



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 3rd

4:00PM

Rosealma Desmarais *family request*
 Birthday remembrance
Ena Bradshaw
Living and deceased Sisters of St. Joseph who served at St. James Parish
Request of Ed Godfrey

Sunday, December 4th

8:30AM

Mary Hartmann *Birthday Remembrance*

11:30AM

Maximina Nunez
Pedro Romero *7 meses de fallecido*
Luis Rodriguez *por el eterno descanso de su alma pedido por su familia*
José Hernández *en un mes más de fallecido pedido por su familia*
Mauricio Roble *en un mes más de fallecido pedida por su familia*
En acción de gracias por Jesús Sacramentado por favores recibidos,
pedida por María Pénalo
Richard & Judith Dorr *request of friends*

5:00PM

Monday, December 5th

5:30PM

Grace Delaney *Birthday remembrance*
Request of her family

Tuesday, December 6th

5:30PM

Elizabeth J. Moynihan *95th Birthday remembrance - request of a friend*

Thursday, December 8th

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant

7:00PM

Intention of the Celebrant**Friday, December 9th**

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant**Saturday, December 10th**

9:00AM

Jane Chwalek *in loving memory*
requested by Gerry & Ann Johnston

4:00PM

John Brigandi *anniversary*
Requested by his family
Katherine Picard *4th anniversary*
Requested by her family
Michael & Delia Godfrey and their children Gerald, Teresa, Raymond & William *requested by Ed Godfrey*



Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially: Theresa O'Brien and Taylor Brown

WEEKLY COLLECTIONOffertory November 27th: \$4,921.00

Retired Religious: \$3,006.50

THANK YOU!**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

Parish Capital Improvements

NO SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

PASTOR'S NOTES The new Mass responses and prayers are now officially launched. After a year of anticipation and preparation, we are finally here. The words that have changed are not too extreme and I could hear clearly that people were trying to make the changes in the responses. Change is sometimes hard, as we all know. The changes that we are undergoing now are an opportunity to learn something new and to think about our responses to God and how we attend Mass. The Gospel message last week cautioned us to be alert and ready. I hope that these changes make us do just that, be a little more alert and ready to pray fully, actively and consciously. One advantage to knowing the parts of the Mass by heart is that we can concentrate on the praying that we need to do. The negative side to this is that times we can dangerously slip into a routine that allows us to be distracted or to cease giving this most important time our full attention. Like any relationship, we don't want to and can't give a halfhearted response and then expect the other to say, "Gosh they really are present to me". We know when it is happening to us that people are distracted or concentrating on something else. It can be the same with Mass and our prayers. These changes challenge us to be more alert and to think through what it is that we are doing. One point almost all spiritual writers make all the time is the importance of being attentive to God. He tends to be quite subtle in his message giving, (Aside from Jesus of course) to allow us our free will and often. When couples begin to date and then decide this is my boyfriend/girlfriend, their attitudes change as they pay more attention to one another. There is the initial period of getting to know one another and then they move into the next stage of a deeper attraction. Some are lucky enough to fall in love. It is the same for us I think in this new sacramentary. We are going to get to know it and then I hope fall in love with the language and the changes and then hopefully we will be together "until death do us part". We may have to be patient with one another until we are comfortable, but this will allow us to practice patience. I think that we should give ourselves an A for effort for this past weekend and recognize that we are going to need some time to change our communal responses. The stories I have heard from older parishioners about the sudden changes in the sixties are much more dramatic than what has happened this time as we change the way that we pray.

It appears that the new place of the tabernacle has also been met with gladness and some who simply didn't realize that we did anything. During the Mass we basically forget about the tabernacle and place our attention on the altar of sacrifice and so bow towards this symbol of Christ during the Mass. Before and after the Mass we are making a reverence toward the presence of Christ in the Eucharist reserved in the tabernacle. I am grateful as always to people who ask questions, make observations and comments all in the interest of doing what is best for the parish and trying to make all that we do glorify God in clear and subtle ways.

Thank you to Margaret Marmon and the activities committee who planned and executed a great Christmas Bazaar. As we are reading this they are just finishing up and now are settling in for a long winter's nap. I am grateful for all that this new committee has done this year, including being involved in the Pentecost Picnic, the road race and pancake breakfast and this new Bazaar. I hope that we can build on this as we move forward. The easy work of the restoring the buildings is over, now the hard work of filling up the Church must begin. *Peace, Fr. Murray*

Second Sunday of Advent



Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." -

Readings for the Week of December 4, 2011

Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

DECEMBER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

- 4th Grades K- 1& 3 – 10 Meet 9:45 ~11:15AM
- 4th Grade 2 meets at the Church for First Penance rehearsal
- 10th First Penance Celebration – Church at 11:00AM
- 11th Grades K – 9 Meet 9:45 ~11:15AM
Confessions for Grades 7 & 8 at the School
- 18th Family Mass at 8:30AM – Church
Followed by Coffee and donuts in the lower church.

Pictures of deceased loved ones that were brought in for our November Memorial Table can be picked up after any of our weekend Masses. The pictures are on the side altar located to the LEFT of the main altar. Thank you for taking part in this special display.



CHRISTMAS CHOIRS—Please plan on joining us at one of our **Christmas Masses** this year. The St James Adult and Youth Choir will sing at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass, with a

prelude starting at 3:30pm. Members of our English, Spanish and Vietnamese Choirs will sing at the 8:00pm Christmas Eve Mass (prelude will start at 7:30pm) We welcome anyone to **come join** some of our choir members at the **4:00 Christmas Eve Mass** or **Christmas Day at the 8:30am Mass in the choir loft!** We will be singing favorite Christmas hymns that everyone should know, make your Christmas extra special, come one and all! All we ask is that you come by at least a half hour early so that we can set you up with the music. Come take in the breathtaking view and celebrate Christmas "from on high!"

SAVE THE DATE.....to celebrate the end of the Christmas Season on the Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday January 8th at 2:30pm in the Upper Church at St James for our **"Carols and Cookies" Christmas Concert**. We are looking for parishioners to *bake one plate of their favorite cookies* to share with us at the reception following the concert. Lots of sing-a-long Carols and special music will be heard! End the season with a song in your heart!

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



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, December 8th
Masses will be celebrated at
9:00AM at St. John the Baptist
5:30PM at St. James Church
7:00PM at St. James Church
(Mass celebrated in Spanish)



SANTA'S HELPERS understand that many families who helped in the past may be in need of help this year! **If you need help or know of a**

family that is in need of help, please call the Santa's Helpers at 978-372-2325. All calls are kept confidential.

There are still some tags on the tree, please consider helping Santa fulfill some child's Christmas wish! Reminder that all gifts are due back (unwrapped) **NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th!**

COURT SACRED HEARTS #864 will meet on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 1:00p.m. in the Church Hall. Following the business meeting we will **CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH THE "RIGHT FAMILY"**. A wrapped gift of at least \$5.00 should be brought. Please remember to bring one or two items of non perishable food as a donation for the Food Pantry. *Please come and bring a friend.*

MANY THANKS to all who made Thanksgiving possible for families who may have otherwise gone without. With the help of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, Youth Groups, Religious Education Students and parishioners of both St. James and St. John's 98 families were provided with complete Thanksgiving Dinners!



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE on Monday.

December 12th we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ Queen of the America's. Please join us at here at St. James Church at 7:00PM as we celebrate a Mass in Spanish. There is a custom of bringing a rose or other flower to place before the image of Our Lady at the offertory. There will be beautiful music and all are invited to attend.

MEN NEEDED Our Santa's Helpers are looking for men who can help out with the gift deliveries on Thursday, December 15th. We are looking for men who are willing to drive young mother's home with their children's gifts. A woman volunteer will also be sent on each delivery so no one is ever alone. (You must be a CORIED volunteer) If you are available to help, even for a short time, please call 978-372-2325.

ST. JAMES HOLY NAME SOCIETY will meet on Monday, December 5th at 7:00PM in the lower church. All men of the parish are invited to attend.



We have begun our evenings of prayer on Sundays at 6:15. All are invited to participate in these prayers, which have been prayed for centuries by men and women all over the world. Thanks to The

Liturgy committee and Cynthia from the Music Department for making these evenings beautiful. The evenings will conclude on Sunday December 18th with evening prayer and then confessions.

A los líderes de cada ministerio: Están Cordialmente invitados a una reunión el día 4 de Diciembre a las 7pm en la rectoría para planificar la fiesta navideña Gracias por su participación!

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Tích cực chuẩn bị đón Chúa đến

Mùa vọng là thời gian chúng ta chờ đợi Chúa đến viếng thăm tâm hồn mình. Nhưng chờ đợi không phải là thụ động không làm gì, trái lại phải tích cực chuẩn bị cho cuộc viếng thăm đó. Hôm nay, Hội Thánh dùng lại lời của Thánh Gioan Tẩy giả để kêu gọi chúng ta "Hãy dọn đường Chúa, hãy sửa đường Chúa cho ngay thẳng". Chúng ta hãy đáp ứng lời kêu gọi này.

Tiếng kêu trong hoang địa

Tiếng của Gioan Tẩy giả là một tiếng kêu trong hoang địa, nhiều người không nghe thấy.

Ngày nay cũng có nhiều tiếng kêu trong hoang địa:

- Hiện giờ ở đâu đó một đứa trẻ đang kêu. Em cần tình thương, hay đơn giản hơn chỉ là một chút cơm hay miếng bánh.

- Hiện giờ ở đâu đó một người trẻ đang kêu. Anh cần một đôi tai lắng nghe, hoặc một con tim thông cảm.

- Hiện giờ ở đâu đó một người già đang kêu. Ông cần ai đó đến thăm, hoặc con cái nói một lời an ủi.

Hàng ngàn hàng vạn tiếng kêu đang vang lên nhưng không ai nghe thấy trong thế giới đầy bất công ngày nay.

Lạy Chúa, xin giúp chúng con lắng nghe những tiếng kêu trong hoang địa. Nhất là xin giúp chúng con nghe được tiếng Chúa, đang thì thầm trong hoang địa của lòng chúng con.

L.M. Carôlô Hồ Bạc Xái

Tiền Nhân Danh

Danh sách các gia đình đã đóng góp cho quỹ cộng đoàn 2011:

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| 01.AC. Phạm V. Cự (4) | 13. AC. Nguyễn Tuấn-Nhung(5) |
| 02.AC. Phạm P. Quỳnh (2) | 14. AC. Nguyễn V. Non (6) |
| 03.ÔB. Nguyễn V. Phát (4) | 15. B. Nguyễn T. Kém (1) |
| 04.AC. Richard & Lan (3) | 16. AC. Nguyễn N. Khả (4) |
| 05.AC. Joshua & Phương (3) | 17. AC. Nguyễn V. Thành (6) |
| 06.AC. Trần G. Thuận (5) | 18. B. Đặng T. Hoa (2) |
| 07.ÔB. Phạm V. Cẩm (2) | 19. AC. Nguyễn H. Chính (4) |
| 08. C. Phạm T. Nhài (2) | 20. AC. Bùi M. Chiến (2) |
| 09. AC. Phạm V. Phong (4) | 21. ÔB. Phạm Tôn (6) |
| 10. ÔB. Nguyễn V. Đóa (2) | 22. AC. Nguyễn Tuấn-Trang(4) |
| 11. AC. Phạm V. Hạnh (6) | 23. AC. Giang T. Xuyên (2) |
| 12. AC. Nguyễn V. Mậu (4) | 24. Ô. Nguyễn V. Hùng (8) |

Tổng cộng 24 gia đình với 91 nhân danh.

Xin chân thành cảm ơn quý ông bà và anh chị em.

Nguyện xin Chúa qua lời cầu bầu của Mẹ Fatima Quan Thầy, trả công và ban tràn đầy hồng ân xuống cho gia đình quý vị.

December 4, 2011

Parish Pastoral Council News The Parish Pastoral Council meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month. Next calendar year, we will be meeting on the fourth Monday of the month to facilitate Father Walsh's participation. In the two years since the PPC was formed, bylaws have been written and ratified, and a vision for the parish consistent with Father Murray's vision has been described. Part of the responsibility of the PPC is to communicate its proceedings with the whole parish, and this brief report will begin bulletin announcements monthly on the previous month's minutes. All of the minutes and the Bylaws will be available on the parish website should you be interested in details of the meeting. The first meeting of the St James Parish Pastoral Council under Fr Murray's pastorship was March 19, 2009. The purpose of the council is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education and service activities within the parish. The current members of the PPC are Father Murray, Deacon Agudelo, Cynthia Arsenault, Larry Webster, Karen Crowley, Suzette DiTonno, Nancy Galinsky, David Hart, Michael Hart, Rosemary Klueber (Vice Chair), Chinh Nguyen, Michael Nichols, Peter Shanahan, and Anita Sullivan. We are always looking for new members and new ideas. If you have any ideas about the direction of the parish, please let one of the council members know. We are particularly interested in evangelization. A special outreach with contact to former but currently non-participating parish members is planned. We will be forming a group to do this community outreach to bring God's loving message to those who may not have heard it lately from us. Please call Nancy Galinsky, Rosemary Klueber or Anita Sullivan with your interest and ideas.

The October 20, 2011 meeting included: Update of member roster and directory, updates on parish activities, including the exciting news of Gabriela Peixoto as the new youth minister, Halloween road race and pancake breakfast, and updates on the completion of the latest church renovations, religious education and music ministry news. Updates on events in the three communities of the trilingual parish were also introduced. The nursing ministry is looking for a donation of an AED to help keep our parishioners safe in the event of a cardiac incident in the church. If you have a lead on an AED, let the parish office know.

Mass Schedule December 10th & 11th

4:00 PM St. John's Fr. Murray
4:00 PM St. James Fr. Walsh
7:00 PM St. James (Vietnamese) Fr. Murray
8:30 AM St. John's Fr. Walsh
8:30 AM St. James Fr. Murray/Deacon Leo
10:00 AM St. John the Baptist Fr. Leo
11:30 AM St. James Fr. Murray/Deacon Nelson
5:00 PM Mass Fr. Leo

Mass Intentions for next Sunday: 8:30AM Robert L. Desmarais,
11:30AM Jose Hernandez, Mercedes Gonzalez, 5:00PM Dr. & Mrs.
Martin Canarie & Family

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