St. John's Seminary.

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"It would be easier for the earth to carry on without the sun than without the Holy Mass." —Padre Pio

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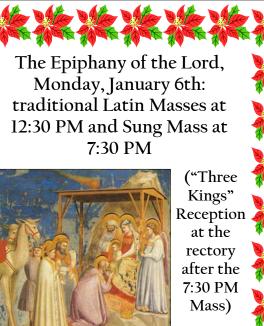
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th, 2014: RECTORY OPEN HOUSE from 8:30 AM until 2:30 PM.

Please come to enjoy Christmas hospitality after Mass on this Twelfth Day of Christmas.





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TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC CALENDAR FOR A.D. 2014 ON SALE:



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As in years past, we are offering the Traditional Liturgical Calendar put out by the Seraphim Company for sale. The Calendar follows the old Roman Liturgical Calendar which can be used with the 1962 Missal. The price is <u>\$10</u> and goes to the support of the parish.

Calendars may be purchased today at the rectory Open House.

Nursing Home Masses in the Parish for the Month of January:

Thursday, January 2nd: STONE INSTITUTE

Thursday, January 9th: WINGATE MANOR

(Masses are at 2:00 PM)

Mary's Mantle Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Starting in January we will begin an 8-week course (at no charge to you) in knitting and crocheting. For crocheting I suggest that you purchase an 8mm or 10mm crochet hook, for knitting—size 9, 10, or 11 needles. (For learning you may want to use Red Heart yarn as it is somewhat inexpensive.)

Once you sign-up for this course, it is important that you make every effort to attend each class. Please remember that we meet on the 2nd & 4th

Sunday of each month in the lower rectory conference room after the 10:30 AM Mass (and of course a morning snack in the lower church).

Opening prayer is promptly at 1 PM. As the months go by we will be able to create many items: all suggestions for projects are welcome. —Janet Pino

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LATIN MASS TEXTS: THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

INTROIT: Phil. 2. 10-11 In the Name of Jesus let every knee bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth: and let every tongue confess that the Lord Jesus Christ in the glory of God the Father. *Ps.* O Lord, how admirable is Thy Name in the whole earth! *V.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. In the Name of Jesus . . .

COLLECT O God, Who didst appoint Thine only-begotten Son to be the Savior of mankind, and didst bid that He should be called Jesus; mercifully grant that we, who venerate His Holy Name on earth, may also enjoy the vision of Him in Heaven. Through the same Lord.

EPISTLE: Acts of the Apostles 4. 8-12 In those days Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said to them: Ye Princes of the people and ancients, hear: if we this day are examined concerning the good deed done to the infirm man, but what means he hath been made whole, be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel: that by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God hath raised from the dead, even by Him this man standeth here before you whole. This is the stone which was rejected by the builders, which is become the head of the corner: neither is there salvation in any other. For there is no other name under heaven given to men, whereby we must be saved.

GRADUAL: Psalm 105. 47; Isaias 63.16 Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations: that we may give thanks to Thy holy Name, and may glory in Thy praise. *V.* Thou, O Lord, our Father and our Redeemer: from everlasting is Thy Name.**ALLELUIA: Psalm 144. 21** Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless His holy Name. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 2. 21 **A**t that time, after eight days were accomplished, that the Child should be circumcised: His Name was called Jesus, which was called by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 85. 12, 5 I will praise Thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Thy Name for ever: for Thou, O Lord, are sweet and mild: and plenteous in mercy to all that call upon Thee. Alleluia.

SECRET We beseech Thee, most merciful God, that Thy blessing by which every creature liveth, may sanctify this our sacrifice, which we offer unto Thee to the glory of the Name of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; that it may please Thy majesty as an act of praise and profit us unto salvation. Through the same Lord.

Preface of Christmas

COMMUNION: Psalm 85. 9-10 All the nations Thou hast made shall come and adore before Thee, O Lord, and they shall glorify Thy Name: for Thou art great, and dost wonderful things: Thou art God alone. Alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION Almighty and everlasting God, Who hast created and redeemed us, graciously be mindful of our prayers, and vouchsafe to accept with a benign and favorable countenance the sacrifice of the saving victim which we have offered to Thy majesty, in honor of the Name of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; that, through the infusion of Thy grace in us, we may rejoice to see our names written in heaven under the glorious Name of Jesus, as a pledge of eternal predestination. Through the same our Lord.



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STEWARDSHIP



SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH AND THE WIDER CHURCH MISSION

"What return can I make to the Lord for all His kindness to Me?"

WEEK OF DECEMBER 22nd, A.D. 2013: SUNDAY OFFERTORY \$5,157.00 + \$1,529.00 (other offerings) = \$6,686.00





OUR LADY OF MESOPOTAMIA MISSION: IRAQI CATHOLICS

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes is the host parish for the Syriac-rite Mission of Our Lady of Mesopotamia.

The Syriac-rite Liturgy of St. James comes out of the ancient Christian city of Antioch, 4th century A.D. The Mass is in Arabic and Aramaic but a booklet with English translation is provided. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

The Associated Press reported three Christmas Day bomb attacks against Christians going in Baghdad. At least 37 people were killed and more wounded. Iraqi Christians continue to be targeted by Islamist extremist groups.

THE EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION FOR 2014 IN THE YEAR OF GRACE

The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts:



Know, dear brethren, that as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of His Resurrection who is our Savior:

The Sunday of Septuagesima is the 16th Day of February. On the 5th Day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the Fast of the most sacred Lenten Season.

On the 20th Day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 29th Day of May will be the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 8th Day of June , the Feast of Pentecost. On the 19th Day of June, the Feast of Corpus Christi.

On the 30th Day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.



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Calendar of Masses

(Intention of the Mass—Special Remarks—Requested by)

SATURDAY	4:00 PM	Mark O'Sullivan	Memorial	Family
January 4th	1.001111		Wiemonur	T uniny
SUNDAY January 5th Epiphany of Our Lord (USA	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo Erin Roderiques Lawrence Kenney Guillermo Ricardo Asis	Memorial Memorial Memorial	Goguen Family John & Mary Bennett Laura Harvey
observance)/Most Holy Name of Jesus	5:30 PM	Intention of the Celebrant		
MONDAY January 6th EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish	Memorial	CALCO +
	12:30 PM	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	Memorial	
	7:30 PM	Pro Populo		
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	William Davulis Jr.	Birthday Remembrance	Davulis Family
January 7th St. Raymond Peñafort/ Feria of Epiphany	5:30 PM	Albert Butler	Special Intention	Kathy Blake
WEDNESDAY January 8th	7:30 AM	William & Dorothy Wilson	Memorial	
Feria of Epiphany	12:30 PM	Donna Consalvi	Special Intention	Provencher Family
THURSDAY	7:30 AM	Intention of the Celebrant		
January 9th Feria of Epiphany	5:30 PM	Fr. R. Paul Cornell	Special Inention	Catherine Dinon
FRIDAY January 10th Feria of Epiphany	7:30 AM Health of the Sick	Intention of the Celebrant		
	12:30 PM	Joyce Higgins	Memorial	Anne Kent
SATURDAY January 11th Mass of Our Lady in Christmastide	7 11th 1r Lady in	Joan Pupi Tony & Tricia Reilly & Family	Memorial Special Intention	John & Mary Bennett Reilly Family
		Brian Battaglia	Special Intention	Provencher Family
	4:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. William Davulis	Wedding Anniversary	Davulis Family



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"Each Mass has an infinite, immense value that we can never fully understand." —St. John Marie Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars



HEALTH OF THE SICK

"In every man there is Jesus, but in the sick we see Jesus twice."—Padre Pio For all those on our parish prayer list, especially for... Dave Welch, Xavier Beligné, Catherine Morceau, Peter Simak, Anna Maria Simakova, Emka Simakova, Jacub Simak, Margaret Cutler, Andrew Mahowald, Emily Kwash, John DiMartinos, Lily Langway, Linden Yee, Gerry Mazzarella, Rocco Sozio, Sr. Giuseppina Cecilia Sozio,



Iolanda Imperiale, Pat Madden, Evelyn Rice, Jane Dippo, Tom Fell, Cynthia Adkins, Norman Sabbey, James McCloskey, Dotty Hayes, Wendy Watts, Joseph F. Fresolo Sr., George Jay, Barbara Nyhen, Rev. Walter Cuenin, Ronald Orlando, Dominic Gundrum, Louis Komuves, Sr. Catherine Granfield, Mary Adams, Hugh Doyle, Lorraine Orlando, Rob Quagan, Paul Wenger, Nathan Johnston, Janet Pino, Fr. Carney Gavin, Irene Campana, Maureen Nyhen, Francis McNary, Warren Yee, Betty Chrishi, Marie Rappazzini, Mary Trombetta, Helen Reid, Lois Ludwig, Paula Apothacary, Sam Adams III, Altair da Silva, Christina Kwash, Kitty Ward, Spagnuolo Family, Katie O'Connell, Janet Bourgeois, Judy Sartell, Lana Tomchik, Matthew Banks, Patrick Rainey, Judy Pederson, Ed Donovan, Danny O'Brien, Helen Donnelly, Priscilla Brossard, Mary Sims, Billy Hickey, Lee-Anne Ketchum, Arthur Nauss, Rod MacLeod, Monica Wellenstein, Teresa Tambunan, Mary

Platt, Sean Monaghan, Sheila Whittle, Michelle Fay, Bobbie Hoffmann, Beverly Balconi, Martial Rainey, Dennis McCarthy, Edward Crestitelli, Erin Marie Fell, Dominic Cantillo, Theresa Higgins, Lita Uilaoghaire, Norman Alibrandi, Karen Starbird, Jack Buckley, Edward Fahey, Nancy Daly, Marie Schroter, Dorothy Alibrandi, Annie Procopio, Marie Danca, David Kase, Thaddeus Davulis, Andrew McCloskey, Barbara Sullivan, Lucia LoPresti, Polly Sullivan.

"I do not promise to make you happy in this life, but in the next"—Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Bernadette, February 18th, 1858



MILITARY SERVICE PRAYER LIST:

We remember all of our military servicemen and women, especially ... Sgt. Troy Stemen, U.S. Army (Afghanistan), Mark Gaudet, Army Special Forces, Pierre K. Ripert, USN, Matthew Simard, 1st Lt., USMC (Afghanistan), Michael Simard, PFC, USMC, Lance Cpl. Alex Tomchik, USMC, Brian Rainey, US Army (Afghanistan), Joseph Rainey, US Army, Sgt. Kevin James Howard, USMC (Afghanistan), Sgt. Brian Joseph Howard, USMC Afghanistan), Sgt. William J. Duggan, U.S. Army, 342nd Military Police Detachment, deployed to Afghanistan March, 2010; ; Sgt. 1st Class David Garduque; ;Sgt. Jeffrey R. Quinn, USMC; (Please let us know if you would like someone on active duty prayed for by name.)

Pray for Tommy Holcum, severely wounded in a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan. Pray for Pfc Bowe Bergdahl, captured by the Taliban in Afghanistan.

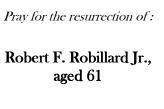
IN THANKSGIVING: Christopher Raymond, 82nd Airborne has safely returned from Afghanistan





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