

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 4th

4:00PM

Dean Bradshaw *Birthday remembrance*
Mary L. Dowd *Birthday remembrance*
Nora O'Leary
All requested by their families

Sunday, February 5th

8:30AM

Rosealma Desmarais
Requested by her children

11:30AM

Maximina Nunez *por 10 meses de fallecida*
Julia Rodriguez-Arce
María Duran *4 anos de fallecida pedida por Luprede y familia*
Thomas Darby *anniversary*
Requested by his family

5:00PM

Monday, February 6th

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, February 7th

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, February 9th

5:30PM

Margaret Hayes

Friday, February 10th

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, February 11th

9:00AM

Robert F. Crowley *in loving memory*
Requested by the Johnston family

4:00PM

Yvonne Maclisacc Comeau
Requested by family
Mary Downing
Requested by her sister in-law
Wilfred Nault & George King
Requested by their family

Mass Intentions for next Sunday: 11:30AM Mercedes Gonzalez,
 5:00PM Emile & Katherine (Butler) Paquette

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory January 29th: \$4,695.50
 Church in Latin America: \$1,532.00

THANK YOU!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Parish Capital Improvements

NO SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

PASTOR'S NOTES By now you have probably heard about the proposed changes that the Archdiocese has made and how they will affect us in the City of Haverhill. Specifically, the Archdiocese is proposing to group St. James and All Saints parishes with one Pastor and Pastoral Service Team. St. John the Baptist and Sacred Hearts Parishes would be grouped with a different Pastor and Pastoral Service Team. There are many things to take into consideration and it is important that we remain calm and Christian, keeping in mind that God is guiding us. If we accept and trust God's guidance we can be assured of ending up in the right place.

Most importantly, the Archdiocese is not interested in closing parishes, so this is what we are going to do to adjust to the reality of fewer priests available for the 295 parishes of the Archdiocese. Here are a couple of things to keep in mind as we move forward.

1. The changes that are proposed are proposals only; the plan will not be finalized until the Cardinal has heard alternatives and ideas from us and has had a chance to reflect on them.

2. Your voice counts and you can be heard in two ways.

a. On line at the website (www.Planning2012.org), where you can identify yourself by parish and then offer your opinions. This will help the planners to hear what folks in the pews are thinking.

b. You may also attend a "town meeting" style forum that will be hosted in every parish. You are invited to come to this meeting to offer your opinions and best wisdom. A date for the St. James "Town Meeting" will be announced in the near future. Watch the bulletins and the website for more information.

Obviously, we are in a time of great change and decision making that will affect the local Church for many years to come. It cannot be stressed enough that we need to do this or we face an untenable future. The plan is a response to the realities that we have a shortage of priests and that currently only 16.8% of Catholics actively practice their faith. We are restructuring—in the hope that with these new teams, new structure, and a focus on evangelization, the church will begin to grow again and that this action will foster more vocations. We are currently on the precipice of a crisis. One good question to ask yourself is, "What would I do if I were the Bishop, the pastor, etc.?" Almost always, someone mentions the young people. I agree that this is an important issue, but the major trend in the Church right now is to change from being a parish that simply maintains itself to being a parish that is mission oriented. Our mission is to evangelize, right now that means we need to find and invite back the other 83.2% adults and young people who left or are missing and welcome those who have not heard the message of the Gospel for whatever reasons they have. Clearly the job cannot be done by priests alone. Everyone must ask themselves, if I am able, what ministry, what task might I do to improve the mission of my parish so that we may be one of the parishes noted for its evangelizing spirit? This is not a time to point fingers or cast blame or gossip. It is a time of self-reflection and self-examination so that we might become the people of God our faith calls us to be. If you do not have a ministry, however humble, and you are able, now has never been a better time to decide that whatever is holding you back will not do so anymore. The challenge for each of us is to ask what holds us back from participation—: fear, reluctance, habit, and say "I will even go outside my comfort zone in order to help the present situation." Everyone can help. Whether you can participate on a regular basis or only occasionally; regardless of the gift you have to offer in ministry, please let us know what you have to offer in time and talent. The online surveys and the future parish "town meeting"—will give everyone who chooses to participate a voice in planning for the future. I hope everyone who desires to do so will be heard by their participation in the planning process. Thank you for your prayers and your participation in the planning process and in the life of the parish. God bless you.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

Readings for the Week of February 5, 2012

Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

FEBRUARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

5 th	Grades K – 10 meet	9:45 – 11:15AM
12 th	Grades K – 9 meet	9:45 – 11:15AM
12 th	Parent Meeting regarding 1 st Communion	10:00AM
19 th	Family Mass followed by social	8:30AM
26 th	Grades K – 9 meet	9:45 – 11:15AM



SUMMER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Students entering Grades 3 – 8 in September

St. James and St. John the Baptist Parishes are pleased to announce that an **expanded one-week**

Religious Education Program will be offered this summer. We will see the addition of grades 3 & 4 to the program of students in grades 5 – 8. Last summer's program was a tremendous success! As last year, the summer program will be open to **currently enrolled and active students*** of both parishes who will be entering grades 3 through 8 in September, and those who attended last summer's program and who will be entering the aforementioned grades. The program is tentatively scheduled to take place Monday, June 25th through Friday, June 29th, from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm., and will be held at St. James School. The rooms are air-conditioned for the comfort of the students and teachers. Parents must provide lunch for their children. Tuition will remain the same as last year, \$40 for one child, \$45 for two, and \$50 for three or more siblings. Students must attend **every class all day** in order to get credit for the year. Missing even one class will mean that the child will have to attend the regular sessions during the school year. If you would like to enroll your child, please call the Religious Education office at **978-372-8537**. The **absolute deadline** for registration is Sunday, April 1st. Please note that there must be a minimum of 4 students for a particular grade in order for a class to be formed. **DON'T MISS OUT...REGISTER EARLY!** * **Currently enrolled and active students are those who have attended RE classes faithfully during the 2011-2012 school year.**

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING...A reminder...Parents of students who will be receiving First Communion this year will meet on Sunday morning, February 12th at 10:00AM at St. James School. At least one parent from each family must attend this meeting. We look forward to seeing you there to discuss all that is involved in your child's preparation. A display of appropriate gifts will be available to you for browsing, and orders will be taken at that time. Payment will not be due until the items are received.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

More than 20 years ago, the "Souper Bowl of Caring" began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

Youth Group members will be present at all Masses throughout Super Bowl Weekend to collect donations. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every dollar donated goes to: St. Vincent DePaul, Mitch's Place and the Open Hand Pantry.

Thank you for your support and participation. GO PATS!

Next week at all that masses Cardinal O'Malley will be with us via audio-visual. His talk will center on the church's response to the recent suicide law that is being proposed by our government. Cardinal O'Malley wishes to speak out against this proposal and to ask our help in combating this development as a strike against our pro-life stance. For us God is the author of all life, from birth until natural death. We will hear why we are opposed to this law and ways that we can civilly oppose it.

Youth Mass Sunday, February 19th at 5:00PM

Our youth from all the parishes of Haverhill will be serving as the Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Cantor and Choirs at our 1st YOUTH MASS. Please join us for this wonderful Mass where we bring together the youth of all the parishes to celebrate Mass on the last Sunday before Lent.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

□ CHAPTER TWO I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD
ARTICLE 2 "AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD" .

✦ IN BRIEF

452 *The name Jesus means "God saves". the child born of the Virgin Mary is called Jesus, "for he will save his people from their sins" (⇒ Mt 1:21): "there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (⇒ Acts 4:12).*

453 *The title "Christ" means "Anointed One" (Messiah). Jesus is the Christ, for "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power" (⇒ Acts 10:38). He was the one "who is to come" (⇒ Lk 7:19), the object of "the hope of Israel" (⇒ Acts 28:20).*

454 *The title "Son of God" signifies the unique and eternal relationship of Jesus Christ to God his Father: he is the only Son of the Father (cf ⇒ Jn 1:14, ⇒ 18; ⇒ 3:16, ⇒ 18); he is God himself (cf ⇒ Jn 1:1). To be a Christian, one must believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (cf ⇒ Acts 8:37; ⇒ 1 Jn 2:23).*

455 *The title "Lord" indicates divine sovereignty. To confess or invoke Jesus as Lord is to believe in his divinity. "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit" (⇒ I Cor 12:3).*

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE WORKS OF OUR ST.VINCENT
DePAUL SOCIETY AS YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH TODAY.**

With this issue of the bulletin we begin a new project entitled ***"The Nurses Notebook"***. During the month the Joint Parish Nursing Program will be featuring articles that coincide with the themes we hope will be of interest and helpful to parishioners. This month of February is among other things, National Heart Health Month. The nurses and medical people who are members of this group will be giving us information concerning different issues that affect health universally and specifically. We welcome this new "corner" and are grateful for the information gathered and shared.

NURSES NOTEBOOK Greetings St. James and St. John's parishioners from the nursing ministry! This month starts a weekly column from our group in the hope of educating and stimulating interest in health living. February is American Heart Month and this week's column discusses nutrition for a healthy heart. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. A healthy diet can help fight heart disease and making small changes to daily food choices can make a big difference in everyone's life. Start by basing your daily eating plan on the following recommendations: Choose lean meats and poultry without skin and prepare them without added saturated and trans fat. Select fat-free, 1% fat and low-fat dairy products. Cut back on foods containing partially hydrogenated vegetable oils to reduce trans fat in your diet. Cut back on foods high in dietary cholesterol. Aim to eat less than 300 mg of cholesterol each day. Cut back on beverages and foods with added sugars. Select and purchase foods lower in salt/sodium. If you drink alcohol, drink in moderation. That means no more than one drink per day if you're a woman and two drinks per day if you're a man. Keep an eye on your portion sizes. (Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2011).



**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 202
ANNUAL BASKETBALL FREE THROW**

WHEN: Sat. February 11th

TIME : 12:00 ~ 2:00 PM

PLACE: St. Joseph's School Gym

Open to boys and girls ages 10 TO 14!

PIZZA AND BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED

**THIS IS A QUALIFIER FOR DISTRICT, REGIONAL AND
STATE COMPETITIONS.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

DEACON TOM ANTHONY: (978) 973-0437

The K of C Fr. James O'Doherty Assembly 391 will show a free movie at the All Saints Parish lower hall on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 6:00 PM. Refreshments will be served. The movie shows the Apparitions of our Holy Mother in Garabandal, Spain to four young girls where she appeared over four years (1961 – 1965). Come and witness the messages given to the world by Our Holy Lady about the Warning and the Miracles. Every person possible in the world should see this movie.

Chúa Nhật V TN. Vấn đề đau khổ

Bài Tin mừng hôm nay cho thấy một ngày bận rộn của Đức Giêsu: Giảng xong trong hội đường thì đến chữa bệnh cho nhạc mẫu Phêrô. Đến chiều còn cả đám đông bệnh nhân đủ loại. Đêm đến đi cầu nguyện còn được môn đệ mời về chữa bệnh. Và còn phải đi đến nhiều thành nhiều vùng khác nữa.

Đức Giêsu như một chiếc phao giữa biển khổ cuộc đời mà vô số người bám. 20 thế kỷ qua rồi, nhưng ngày nay đau khổ nhân loại vẫn còn chồng chất: cả thể xác lẫn tinh thần. "Đời là bể khổ" câu giáo lý nhà Phật vẫn còn là một nhận xét thật đúng.

Nhưng từ nhận xét đó ta chớ vội kết luận. Hoặc theo kiểu bi quan như những người chán đời tự tử. Hoặc theo kiểu thả trôi ăn chơi kéo hết đời "chơi xuân kéo hết xuân đi". Mà hãy bình tĩnh nhận định về vấn đề đau khổ.

. Có những cái khổ tự mình gây ra: tham ăn đau bụng.

. Có những cái khổ do người khác xấu bụng gây ra cho mình: kẻ ăn cắp làm cho người ta mất của.. Có những cái khổ là do quy luật thiên nhiên như thế: trước khi sinh con thì phải mang nặng đẻ đau. Muốn được mùa thì phải cực nhọc cấy cấy.

Trước cái khổ cũng có nhiều thái độ: Có thứ khổ sinh buồn chán: nhậu nhẹt. Có thứ khổ làm cho con người trưởng thành: người lao động biết quý trọng đồng tiền, người lính chiến trở nên anh dũng. Có thứ khổ người ta sung sướng chịu đựng: khổ vì yêu mà lo cho người yêu.

Sau khi phân tích như thế, ta thấy cái khổ mặc khải 3 vấn đề:

Trần thế không phải là nơi hoàn hảo.

Tội lỗi là một nguyên nhân lớn của khổ đau.

Khổ đau chứng minh cho tình yêu.

Lạy Chúa, xin cho con có một nhận định sáng suốt trước đau khổ. Cho con đừng tự gây đau khổ cho con hay cho người khác do tính ích kỷ của con. Cho con kiên trì đấu tranh làm giảm những đau khổ cho con và cho người khác. Cho đau khổ đừng làm con gục ngã nhưng giúp con vươn lên cao hơn cõi đời này hướng về quê hương không đau khổ trên cao. Cho con biết chịu khổ vì yêu. *L. M. Carôlô Hồ Bạc Xái*

2012 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Plans are already underway for our 2012 Christmas Bazaar! We are looking for crafters, vendors and of course bakers! Just think, if you start knitting or crocheting now; how many hats, scarves or mittens could you have done and ready for the bazaar on **December 1st**! Plans for advertising, children's activities and much, much more are already being discussed. We've taken what we learned in 2011 to expand and improve our 2012 Bazaar! Details will follow in upcoming bulletins.

Clergy Schedule

Masses February 11th ~ 12th

4:00 PM St. John's Fr. Murray/ Deacon Leo

4:00 PM St. James Fr. Walsh

7:00 PM St. James (Vietnamese)

8:30 AM St. James Fr. Murray

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

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

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

5:00 PM St. James Fr. Felix/Deacon Leo

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