



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 29th

4:00PM

Margaret DeSimone Anniversary

Requested by her family

William T. & Rose L. Klueber

6th Anniversary

James Comber

Cora DiBiao Anniversary

Requested by her family

Sunday, January 30th

8:30PM

Edward Bradshaw

11:30AM

Intention of the Celebrant

5:00PM

Dorothy Turner 11th Anniversary

Requested by her family

Monday, January 31st

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, February 1st

5:30PM

Peter Nguyen *Requested by his family*

Thursday, February 3rd

5:30PM

Blessed Family for the New Year

Friday, February 4th

5:30PM

Maria Lafleur *requested by family*

In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory

Saturday, February 5th

8:30AM

Maria Lafleur *requested by family*

4:00PM

Gerald Guilfoyle 2nd month Anniversary
requested by family

Nora O' Leary *requested by Family*

Arlene Clubb *Requested by a friend*

Mass Intentions for next Sunday: 8:30AM Emma Belanger,
5:00PM Catherine Alartosky

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory January 23rd: \$4,223.00

Evangelization Sunday: \$2,146.00

THANK YOU!

NO SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Parish Capital Improvements

The sanctuary lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament
Altar as an Anniversary Remembrance of
Margaret DeSimone, requested by her family.

Died in hope of the Resurrection. In your charity please pray for the eternal rest of **Joan Hart, Edolo Lupi and Charles Navien**. 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.

Pastor's Notes: Aside from the regular duties of Mass and visits and nursing home Masses etc, this past week I met with the Parish Pastoral Council, the Liturgy Committee, the leadership of the Youth Group, and the Nursing Program committees to continue reflecting on their specific ministries, our parish and how we can best serve and proclaim the Gospel to the City of Haverhill. All the committees I have met with show enthusiasm and dedication. As a result of their deliberations and insights we have begun to plan different events which I hope will help to continue to help our parish grow. It is an important feature of our parish that few see directly, but the effect of dedicated parishioners who volunteer their time and talent in a hidden way, is immense. The pace is sometimes slow, agonizingly for some, but with good reason. It is better, I feel, to go slowly and do things well and continue to expand our activities in a way that promotes good solid growth rather than pan flashes that look good, but disappear quickly.

One new initiative that the Cardinal has invited us to participate is the Catholics Come Home® program. I hope that all will be willing to think about someone who they might welcome back to the parish, regardless of why they have been away. Specifically, if there are problems with marriages and divorce, we are happy to help. The Archdiocesan Tribunal has changed some of their forms and procedures and is prepared to help in any way. The Rachel project people are also ready to speak to men and women who may have participated in receiving or procuring an abortion. Father's Walsh and Murray will be happy to speak to anyone who has been offended by the Church and would like to be heard. Ultimately, if we are to welcome home Catholics who have strayed, we must be prepared to receive them as they are, from wherever they are coming. Let us hope and pray that this new program will result in a fuller church where all come to experience and know Jesus Christ. If you cannot think of anyone whom you think would be open to receiving an invitation, please pray for all of those parishioners who are considering asking someone, the Holy Spirit will work through them to bring another person to Christ.

I hope that you will consider supporting our *Souper Bowl*® project sponsored by our young people and religious education program. We ask that you bring a can or box of food for donation to our local Catholic Charities organization, Mitch's place or The Emmaus House. The other alternative is to donate the cost of a slice of pizza, a sandwich or beverage you would normally eat while watching two football teams that are not the Patriots fight for a prize that should have been theirs. (This year I will be paying close attention to the commercials) Peace, Father Murray

St James Parish Nursing counsel is having a workshop about insurance, dental, eye, and high blood pressure. Come and have your blood pressure taken and enjoy a little snack. There is a lot of useful information for you to take advantage of. Stop by today, January. 30th after 8:30AM Mass in the lower church. Please join us!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me. Rejoice and be

glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." -Mt 5:10-12

Readings for the Week of January 30, 2011

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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"SOUPER BOWL"

More than 20 years ago, *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."

Since that day, more than \$71 million has been raised for local charities across the country through "*Souper Bowl of Caring*". It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world-as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously! On Super Bowl weekend there will be young people collecting after all our Masses. Every dollar donated goes to the Food Pantry for canned goods, Mitch's Place and our St Vincent DePaul Society. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

America's got talent! Do You? Do you sing into a hairbrush in front of a mirror? Do you sing in the shower? Do you moon walk across your smooth wooden floors? Did you always want to be a standup comic and never had the chance? WELL HERE IS YOUR CHANCE! We are recruiting talent (or no talent) for our show. We will have song dance, story-telling, jokes and just good clean fun to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Our **Talent Show** will take place on Saturday March 19th at 6:00pm at St James School starting with a wonderful spaghetti dinner! For \$5.00 each (children only \$1.00), you can enjoy all you can eat spaghetti and talent show in one! Bring the entire family and even invite someone "back to the Church!" Ticket sales will begin the weekend of February 26/27 after all of the Masses. For further information call Anita 978.521.2575.

PARENT MEETING: Parents of children who will receive First Communion in May will gather at St. James School for an informational meeting on Sunday morning, February 6th at 10:00AM. At least one parent from each family is required to attend this meeting. Coffee will be served! Mark your calendar - First Communion will take place on Saturday, May 14th at the 4:00PM Mass.

Religious Education Schedule for February

06 Class *Grades K – 9* 9:45 – 11:15 School

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13 Class *Grades K – 10* 9:45 – 11:15 School

Confessions – Grades 7& 8 9:45 – 11:15 School

27 Class *Grades K – 9* 9:45 – 11:15 School

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...AN OPTION TO CONSIDER

St. James and St. John the Baptist Parishes are excited to announce a **NEW** option for Religious Education classes for children who will be in grades 5 – 8 in the fall! Beginning Monday, June 27th and ending on July 1st we will offer a ONE WEEK program. Classes will begin at 8:00am and be dismissed at 2:00pm. This week will satisfy the RE requirements for the year and it will be offered for Grades 5 – 8 only! The children will be given time for lunch (provided by the family) and several breaks.

The attendance in these grades tends to fall off due to the child's involvement in many extracurricular activities during the school year, and we want to be certain that this very busy age group receives the religious education they deserve and need. Of course, the parents are the primary educators of their children and we are here to assist in that task.

This program will be offered in addition to a regular year-long program and **is an option**. Your child would attend either the year-long program or the one week program.

This is a joint effort of both parishes and all classes will be held at St. James School on Primrose Street. Catechists from both parishes are invited and encouraged to participate. Perhaps you cannot teach all year but would be willing to teach for just one week! Classes will be comprised of a mix of students from both parishes. Please note that there **must be a minimum of 10 students for each class!** If the minimum is not met, then the grade level will not be offered. This is an exciting venture and has proven very successful in parishes where this has been implemented.

Tuition will be as follows: \$40 for 1 child, \$45 for two children and \$50 for three or more children from the same family.

If you would like your child to be a part of this program please call the Religious Education Office at 978-372-8537 Ext. 205 to enroll your child/children. Registrations must be completed NO LATER than April 1st in order for us to be thoroughly prepared for this new and exciting program! All registrations will be on a first-come first-served basis! Don't Delay! Enroll your child/children early to be certain that YOUR child has a place! **PLEASE NOTE: THIS SUMMER SESSION IS FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR OF OUR RESPECTIVE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

JANUARY 30, 2011

An Evening of Wedding Music will take place on Monday, February 28th at **7:30pm** at St. James Church. If you just became engaged, plan to marry soon, or have a wedding already scheduled at St James, we invite you to attend this concert. Even if your wedding is not at St. James you are invited to come listen to some ideas. The concert lasts one hour and we present over 40 excerpts of music appropriate for your special day. Reservations are required only to assure that we have enough handouts available. Come yourself or bring some friends. To reserve a spot please email stjamesmusic@hotmail.com

Coffee, juice and donuts will be served after the 8:30Am and 11:30Am Masses today. Please join us in the lower church.

<p>For those who are interested, Father Murray will be offering a four week course on the Gospel of Matthew. We will meet in the lower Church at 7:00 PM and study for one hour. All are invited. We will begin on Thursday, January 28 and continue to February 3, 10 and <u>24th</u>.</p>
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Quiero continuar con el mensaje que el Cardenal nos dio la semana pasada. En su anuncio, él nos animaba a ser discípulos que llaman a otros para compartir la Buena Noticia. Podemos pensar acerca de alguien, entre nosotros, a quien queremos invitar a la misa. Lo más importante es invitar a alguien, es necesario que reconozcamos que la invitación es nuestro trabajo, la respuesta es de ellos impulsada por la gracia de Dios.

Quiero contarles un poquito sobre mi vocación. Un sacerdote, que ya murió, fue el que me invitó a reflexionar acerca de la vida sacerdotal. Nunca pensé sobre esta posibilidad hasta que él me hablo. Les comparto esta experiencia, simplemente para asegurarles que es posible que con una invitación o sugerencia a reflexionar, podría cambiar la vida de una persona. Pero quiero hacer énfasis en la forma que el cardenal nos presentó el domingo pasado. Primero, recen por esta persona o intención, luego, compartan de su experiencia de cristiano/a y no se olviden de invitar, colaborar y de llevar a una persona a la iglesia. De esta manera, quizás un día, tendremos que reponer los bancos que hemos quitado de la iglesia.

Quiero darles una noticia sobre la iglesia en Republica Dominicana. Recientemente, Oímos sobre una iglesia que está quitando bancos y otros mobiliarios de su iglesia. Le llamé al párroco para pedir a él si era posible que nos donaran las cosas de esta iglesia para nuestro proyecto. El me dijo si, y ahora estamos haciendo planes por este proyecto. Gracias a Orlando Vargas y su misión ODRI que esta colaborando en este proyecto. Gracias también a un feligrés anónimo que nos da el dinero para enviar la caja grande que usamos por este propósito. Padre Roberto

Suy Niệm Lời Chúa Mùa Xuân Trong Lòng Người Xuân đang đẹp trong lòng thiên nhiên. Xuân đang đẹp trên đất nước. Nhưng xuân đẹp nhất là xuân trong lòng người. Xuân đẹp trong lòng người, khi lòng người mang những đức tính tốt, không ngừng vươn tới mức độ đẹp hơn, và luôn luôn vươn tới những vẻ đẹp mới. Những đức tính tốt làm nên mùa xuân tâm hồn đã được Đức Kitô nêu lên trong Phúc Âm, đặc biệt là trong bài giảng về Tám Mối Phúc. Xin hãy kể đây những đức tính căn bản, đó là đức bác ái xót thương, đức khiêm nhường đơn sơ, đức hiền từ hoà nhã, đức công chính đầy phần đầu. Những đức tính trên đây tự chúng vốn đẹp. Theo cái nhìn của Phúc Âm, chúng là dấu chỉ sự thắng thế của sức mạnh sự thiện trên sự ác. Hơn nữa khi nhìn thấy ai có những đức tính tốt đó, người ta có thể nhận ra sự hiện diện của ơn thánh cứu độ. Một cách nào đó, những người mang mùa xuân tâm hồn như thế sẽ là chứng nhân của Nước Trời, một Nước Trời tươi đẹp trong lòng họ.

Sở dĩ với những đức tính đó họ là chứng nhân của Nước Trời, bởi vì những đức tính ấy mang chiều kích rất cao, rất sâu. Thí dụ đức tính xót thương, bác ái, công bình, mà Đức Kitô hay nhấn mạnh trong các đức tính làm nên mùa xuân tâm hồn, phải mang tầm vóc can đảm phi thường. Xin nhắc ở đây chỉ vài lời Người dạy: *“Anh em hãy biết xót thương, như Cha trên trời là Đấng hay thương xót. Anh em đừng xét đoán, thì anh em sẽ không bị Thiên Chúa xét đoán. Anh em đừng lên án thì sẽ không bị Thiên Chúa lên án. Anh em tha thứ thì sẽ được Thiên Chúa thứ tha”* (Lc 6,36-38)

Tóm lại: *“Tất cả những gì anh em muốn người khác làm cho mình, thì chính anh em hãy làm cho người ta”* (Mt 7,12)

Nghe những lời Chúa dạy, tôi nghĩ rằng: mùa xuân tâm hồn là một hồng Ân Chúa ban, nhưng đòi sự cộng tác của con người. Nghĩa là chúng ta phải phấn đấu với chính mình, để từ bỏ cái tôi hẹp hòi ích kỷ kiêu căng cứng cỏi của mình, để đón nhận cái tốt Chúa trao tặng. Phải phấn đấu bằng một nền tu đức quân bình sáng suốt. Đức Kitô dạy: *“Anh em hãy bước vào cửa hẹp, vì cửa rộng thênh thang sẽ dẫn đến hư hỏng”* (Mt7,13). Phải phấn đấu bằng sự từ bỏ ý riêng mình, để tuân phục thánh ý Chúa. Đức Kitô dạy: *“Không phải những ai kêu: Lạy Chúa, lạy Chúa là sẽ vào Nước Trời, nhưng chỉ những ai làm theo ý Cha trên trời”* (Mt 7,2).

Như thế, mùa xuân tâm hồn là kết quả của một hành trình nội tâm, luôn vươn lên lý tưởng, phấn đấu với chính mình, hướng về bác ái phục vụ con người. Đồng thời cũng hướng về tuân phục thánh ý Chúa. Một mùa xuân tâm hồn như thế sẽ toả hương thơm bình an, yêu thương, công chính.

Nếu “xem quả thì biết cây” là một tiêu chuẩn để đánh giá con người và đánh giá tôn giáo, dân tộc, thì khi gặp được nơi ta những mùa xuân tâm hồn như tôi vừa phác hoạ, người ta sẽ đánh giá tốt về chúng ta, về đất nước chúng ta, về tôn giáo chúng ta. Và như thế thiết tưởng, đó là cách tốt nhất để làm chứng cho đạo ta, cho dân tộc, trong đời thường và trong mọi hoàn cảnh, dù khó khăn nhất.

Với cái nhìn như trên, tôi xin thân ái cầu chúc anh chị em một mùa xuân tâm hồn tốt đẹp nhất. ĐC. J.B. Bùi Tuấn

Thông Báo: Cộng đoàn chúng ta sẽ mừng Tết Nguyên Đán Tân Mão vào Thứ Bảy ngày mùng 5 Tháng 2 Dương lịch (Nhằm Ngày Mùng 3 Tết), và Thánh Lễ tạ ơn đầu năm sẽ bắt đầu vào lúc 6 giờ tối. Năm nay, để cho phần ẩm thực được thêm phần phong phú, Xin 2 hoặc 3 gia đình làm chung một món đồ ăn, để sau Thánh Lễ chúng ta cùng nhau vui Xuân mừng Tết. Xin vui lòng liên lạc với Ông Nguyễn Văn Phát để biết thêm chi tiết về việc chọn làm những món ăn. Xin cảm ơn Quý vị.

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