

Saturday, December 24th

4:00PM

Jeanne Kelly *Birthday*
John "Jack" Rogers *Christmas*
James McGonagle *Christmas*
Richard J. Hosford, Jr. *Anniversary*
All requested by their families

8:00PM

In honor of the birthday of our Lord to pray special intentions of the Nguyen family

Sunday, December 25th

8:30AM

Agnes Donahue 22nd Anniversary
Request of her family

11:30AM

José Hernández *por su eterno descanso pedido por su familia*
Melianni López y Héctor López *pedidos por sus familiares*

Monday, December 26th

5:30PM

Grace Delaney 1st Anniversary
requested by family

Tuesday, December 27th

5:30PM

Helen R. Doane 3rd anniversary
requested by her daughter Joanne

Thursday, December 29th

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, December 30th

5:30PM

In Honor of the Holy Family to pray for the Nguyen family

Saturday, December 31st

9:00AM

Intention of the Celebrant

4:00PM

In Honor of the Blessed Mary Mother of God to pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Nguyen
Rosealma Desmarais
Requested by her Children



The sanctuary lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament Altar as a Christmas Remembrance of **Norene Harrington**, requested by her sister Dorothy.

Died in hope of the Resurrection.

In your charity please pray for the eternal rest of **Roger Buchika, Karen LaPierre and Alice Lucier**. May God grant them peaceful rest with the saints and the reward of a good and faithful life. Pray also for the consolation of their loved ones.



Please keep in your prayers all those who are sick especially Fr. Conole.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Please remember your loved ones this Christmas with a donation to our Christmas Flowers. A list of memorials will also be included in our New Year's Day bulletins. Thank you for your generosity.

PASTOR'S NOTES: Merry Christmas! Welcome home to the many that have been traveling or away at school or have been away from church. We are pleased that you are here with us. Way back when I was in college, and listening to Fr. Quigley at the Newman Center at UMass at Amherst, he would begin and end every semester with the "welcome back" and "as you are going" talks to us students. At the center of every talk he gave was truth of Jesus Christ, that you could find Him and that he is looking for us. This time of year awakens in many a need to come here and think about this truth and experience what God wants for us all, that we understand that we are loved. Today we celebrate that God sent that message through prophets for a long time, until finally he sent his Son to show us exactly what he means. In Jesus, He reveals that He loves us enough to share our lives so that eventually we can share His life. He humbles himself so that eventually we can be exalted. The revelation of this message sent to the world is what attracts all of us here. Jesus arrives and all of creation changes, angels appear, wise men change their travel plans, stars burn brighter and shepherds hear news that normally might first be revealed to the big shots and leaders of the day. On Christmas morning we wake up to recognize that God has so much more in mind for us than we do for ourselves. We celebrate that day when God sent us the ultimate gift, His love evidenced by His Son, who eventually will show us in many concrete ways what it means to be loved by God, even to dying for us and the implications for all us.

On Christmas we try to imitate what God has done for us. We furtively go off to shop for someone and then guard the secret of what is in the wrapped packages we return with. Parents and Grandparents buy a shirt a little larger than we need that day or pants that will need to be turned up for a while until we grow into them. Children make special presents with all that they have, or are led by thoughtful teachers to make cards that they can give to their parents. We might get plain socks instead of the G. I. Joe socks that were very popular when I was four. As I matured into a five year old, I got the three pack of boy's plain black, brown and tan socks, a real sign that I was growing up. Adults are affected by this also. We lovingly give the book on "How to Stop Smoking" or "Home Improvements for the Amateur Carpenter" because we hope in the other and believe that there is so much more in them. We see and hope in them what they sometimes do not see themselves. It is again a remarkable imitation of God. This is the time of year when young gentlemen who have visited homes a few weeks before Christmas Eve to talk to parents get down on bended knee and ask for their girlfriend's hand in marriage. We field a lot of phone calls from happy brides in the week after Christmas. The gift of being loved by God and a young man who wants to be with them for the rest of their lives make them effervescent with joy. It is a time of celebrating the glorious love of God for us and we can't help but be infected by this and act in all sorts of way to reveal that we believe in it. I hope that all the memories of Christmas and the traditions and gatherings help to reinforce this message. God is among us and dwells with us. Merry Christmas, Peace and best wishes for a blessed and healthy new year.

Peace, Father Murray

NATIVITY OF THE LORD



"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12

Readings for the Week of December 25, 2011

Sunday:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Family Connection

Knowing your family history is important in establishing your identity. The longer form of today's Gospel (Vigil Mass of Christmas Eve) lists many of the ancestors of Jesus and serves to establish Jesus' place in the history of Israel. Many important figures from the Hebrew Scriptures are named in this genealogy: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Jesse, David, and Solomon, among many others. From among these names, however, two are highlighted: Abraham, the father of the Israelites because of God's promise to raise from his descendants a great nation, and David, the king who united the tribes of Israel and from whose descendants the Messiah would arise. After you gather as a family, talk about the importance of your family's history. Recall where your ancestors came from. Tell some important stories from your family's history. In today's Gospel, we hear about Jesus' ancestors. Read today's Gospel, Matthew 1:1-25. Which names do you recognize from Hebrew Scripture? What do you know about these people? From this family history, we learn that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to raise up a savior from the people of Israel. Conclude in prayer together thanking God for the gift of our Savior, Jesus, who saves us from our sins. Sing together one or more favorite Christmas hymns. Pray together the Glory Be to the Father.



We hope you will join us for an open house, in the rectory, following the masses on New Year's Day at 8:30AM and 11:30AM

We are looking for **DONATIONS** of a **PLATE OF COOKIES** to share at our "Carol and Cookie" Epiphany Concert on January 8, 2012 at 2:30pm at St James Parish. Come join us as we celebrate the end of the Christmas Season by singing Christmas Carols and then after the concert enjoying hot cocoa and delicious cookies. It is a nice way to "come in from the cold" for an hour or so. If you would like to donate a plate...please either call Cynthia at 978.372.8537 x202 or email her at stjamesmusic@hotmail.com. All cookies can be dropped off that day in the Choir Room, located to the left of the main altar in the Upper Church. **THANK YOU!**

PLEASE REMEMBER THE WORKS OF OUR ST.VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY AS YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH TODAY. DONATION BOXES ARE AT ALL DOORS. THANK YOU!

Greetings from CatholicTV: From Christmas Eve through the day after the holiday, CatholicTV will air 72 hours of non-stop Christmas programs!



Thanks to all who participated in the Santa's Helpers project as well as those who helped with the Christmas dinner distribution. This time of year gives us an opportunity to see people at their best as the generous people that you are. It was really quite impressive to see that the people who came for gifts and assistance were received so graciously and helped with rides home or assistance to their cars. Thanks especially to Elinor Cameron and all the working elves who show up to pack the bags that were distributed. More than 400 children from 168 families were helped this Christmas!

Many **THANKS** to those who participated in our **Advent Evening Prayer**. To our "presiders" Anita Sullivan, Kathleen Lynch, Gabriela Peixoto and Joe McAlevey; to our "lectors"- Margaret Marnon, Isabela Peixoto, Hector Pena and Karen Crowley; to our "reflectors"- Peter Lynch, Rosemary Klueber, Gabriela Peixoto, and Fr. Murray, and to my assistant hostess and her wonderful baking-Anita Sullivan. Also thank you to those who attended, please encourage your fellow parishioners to attend our next series which will begin the first Sunday of Lent. *Merry Christmas to all, from Cynthia Arsenault, Director of Music.*



Christmas Mass Schedule December 24th ~25th

4:00 PM St. John's Fr. Walsh

6:00 PM St. John's Fr. Murray (Added Mass)

4:00 PM St. James Fr. Murray

8:00 PM St. James (Multilingual) Fr. Murray (Added Mass)

8:30 AM St. John's Fr. Murray

8:30 AM St. James Fr. Walsh

10:00 AM St. John the Baptist Fr. Leo

11:30 AM St. James Fr. Murray/Deacon Nelson

No 5:00 PM Mass

Mass Schedule December 31st ~ January 1st

4:00 PM St. John's Fr. Murray

4:00 PM St. James Fr. Leo

7:00 PM St. James (Vietnamese)

8:30 AM St. James Fr. Murray/Deacon Leo

8:30 AM St. John's Fr. Felix

10:00 AM St. John's Fr. Walsh

11:30 AM St. James Fr. Murray/Deacon Nelson

5:00 PM St. James Fr. Leo

DECEMBER 25, 2011

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory December 18th: \$4,392.00

Parish monthly offering: \$2,270.00

THANK YOU!

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION The one collection this weekend is a diocese-wide collection for our priests. These faith filled men have dedicated their lives to serving the Catholic faithful here in Boston; now it is our turn to be present for them. This collection will directly benefit the health and retirement needs of our 715 active and senior priests in our Archdiocese. Thank you for your generous and prayerful support.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS HAVE BEEN DONATED IN THE MEMORY OF:

Mary & Steve Woidyla, Roger Sylvester, Joe & Mary Soraghan, The Salter & Donahue Family, Helene M. Gogas, Helen Winter Lesiczka, Edward Cleary, The Jaskelivicus & Kancavicus Family, The Agudelo Familia, Katherine & Emile Paquette, Edward J. Comeau, Catherine & William Hamilton, Edward & Lucy Comeau, Maria K. Anh Nguyen, Cornelius & Margaret Moynihan, James, William & Mary Moynihan, Rose Moynihan Batchelder, J. Joseph Herlihy, Ruth J. Herlihy, R. George & Dorothy Caron, Margaret McCormick, Patricia M. McNamara, Barbara A. McNamara, The Miller & Ambrose Family, Albert & Dorothy Bonenfant, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Sulesky, Mr. & Mrs. P. Joseph McCarthy, Dot & Harold Goudreault, Richard Gauvin, Tom Angell, The Guillermo & Pena Family, Merleen Hickey, Jack & Marion McGrath, Eleanor Hideriotis, John & Elaine Lynch, Cantwell & Caggiano Family, Daly & Payette Family, The Sheehan & Shirling Family, Bill Pike & Family, Matthew Navien, Matthew Fenton, Charles Navien, Alex Farese, Matthew Johnston, Laura Piasecki, Gerald Gilbert, Maria Loli LaFleur, Jenny & Pat Paolino, Joan & Dennis Lucey, The Cueto Family, Marylou & Gheen Cunningham, Norene Harrington, Stanley Lesiczka, Vincent & Helen Sullivan, The DiBiaso Family, Dorothy Goudreault, Kirsten Vinter, Ernest Lupi, Sr., Rinaldo & Marcella Cesati, The Hamel & Webster Families, The Comiskey Family, Richard Gauvin, The Dorsey & Euele Family, The Murray Family, Bill & Michael Dorsey, The DiPietro & DelGrosso Families, John H. Spurk, Bill & Mike Dorsey, Michael & Josephine Papa, Dot & Eldon Gaudreau, Dick Nolet, Walter Berthiaume, The Kissel Family, Sereno Russo, Living & Deceased members of the Gaiero & Goggin Family, Mr. & Mrs. Edmund David, The Espinal Family, Manuel Rosario, Charise Mae Wholley, Joe (Papa) Roy, Angelo & Lucy Gardella, Joe Roy, The Pham Family, Joseph A. Yuele, Lillian & Edmund Nichols, Sylvia & Albert Hill, John E. Murphy, Ted Moore, Richard White, The McIntyre Family, Roberto Arce, Miguel Morales, Joseph & Marion Cahill, The Haseltine Family, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Cronin, Fr. Daniel Cronin, Francis Cronin, The Nguyen Family, Edna Cordischi, Michael Kutensky, Alice Hirst, Mr. & Mrs. Darien Terrile, Munta Familia, McGonagle & Shirling Family, The Ball, Demery & Williams Family, The Ottaviani & Winters Family, Jeanne M. Kelley, Eugene & Ruth Foisy, Caralieri & Driscoll Family, The Pasquale Family, The Hanh Family, Robert A. Sullivan, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, Tracy Ruth Kloster, P. Winn & Marvis Ryan, Peter & Estelle Champagne, Stephen & Mary Yeskelevitch, The Danese Family, William T. & Rose L. Klueber, Connie Lynch, The McAlevey Family, The Horgan & Perreault Family, Grace & Walter Miller, Donald Schofield, John (Jack) Rogers, Our Deceased Loved Ones, Imelda Letourneau, John & Elaine Lynch, Robert & Emma Devaney, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Cosio, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Honor, Mary L. Dowd, Maria Tham Nguyen, The Kelley Family.

Thank you for your generosity.

DECEMBER 25, 2011



Próximo domingo quiero invitar a todos a visitar la rectoría en el primer día del año después de la misa a las 11:30AM.

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LỄ GIÁNG SINH

Sau mấy tuần chuẩn bị, đêm nay chúng ta cử hành lễ mừng Chúa giáng sinh. Một đứa trẻ yếu ớt sinh ra trong máng cỏ, trong hang súc vật. Nhưng đứa trẻ ấy chính là Chúa Cứu Thế. Là một vị Thiên Chúa, Ngài đã nhập thể làm người để cứu độ chúng ta. Đó là một hồng ân to lớn. Chúng ta hãy cảm tạ Thiên Chúa.

Nhưng chúng ta cũng hãy ý thức rằng, việc Chúa Cứu Thế sinh ra tại hang đá Bêlem sẽ chẳng ích lợi gì cho chúng ta nếu như Ngài không sinh ra trong chính tâm hồn chúng ta. Vậy chúng ta cũng hãy mở rộng cửa lòng để cho Ngài đến và cư ngụ với chúng ta.

Ánh sáng bùng lên trong đêm tối

Tại sao Thánh Lễ chính của Lễ Giáng sinh được cử hành ban đêm? Phải chăng vì đó là thời gian thuận tiện cho giáo dân dự lễ? Phải chăng vì bầu khí ban đêm làm cho cuộc lễ thêm phần huyền diệu và thánh thiện (như lời ca "đêm thánh vô cùng")? Phải chăng để cho đúng với sự kiện lịch sử ngày xưa Chúa Giêsu sinh ra ban đêm?

Các lý do trên đều có phần đúng. Nhưng lý do căn bản nhất là: Chúa Giêsu là ánh sáng, Ngài sinh xuống trần gian như Ánh sáng bùng lên trong đêm tối.

Đêm tối tượng trưng cho tội lỗi, bất hạnh, buồn sầu; Ánh sáng tượng trưng cho ân sủng, hạnh phúc, mừng vui.

Khi sinh xuống trần gian, Chúa Giêsu mang lấy trên mình tất cả tãt tội của loài người với bao tội lỗi, bất hạnh và buồn sầu, nhưng để ban lại cho loài người ánh sáng của Thiên Chúa bao gồm mọi ân sủng, hạnh phúc và mừng vui.

Thực ra, những sử gia còn chưa xác định được Chúa Giêsu sinh ra vào ngày nào tháng nào. Nhưng Giáo Hội đã chọn ngày 25 tháng 12 để cử hành Lễ sinh nhật của Ngài vì hai lý do: a/ Đây là ngày mà mặt trời chiếu sáng nhất và là ngày dài nhất trong năm; b/ xưa kia ngày này là lễ mừng Thần Mặt trời của người rôma ngoại giáo. Giáo Hội muốn chúng ta hiểu rằng Chúa Giêsu chính là Mặt Trời đích thực đánh tan tãt tãt của tội lỗi và sự gian tà. *L.M. Carôlô Hồ Bạc Xái*

Mừng Chúa Giáng Sinh – Merry Christmas

Cha Xứ Robert Murray, Cha Quản Nhiệm Cao Xuân Cảnh và Ban MVCD kính chúc quý ông bà và anh chị em một Lễ Giáng Sinh an lành, thành đức, luôn tràn đầy hồng ân của Thiên Chúa.

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